



Alex Reed, from the UK

Alex Reed, the new headmaster of Harrow Shanghai International School, is settling into his new job and new life after three months.

"I've joined a community that's very positive and forward-looking," he said. "You can see that everyone is very committed to Shanghai and to being part of the Shanghai community in general, not just international."

A Londoner by birth, Reed spent 15 years as head teacher at an international school in Auckland, New Zealand.

He found it difficult to leave for a new job in a new city, but said it was the right time and the right move for him.

"First of all, because the job is a wonderful job," he said. "It's a fantastic school with a brilliant

reputation and a long heritage, a long history, but also because I know China quite well.

"I've visited China many times in the past. And Shanghai is one of my favorite cities. So when I come here, I know that I'm going to enjoy myself, I find the city a fascinating blend of the modern and the traditional, enjoy the culture here and enjoy the people here too."

In Shanghai, he said he found people were very committed to education. He is also ambitious to make the school "bigger".



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Asako Takakura, from Japan

Former Japanese women's national football team manager Asako Takakura has set an ambitious goal after being named head coach of Shanghai SHRCB FC — winning each match in the 2023 CWSL season while aiming for the championship.

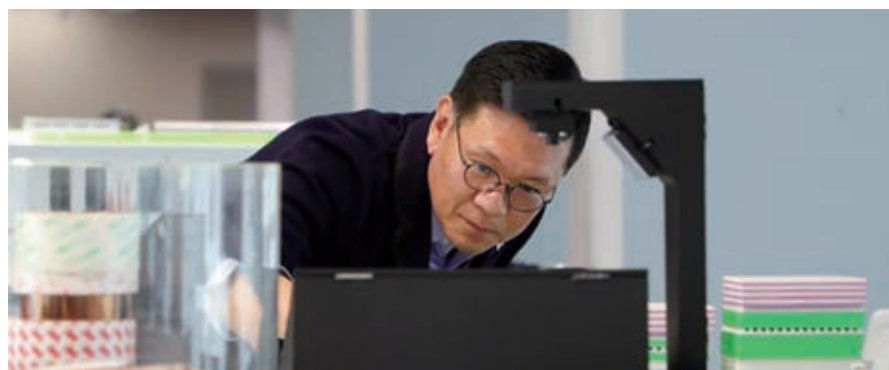
And she has won the heart of her players in Shanghai as well as the deep respect from many football fans since her arrival in January.

"I did have some hesitation due to pandemic-related concern when receiving

the invitation from Shanghai last year," Takakura noted. "But I also got to know that Shanghai has a strong team with a glorious history. So eventually I decided to come here and give myself a challenge."



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Woo Young Lee, from South Korea

For Woo Young Lee, a South Korean, who moved to the city in January, Shanghai is a special place, which integrates culture, history, modernity, and is unique for innovation.

"Shanghai is a global city with a diversity of people, diversity of culture and diversity of time," Lee told Shanghai Daily.

"When I arrived in Shanghai, I was surprised that the present and future in the city mixed together and was well harmonized, in this very developed place."

Lee and his wife have twin daughters who are 15 years old. The two soon made many Chinese friends in Shanghai.

"They went to Disney Resort together with 11 of their friends by subway and really enjoyed a good time," Lee laughed.



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