

# SHANGHAI NOW

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Left: A stewardess from China Eastern Airlines introduces City News Service, an all-in-one platform that provides news and service information for expats in Shanghai, to a passenger, who arrived in Shanghai on November 8 on a special CNS-themed flight (above) to mark the one-year anniversary of CNS. — Ti Gong

## City service upgraded to accept overseas bank cards

SHANGHAI'S key venues, transportation hubs and major shopping destinations have been upgraded to accept swift payments with bankcards and digital payment tools on smartphones by overseas visitors.

A total of 53 catering service providers and retailers are able to accept overseas bank cards at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (NECC) Shanghai, which is hosting the 6th China International Import Expo starting last weekend.

All over the city, more than 36,000

points of sales machines now accept overseas bankcards. Some 700 machines are available at major transportation hubs including train stations and airports.

More than 8,200 automatic teller machines allow overseas bank holders to withdraw cash renminbi for easier daily payments.

Overseas visitors can also register an e-CNY wallet with a foreign mobile phone number and top up the account balance with overseas bankcards.

Alipay earlier this year streamlined the registration and verification processes

for overseas users to sign up for the mobile payment service by linking their international credit or debit card from Visa, Mastercard, JCB, Discover, and Diners Club.

Users of multiple leading e-wallets in Asia are able to pay for goods and services on the Chinese mainland using their home e-wallets through Alipay's networks without downloading and setting up a new local e-wallet.

Under the guidance of local authorities including the People's Bank of Shanghai headquarters, the Shanghai Commerce

Commission, the Shanghai Transportation Commission and the Shanghai Airport Group, there is a clearer guidance for inbound visitors.

Service desks have been set up since the end of September at both Terminal 1 and 2 of the Pudong International Airport to help visitors set up their e-payment or digital wallet service.

Shanghai New World, a landmark shopping mall on Nanjing Road Pedestrian Mall, has also made progress in enhancing the convenience and experience of payment for overseas individuals.

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