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Two metro stations in Shanghai have installed equipment for palm vein recognition and payment on a trial basis. Similar machines have been put into use in some metro stations in Beijing, as well as Guangzhou and Shenzhen in south China's Guangdong Province, and Dalian in northeastern Liaoning Province. — Jiang Xiaowei

China announces visa-free policy for 6 European countries: FM

CHINA will adopt a visa-free policy for Switzerland, Ireland, Hungary, Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg on a trial basis, starting March 14, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Thursday.

“We hope more countries will also offer Chinese citizens visa facilitation and work with us to build fast-track networks for cross-border travels and encourage speedy resumption of international passenger flights,” Wang told a press conference on the sidelines of the second session of the 14th National People’s Congress, China’s national legislature.

This will make it more convenient for Chinese citizens to travel abroad, and make foreign friends feel at home in China, he said.

Wang pledged cooperation with relevant authorities to promote the signing of more high-standard free trade agreements, expand the globally oriented network of free trade areas, and keep global industrial, supply, and data chains stable and unimpeded.

He stated China’s readiness to well develop international cooperation platforms including the China International Import Expo and the China International Fair for Trade in Services, and optimize its business environment that is based on market principles, governed by law and up to international standards to provide more stable expectations and long-term benefits for investors and partners from around the world.

Survey: Shanghai most desirable city for young domestic job seekers

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SHANGHAI is the most desirable city to work in the eyes of young domestic job seekers, according to a recent survey.

Statistics from China’s leading recruitment portal Liepin shows Shanghai trumping Beijing, Shenzhen and Guangzhou as the most preferred destination to seek jobs during the first working week after the Spring Festival holiday.

In particular, Shanghai was the most sought-after workplace for out-of-town job seekers, as 15.84 percent of them applied for a job in Shanghai over the period, an increase of 70 percent over the same period last year.

Most of them came from Beijing (11.44%), followed by Suzhou (7.91%), Hangzhou (5.86%) and Shenzhen (5.35%). Over 40 percent of them were aged between 26 and 35.

In addition, Shanghai offered 11.99 percent of new job postings released in the Chinese mainland during the first week, an increase of 15.19 percent over the same period last year. And 57 percent offered annual salaries over 200,000 yuan (US\$27,780).

Shenzhen was in the second place in providing 9.72 percent of vacancies, followed by Beijing (8.49%), Guangzhou (6.12%) and

Hangzhou (5.47%).

In the first week, the Internet industry was most hungry for talent, with 9.37 percent of total postings. The electronic/semiconductor/integrated circuit industry ranked second by offering 6.06 percent of postings, followed by software (4.21%), professional technical services (4.14%), machinery/equipment (3.93), pharmaceutical (3.9%) and fund/securities/futures (3.69%).

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