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Postmarked 2020

Children from Egypt, the United States and China on Oct 10 wrote letters describing their dreams, wishes and commitments to themselves and their parents in 2020 courtesy of a new service offered by China Post. The service of posting letters that will be delivered long into the future is now available at major cities in China. Chinese people have long dreamed of hosting a World Expo, and now Shanghai is fulfilling the dream. Sending such letters helps bridge the past, present and future, and documents people's anticipation of such grand achievements.

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Zero waste

The Expo 2010 Shanghai's motto of "Better City, Better Life" requires that nothing be wasted when the Expo wraps up. This means that all of the facilities and buildings inside the Expo Garden need to be put to good use when the Expo ends. Visitors have enjoyed an impressive Expo, but they will not appreciate any wasted effort or money. For organizers, "zero waste" is not only a research topic, but also a mission.

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Good garbage

The Expo 2010 Shanghai shows new ways of sorting garbage to inspire the city to become cleaner. The Taipei Case Pavilion inside the Urban Best Practices Area stresses the importance of educating residents about garbage sorting, although the process may take time and money. Even though expensive new facilities need to be installed in residential communities, the investment will prove worthwhile in the long run.

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"I feel a lot of pressure as a volunteer, because I worry that I'm not doing a good enough job. For a while I wanted to quit, because I get sick often due to the pressure. However, I keep fulfilling my duty, because I just can't let it go. I've been to the Puxi side two times, but I haven't yet been inside the Urban Best Practices Area. All of the volunteers stick to one rule: we never mention Oct 31, because that is the day when the Expo ends. Just thinking about it makes us cry."

GU QIANQIAN

A VOLUNTEER WHO HAS WORKED INSIDE THE EXPO GARDEN FROM MARCH DESCRIBES HER RELUCTANCE TO SEE THE EXPO END, DESPITE THE HARDSHIPS THE JOB ENTAILS.

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"Before I came to Shanghai, I did some homework by researching the background information of the various pavilions. I browsed the Internet and decided that I must visit the Oil Pavilion, no matter how much time I needed to queue to get inside."

MA LIN

A VISITOR FROM WUHAN SAID HE WAS DETERMINED TO SEE INSIDE THE OIL PAVILION AT ALL COSTS. SOME VISITORS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT IT TAKES LONGER TO VISIT THE PAVILION THAN A TYPICAL WORKING DAY.

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Cutting carbon, cutting lines

Holders of "low-carbon" transport cards will be given direct access to the pavilions of Spain, Finland, the Netherlands, Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, the Czech Republic, the State Grid, and the We Are Family Pavilion in two phases from Oct 13 to 31. Visitors can check the website www.cleanair.net.cn for updates.

Model spaceships

The Space Home Pavilion awarded visitors for writing the most eloquent best wishes for the Chang'e-2 unmanned lunar space probe on Oct 14 to celebrate the pavilion's dedicated Expo day on Oct 15. Oct 15 is the anniversary of astronaut Yang Liwei's successful voyage into outer space in 2003. Thirty people received a miniature model of the Chang'e-2. Over 8,000 best wishes were collected from Oct 1 to 5 from around the country.

Turning tea into wine

Hanfang Tea Wine, the world's first wine to be 100 percent produced from tea leaves, received the UN's Millennium Development Goals Millennium Gold Medal on Sept 8. Hanfang Tea Wine, from Dalian in Liaoning province, was commemorated on Oct 3 by the DEVNET Pavilion with a special Dalian Hanfang Theme Day.

Parkour from Denmark

Denmark's Gerlev Performance Team amazed visitors at the Denmark Pavilion on Oct 6 and 7 with its combination of modern dance arts like house, hip-hop, jazz, parkour and free running. The performance team, made up of artists aged 19 to 27, was founded in 1938. Gerlev Sports Academy is the oldest sports academy in Denmark.

Li Siguang scholarship

The University of Birmingham announced its Li Siguang Scholarship on Oct 12 in conjunction with the China Scholarship Council. The scholarship will provide awards to Chinese students who apply for the university's PhD programs. It was named after the famous Chinese geographer Li Siguang, an alumnus of the UK-based university, as a way to commemorate Li's contribution to international cooperation and talent training in the field of modern geology. The university will set up a representative office in Beijing to work with its Shanghai office as a way of accelerating its engagement with China.