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Intl. industrial design fair set for Sunday

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THE 5th Shenzhen International Industrial Design Fair (SZIDF) will open in Hall 2 of the Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Center on Sunday. The three-day fair will be attended by 271 exhibitors from over 30 countries and regions, according to a press conference held by the event's organizers yesterday.

The number of exhibits to be showcased by overseas exhibi-

tors during this year's fair has grown by 40 percent compared with last year. Many of the exhibits will be on display in China for the first time, such as the world's first dimensioning tool that can sketch 3-D curves and export data to CAD software, and Croatia's first solar-powered charging station for electric vehicles.

Eight international delegations from seven countries, namely Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Australia, Japan and South Korea, will attend

the fair this year. Nearly 200 top-notch industrial designers from home and abroad have been invited to the fair.

A total of 35 events are scheduled during the fair, such as a Designers' Night party, the awards ceremony of SZIDF Innovation Design Award, two forums, six workshops and over 20 matchmaking meetings for designers and manufacturers.

A poverty-alleviation design workshop will also be held during the fair. The workshop

will enable industrial designers to help craftsmen in distressed areas improve the design of their handicrafts so that they can earn more money by selling the crafts.

The SZIDF is hosted by the city government and organized by the Shenzhen Industrial Design Profession Association (SIDA).

Feng Changhong, secretary-general of SIDA, said the fair offers a good opportunity for foreign designers to build connections with designers

in Shenzhen, get access to the manufacturing resources in the Pearl River Delta region and tap the market in China.

"Our local designers can also benefit from the fair as they can learn about advanced design concepts from top-notch designers from across the globe," Feng said.

According to her, the SZIDF might set up overseas sub-venues next year to enhance the international influence of Shenzhen's industrial design.

HPV vaccination cheaper in SZ than in Hong Kong

ALTHOUGH the HPV vaccine is now available in Shenzhen, Hong Kong still remains a popular destination for getting HPV vaccine injections as the latter provides vaccinations for HPV4 and HPV9. However, the price of the HPV2 vaccine is much cheaper in Shenzhen than in Hong Kong, the Southern Metropolis Daily reported.

Wang Wuxin, director of the adult vaccination clinic at Luohu Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital, said that although the effect difference of the two vaccines on the prevention of cervical cancer is not obvious, the duration of immune protection varies from person to person.

Foreign data shows that the HPV9 vaccine can prevent about 90 percent of cervical cancer cases. In our country, HPV2 can prevent about 80 percent of cervical cancer cases, and the effect of preventing the cancer is the same as that of HPV4. Besides cervical cancer, HPV9 vaccine can effectively reduce the risk of anal cancer, vulvar cancer, vaginal cancer and the infection of genital condyloma acuminatum. The HPV2 vaccine is only for women, while HPV4 and HPV9 vaccines have a wider range.

At present, HPV2 costs 1,815 yuan (US\$274) for three injections over six months in Shen-

zhen. In Hong Kong, the price is about HK\$3,600 (US\$461). According to the exchange rate of Hong Kong dollars to RMB, the price would be about 3,070 yuan, which is 1,200 yuan more expensive. If the fares and time to make three trips to Hong Kong are taken into account, the economic and time costs would be greatly increased.

Regarding supply, the adult vaccination clinic in Luohu District has a stock of 1,500 vaccines, enough for 500 people. Futian District has 600 vaccines for 200 people. In addition, the HPV2 vaccine will be available in communities in all districts, with a sufficient supply for Shenzhen residents.

According to an insider from Hong Kong, as long as the demand for HPV9 from mainland customers remains and there is a short supply, the price will remain high. Throughout the world, the market shares of HPV9 and HPV4 are way ahead of HPV2. Therefore, the HPV vaccine market in Hong Kong will not be affected much in the short term.

"Considering factors such as time, affordability and the differences of each vaccine, consumers should be clear about their own needs and make rational choices," said Wang.

(Zhang Yu)



Security expo attracts 1,100 exhibitors

Visitors examine an exhibitor's surveillance system at the 16th China Public Security Expo, which opened at the Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Center on Sunday, attracting more than 1,100 exhibitors from 53 countries and regions. The expo showcases the applications of big data, cloud technologies, Internet of Things and AI (artificial intelligence) in the sectors of public security and intelligent surveillance, smart city, smart home and transportation, anti-theft and anti-terrorism, navigation, biological recognition, firefighting and criminal investigation. The expo, said to be the world's largest in the public security sector, covers 110,000 square meters.

Sun Yuchen

GDP increases by 8.8% Jan.-Sept.

THE city's GDP reached 1.54 trillion yuan (US\$231.62 billion) in the first three quarters of the year, an increase of 8.8 percent compared with the same period last year, according to statistics released by Shenzhen's statistics bureau and confirmed by the Guangdong Provincial Statistics Bureau.

The growth is 1.9 percentage points higher than the national average.

The added value of key industries increased by 9.7 percent to reach 568 billion yuan, 3.1 percent higher than the same period last year and the biggest increase since 2012.

Among the high-end industries, the added values of advanced manufacturing and high-tech manufacturing reached 395.4 billion yuan and 367.5 billion yuan respectively, an increase of 12.6 percent and

12.4 percent over the same period last year.

The city spent more than 350 billion yuan in fixed assets in the first three quarters, an increase of 31.1 percent over the same period last year. The total retail sales of consumer goods between January and September reached 434.2 billion yuan, an increase of 9.1 percent and a new record since 2014.

Statistics from Shenzhen Customs show the city's trade volume in the first nine months reached 1.96 trillion yuan, an increase of 6.4 percent. Export volume reached 1.17 trillion yuan, an increase of 5.9 percent, while imports reached 790.9 billion yuan, an increase of 7.0 percent.

Statistics show that emerging industries, the seven strategic industries and four future industries, and new business modes are the highlights of the

economic growth in the first three quarters.

The added value of emerging industries reached 626.9 billion yuan, a year-on-year increase of 14.6 percent, 0.7 percentage points higher than the growth rate in the first half of the year, and 3.4 percentage points higher than the same period last year, accounting for 40.7 percent of the total GDP.

Among them, the added value of the new-generation information technology industry reached 302.9 billion yuan, an increase of 12.3 percent. The added value of the Internet industry increased by 20.9 percent to 74.2 billion yuan. The added value of the new materials, biological, new-energy, energy conservation, space and aviation, life health, robotics and wearables industries also maintained double-digit growth.

(Han Ximin)

At a Glance

Estate renovation

RESIDENTS of the Ludancun housing estate can see and choose new apartments starting Nov. 11. The reconstruction project officially started March 30, 2015 and was the first government-led old residential renovation project in Shenzhen.

Statistics show that the entire project has a total of 11 buildings, including nine residential buildings, one commercial building, one kindergarten and a total of 1,534 housing units. The community also has community service stations, community centers, a commercial street, bus terminals, a community activity center, garbage station, property management office, telecom-

munications office and other supporting facilities.

At present, the project's main structure has been completed. The installation of utilities, doors and windows as well as outdoor landscaping are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Hiking help

A HIKING activity was held at Xiantong Sports Park on Sunday to collect books for the construction of a library in an orphanage in Lijiang, Yunnan Province.

More than 1,000 residents attended the hike and the steps that they accumulated, around 3.1 billion in total, will be exchanged for books to donate to the orphanage in Lijiang.