

Public "Angel Fund" Spots Available for Application

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On November 13, the 2017 (11th) Entrepreneurship Week, the Global Entrepreneurship Week China (GEW), and the Innovation China (Shanghai), sponsored by Shanghai Technology Entrepreneurship Foundation for Graduates (EFG), was launched at Changer Valley of Yangpu District. EFG set up "Angel Fund" application spots at the event for the first time, so as to provide entrepreneurs with more convenient start-up funding.

The GEW is a leading global event in field of entrepreneurship and has so far attracted about 10 million young entrepreneurs from 170 countries. This year's GEW China will feature more than 100 exciting entrepreneurship themed events within one week, focusing on innovation and entrepreneurship, promoting the entrepreneurial culture and bringing together entrepreneurial resources. During the past decade, the GEW China has built a platform for the entrepreneurial week that is open to the whole society, on themes such as

"crowd funding", "China Dream" and "Incubation 2.0". From promoting the culture of starting a business to holding an entrepreneurship week that is valuable to entrepreneurs, the value of the GEW platform is becoming increasingly prominent.

"Innovation China" is a nationwide tour aimed at promoting the vigorous development of the innovation and entrepreneurship work. From April to December 2017, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) held a series of "Innovation China" campaigns in 17 regional demonstration centers and 21 cities. The GEW activity and "Innovation China" are perfectly integrated. Through themed activities on investment, science and technology, policy, tutors and publicity, this year's GEW will lead to another peak time for innovation and entrepreneurship in Yangpu and Shanghai as a whole.

For the first time, the themes of this year's GEW shift on a daily basis. The 15 industrial themed activities such as "Advanced Manufacturing",

"Artificial Intelligence" and "Consumption Upgrade", are intended to provide practical, professional and efficient resource matchmaking for entrepreneurs, and to create an upgraded entrepreneurial ecological chain. At the same time, Hong Kong, Xi'an, Wuhan, Shenzhen, Haikou, Jinan and Suzhou are also engaged in this global party on entrepreneurship.

At the opening ceremony, 10 enterprises including Muicare Health Management (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. won the Hawk Award as 2017 Angel Fund Excellent Projects.

The EFG a public charity fund set up by the Shanghai municipal government focused on supporting innovation and entrepreneurship of college students. As of the end of October 2017, the "Angel Fund" under the foundation had received a total of 6641 venture project applications and funded 1,887 of them.

The "Hawk Award" was designed to reward outstanding start-ups funded by the EFG, which can be considered as "the Oscars for start-ups"; winners of the "Hawk Award" stand a great chance for bet-

ter entrepreneurial resources and a great potential. The award-winning enterprises this year come from multiple areas such as consumption, agriculture, culture and entertainment, which shows the diversity of company types of college students.

Also announced were the 2017 TOP 30 annual Chinese angel investors. Based on the in-depth research of the angel investment industry in China, the list was a result of hundreds of questionnaires and in-depth interviews aimed at fully reflecting the development of the angel investment industry in a comprehensive and objective manner and jointly promoting the development of angel investment in China.

Taking consideration of the investment and exit performance of angel investors as the main selection criteria, the reputation of angel investors for entrepreneurs and industry insiders and their contribution, the list generated the top TOP 30 angel investors in China.

In order to build a "useful" offline financing roadshow platform across the country, the GEW has also jointly

launched a seven-day financing program with over a hundred investment agencies, covering 15 industries including advanced manufacturing, consumer upgrades, and corporate services. In addition to market-oriented financing channels, the GEW organizers set up "Angel Fund" application spots at the event for the first time. Venture Founding Foundation also set up the "Angel Fund" application point for the first time, so as to provide entrepreneurs with more convenient start-up funding.

The "Angel Fund" offers two types of start-up funding programs: the Hawk Project and the Eagle Project. The former is the interest-free mortgage-free small-sum credit loans up to 300,000 yuan, and the latter is the seed period equity subsidies up to 500,000 yuan; no dividend is granted during the funding period, and only the original funding is withdrawn when it's due. At this year's GEW, entrepreneurs consult at "Angel Fund" booths, and can apply for funding through the exclusive network if he/she meets the requirements.



China's Manufacturing, Exhibited on CIIF

By Mao Xinhui & Zhang Bei

The 19th China International Industry Fair ("CIIF"), known as the "benchmark" for China's manufacturing industry, was held at the National Convention and Exhibition Center (Shanghai) from November 7 to 11.

With the theme of "Innovative, Smart and Green", this year's CIIF brought together nine professional fields including industrial automation, robotics, technological innovation and aerospace. The exhibition covered an area of 280,000 square meters with more than 2,500 exhibitors from 28 countries. Centering around the implementation of the plan on the new

generation of artificial intelligence by the State Council, this year's CIIF set up an "Artificial Intelligence" area for the first time, presenting the latest scientific and technological innovation and application achievements both at home and abroad. Highlights on the CIIF include: the first AI chip for smartphones in the world launched by the Cambricon Information Technology Co., Ltd., the facial recognition algorithm and applications that ranked first in 4 global facial recognition tests from YITU Technology, and China's only independently researched and developed deep learning platform from SenseTime Group Limited which has been granted the world's largest amount of financing.

In the meantime, the exhibition also focused on global high-end manufacturing equipment, new materials, energy and environment and other fields, with an emphasis on the effective connection among the exhibition, forums and activities. It further improved technical support such as APP navigation and access facial identification and record to make the visitors feel efficiency and convenience of the intelligent application of information, fully demonstrating the achievements of China in accelerating the building of a strong nation in manufacturing and in promoting the in-depth integration of the Internet, big data, artificial intelligence and the real economy.

Yangpu Holds Science Popularization Competition

By Ke Wei

Recently, the Yangpu preliminary contest of the 5th Shanghai Science Popularization Competition was held at the Community School of Xinjiangwan sub-district. The contest was organized by Yangpu District Science and Technology Commission, which invited five experts as judges, including Wang Bei, associate researcher at Shanghai Museum. A total of 21 contestants from 11 institutions in the region signed up for the competition.

At the competition, each contestant was required to choose a

topic and carry out a scientific and vivid explanation of the subject from his perspective based on the exhibits or figures at popular science bases (venues), or on their own expertise in disciplines and professions. Finally, seven players on behalf of Yangpu were granted into the semi-finals, when they will compete with finalists around the city to compete for the finals places.

The Shanghai Science Popularization Competition has been held for five sessions, and the composition of contestants has expanded from the professional docents to all science enthusiasts.

Guoding Road Gains New Appearance

By Gao Liang

Recently, Guoding Road (Handan Road - Zhengli Road) has put on a new appearance, with unified signage and renovated walls, which gave full vitality to the street.

Adjacent to the Wujiaochang locality, Guoding Road is an important north-south channel in Yangpu's northwest area. In the past, the walls were rugged and shops were scattered on Guoding Road; in May this year, the Greening Bureau of Yangpu gave an all-round renovation of the shops and the walls along the road based on the actual conditions of the road, striving to make it into a modern street that integrates leisure, vitality and ecology.

Guoding Road lies close to Fudan University and Shanghai Uni-

versity of Finance and Economics, and the two hundred-year leading colleges also add cultural and youthful vitality to this road. In the course of the wall renovation, the the Greening Bureau of Yangpu strengthened the appearance and artistry of the walls along the street by using the concept of "towering trees" and various forms such as painting, mosaics and preservative wood-greening.

This overhaul effort on Guoding Road has removed 18 illegal settings and outdoor facilities with security risks and negative impact of the city environment, upgraded or repaired 26 shop signs, decorated about 2,480 square meters of facade of buildings and walls, removed 160 black advertising fliers on the facade, and created about 1,200 square meters of mosaic art walls.