

Wuhan's City of Design induction ceremony in Paris

By Han Wei

Wuhan was inducted into the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a City of Design in a ceremony held in the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France on November 21.

Getachew Engida, Deputy Director-General of UNESCO, attended the conference and delivered the keynote speech. Francesco Bandarin, the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture, granted the award to Wuhan.

On November 1, Wuhan was officially selected as a City of Design in the Global Creative Cities Network 2017 with the endorsement of Irina

Bokova, the UNESCO Director-General. This made it the fourth Chinese city to get the honor after Shenzhen, Shanghai, and Beijing. A City of Design plaque was awarded to Wuhan during the ceremony. On the plaque are a UNESCO logo on the left and a stylized Chinese character "汉 (hàn)" on the right that was designed in Wuhan.

According to Bandarin, Wuhan deserves the honor. He hopes that Wuhan will give full play to its role as a member city, implement the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and

make a substantial contribution to the Creative Cities Network.

Wuhan is in accord with the UN's concept of urban development as stated in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda. It will honor all the commitments made in its bidding documents and will actively share its developmental experience with the cities in the network. All these endeavors will help Wuhan to become a more modern, cosmopolitan, and ecological city, providing a high quality life for its residents.

Wuhan company undertakes another Belt and Road construction project Maldives' largest affordable housing project

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Artist's impression of the housing project

Maldives announced the start of the construction of 7,000 affordable houses in Hulhumale on November 18.

This is the largest affordable housing project ever embarked upon in the Maldives and also the largest building project undertaken by Chinese companies in the

Maldives. The structures are designed by the China Construction Third Engineering Bureau, an entity located in Wuhan directly controlled by the central authorities, which will also undertake more than half of the construction work.

The housing project will include 16 high-rise buildings

of 25 floors above ground, with a gross floor area of 451,900 square meters, and a total contract value of USD 434 million. China Construction Third Engineering Bureau is responsible for all the designs as well as the construction of nine buildings with 3,800 apartments.

Wuhan Fashion Week to open in mid-December

By Wu Qiuna

The 2017 Wuhan Fashion Week will run from December 13 to 19 at the Red T Fashion Innovation Block in the Jiangnan Economic Development Zone. It will showcase themes such as "science & technology", "green", "local" and "fashion."

This fashion week is organized by the Wuhan municipal government. It will include 28 brand fashion shows, an official showroom, two design competitions, a Chinese fashion industry summit forum, and five creative activities.

Information technologies such as QR codes and big data will allow visitors to purchase commodities directly while enjoying the shows.

Organizers of the fashion week have invited three Chinese "Golden Summit Award" winners, five "Top 10" Chinese designers, and five New York designers to release new products in Wuhan. More than 10 young and promising local designers will also make their debuts as representatives of the new generation of Wuhan designers.

Hankou Riverside Reed Catkins Festival

By Zhang Chenlian



People appreciating reed catkins

Photo by Li Yonggang

Reed catkins are in full bloom in Hankou Riverside Park. Currently, the 9th Reed Catkins Festival is being held at the Sanyang Square in the park. Festival visitors are introduced to reed catkins as well as related science education events.

Hankou Riverside Park boasts the largest reed ecosystem among all riverside parks in Asia. After years of growth, the reed area has taken on both ecological and landscape significance and has become an important ecological landmark along the Changjiang Axis.