

Views to an international arena

MY EXPO | YEY MINGSUEI

Expo 2010 Shanghai has been open for more than 100 days and neither the plum rains or hot weather have stopped visitors coming to the Expo Garden. By the middle of July, the Taiwan Pavilion had welcomed more than 300,000 visitors.

Due to the limited space inside the Taiwan Pavilion, we are only able to accept about 4,000 visitors a day. I must apologize first to those who have a huge interest in the pavilion but have no chances to enter. Meanwhile, I would like to share my personal experiences to those who are planning to visit the Expo Garden.

As far as I know, Shanghai Expo is one of the largest events in recent years. A total of 246 exhibitors are presenting various values and lifestyles in 184 days. Combined with advanced technologies as well as creative thoughts, it is a unique chance for all of us to open our eyes and observe the world.

To me, the Expo Garden is an international arena that can be viewed from different angles. Features such as many cultures, technologies, the concept of low

carbon and green energy, and conceptual transportation designed for the future, plus various architectural designs, are the things that caught my attention.

However, lots of pavilions, including Italy, France, Spain and Japan, are so popular that visitors sometimes have to wait as much as four hours to get inside. Thus, I would suggest people plan their visit to the Expo Garden in advance to make better use of their time there.

Visitors who targeted those most popular pavilions such as China need to arrive at the Expo Garden at 5 am or 6 am, which will give them the edge over others.

For those visitors who are afraid of the extreme hot weather, they should come to the Expo Garden in the late afternoon or evening.

It is not necessary to rush into those long queues in front of popular pavilions. The less-popular pavilions sometimes offer visitors a better environment. Just because a pavilion is not as popular, does not mean it is less interesting. Check out the African Joint Pavilion or pop into the Nepal Pavilion when you tire of lining up — you could be in for a big surprise.

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President of the Taiwan Pavilion Yeh Mingsuei talks to the media about the pavilion's operation.

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Niger at the Shanghai Expo 2010: a remarkable participation

By TANG ZHIHAO

Enjoying the benefits that have been achieved by urbanization is the concept the Niger Pavilion sets about imparting to visitors to Expo 2010 Shanghai.

Themed "Control of Urban Expansion and Promotion of Urban Development", the pavilion, which occupies an area of 224 square meters in the Africa Joint Pavilion, attracts more than 5,000 visitors a day.

"We expect we can receive more than 1 million visitors by the end of Shanghai Expo," said the Niger Pavilion commissioner-general Alfouja Hadji.

Niger National Day was celebrated on August 3 to coincide with the 50th anniversary

of the country's independence.

The celebration was attended by Zada Mariama, who is deputy secretary-general of Niger's Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and for the promotion of young entrepreneurs. Chen Gonglai, deputy commissioner-general for the Expo Shanghai 2010, also attended.

During their speeches, Mariama and Chen mentioned the excellent relations between China and Niger.

The Niger delegation to the Expo 2010 Shanghai, led by Mariama and also included by Niger's ambassador to China, Boubakar Adamou, consisted of 30 people. The participation of the cultural group Mamaki has enhanced the national day celebration and the Expo as well.

The Niger Pavilion interprets urban development within three categories: urban politics, urban economy, and urban training and education.

"We want to establish business relationships with Chinese partners and other partners from around the world," said Hadji.

Some of the country's most attractive tourism destinations are Air, Tenere Desert, River Niger and the Park W, according to Hadji.

Occupied a land area of 1,267,000 square kilometers, Niger, with the capital of Niamey, is comprised of eight ethnic groups with a population of 14 million. Agadez, Diffa, Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabery and Zinder are the capitals of the seven administrative regions of the country.

At Expo 2010 Shanghai, the Niger Pavilion wants to portray its country as a place full of business potential waiting to be explored. These include leather, diversified mining resources, meat, animals, agricultural products, and art and handicrafts.

It is the third time Niger has participated in a World Expo.

"The difference between this Expo and the previous ones we participated in is the number and quality of the visitors to the pavilion, as well as our theme," said Hadji.

For more information about Niger, please visit: www.globserver.com/en/niger



A delegation from Niger tours the national pavilion.



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Zada Mariama (center), Niger's deputy secretary-general of Commerce and Industry, presents gifts to Chen Gonglai (second from left), China's deputy commissioner-general for Expo 2010 Shanghai.



A business delegation from Niger and representatives from the Chinese government.

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