

The fashionable side of childcare

Clothing design student finds new love in childcare at Expo nursery, **Tang Zhihao** reports.

Spending the day cuddling, feeding and caring for babies was not the path Jiang Jiang, a 22-year-old from Jiangxi province, had imagined for herself.

Jiang has spent the last three years studying clothing design in Japan, so she was surprised to be offered a position at a baby nursery established by the Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group in the Expo Garden.

During her shift from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm, Jiang's main task is to provide assistance to young parents. This includes preparing hot milk for babies and providing some basic childcare advice to young parents. She also needs to make sure the nursery is kept clean and tidy.

"I never imagined I could work in a baby nursery because I don't know

much about childcare," said Jiang. "I didn't think I was the right person for this position."

After working in the nursery for more than five months, Jiang considers her experience working at the Yili Baby Nursery Center as a valuable asset.

After three months of training courses and passing several exams, Jiang was qualified to work in the nursery. Jiang still remembers her first day in the Expo Garden when she was asked to look after a 7-month-old baby.

"When I held the baby, I moved like a robot," said Jiang. "I didn't know what to do with the baby."

As the middle child in a family with three children, Jiang said that before she took the job she did not like to be around small babies.

"Sometimes children are troublesome and can be very noisy," she said.

Jiang remembered that during the first month working at the nursery she tried to stay away from children.

Now Jiang said she is much more familiar with childcare and has learned how to deal with children of different ages.

She even thought of taking more classes for nursery care so she could continue to be involved in the baby care industry in the future.

"Finally I decided to continue studying clothing design in Japan after the Expo but I am sure this experience will help me a lot in my life," she said.

Even though she's been working in the Expo Garden for five months, Jiang said she has only visited two pavilions.

"I will try to visit the Japan Pavilion in October because that is the country where I lived for more than three years," Jiang said.



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Jiang Jiang takes care of a child at a nursery center in the Expo Garden.

Huaqiao: a new financial Silicon Valley

By SHI JING

Huaqiao International Business Service Park is the only provincial development area in China characterized by a dominant modern service industry. It will provide services for businesses in Shanghai and establish an outsourcing service base and a national financial outsourcing demonstration zone.

Its four major industries include an outsourcing service, a background processing center for financial institutes, a regional headquarters for manufacturing enterprises, and a logistics and purchasing center.

In 2009, the park was awarded "The Best Financial Outsourcing Base in China" and "One of the 10 Best Outsourcing Parks in China".

Huaqiao International Business Service Park borders Shanghai municipality and Jiangsu province and is only 25 kilometers from downtown Shanghai.

It is conveniently located near the Shanghai-Nanjing Expressway, Tongjiang-Sanya Expressway, Suzhou-Shanghai Expressway and Shanghai Metro line 11. It also allows for easy access to Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport and Pudong International Airport.

Plans are continuing to establish Huaqiao as an "international, technological, ecological, people-oriented and livable" satellite business park that will be influential at home and abroad.

Huaqiao is becoming known as a thriving financial "Silicon Valley". It is attempting to form a high-standard financial outsourcing center

by taking advantage of Shanghai's status as an international financial center. Its slogan is: "Incorporating Shanghai, facing the world and serving Jianguo."

A modern services demonstration zone will be set up at Huaqiao by introducing projects that involve advanced research designs, business processes and trade settlement.

It will establish a trade corporation zone with Taiwan by taking advantage of the huge number of Taiwanese companies in the Yangtze River Delta, importing and exporting Taiwanese products within this area and all around China.

Huaqiao will be a thriving place for entrepreneurship.

It aims to establish a place that will attract new industries and talent by constructing a "city of wisdom" driven by information technology.

Environmentally friendly and people oriented, Huaqiao will become a preferred place to live. The park is also undertaking a "talent multiplication plan" to

attract talented individuals with a best practices and clean environment policy.

The Huaqiao International Business Park aims at establishing a business-centered, well-facilitated and attractive international satellite city and business center that will boast a production volume of 100 billion yuan (\$14.6 billion). About 300,000 professionals and their families will live at the 10-million-square-meter park by the end of 2015.

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