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Expatriates accredited Peacock Plan professionals



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TWO expats working in Shenzhen have been accredited high-end professionals under the Peacock Plan of the Shenzhen government, which seeks to attract highquality individuals and teams from home and abroad.

At a meeting on Shenzhen innovation and development yesterday, Jeffrey S. Lehman, chancellor and founding dean of Beijing University School of Transnational Law, and Richard Jackson, president of Shenzhen Development Bank, received accreditations of Level A from the government. Each

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Richard Jackson

will receive a housing subsidy of 1.5 million yuan (US\$240,000).

Jackson won the China Friendship Award in 2009, the country's highest award for foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to the country's economic or social progress. Lehman won the award this year.

"It is easy for foreigners to work and live here. I will do my bit and hope other foreigners can contribute," said Jackson, who came to the city in 1982.

Shenzhen initiated its ambitious five-year Peacock Plan in May to attract 50 research teams, 1,000 overseas professionals and 10,000 high-end professionals to enhance its capability for independent innovation in pillar industries and emerging industries.

According to Zhang Liming, deputy chief of Shenzhen Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, there are 3,000 foreign experts and around 18,000 foreigners working in Shenzhen.

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