Government ensures training for employees

By CHEN HONG

With an influx of investment in Zhanjiang, a port city in South China's Guangdong province, the local government has attached great importance to recruiting local workers to meet industrial needs.

According to the Zhanjiang human resources and social security bureau, this year a total of 1,900 technical graduates and professionals who have joined companies in the city currently work in petrochemicals and paper making.

It is essential to guarantee large amounts of qualified technicians, which is a way to prop up the city's manufacturing and other key industries, according to an official from the bureau.

As a result, the city is expanding the capacity of its technical colleges and improving the quality of vocational education, said the official.

So far, the city has two provincial technical colleges and one vocational technical school, with a total of 22,000 full-time students, officials say.

The local government will promote cooperation between the city's vocational schools and key companies, which have signed labor contracts, to establish workshops in the city.

The government will subsidize students in these workshops, the secretary of Zhanjiang, during a party plenary meeting in the city in late July.

The synergy will take place in the city's improving efforts in the catering industry, in the field of industrial and rural construction, cultural and tourism policies, and in science and education.

In return, Gao's restaurants have been able to sell products at a higher price, said Cai Zhanxiu, the local government's propaganda department.

"They are learning in vocational colleges and are working for local enterprises. Their lives can be greatly improved," he said.

The Zhanjiang government in South China’s Guangdong is making the most of a provincial scheme to train and employ people for rural work, with one local official saying the trend is the next level.

"We are one of the most influential cities in Zhanjiang who operate and operate 10 restaurants in the port city, said the "Cantonese Cuisine Masters" program to set up a workshop to train young people in rural areas in July 2019.

However, not only did Gao train its chefs but also provided extra education in catering management to improve food production as well as food safety.

According to the agreements, Gao’s restaurants would not only buy fresh vegetables, including turf, smart potatoes, peppers, bitter melons and beans, as well as rice and soybeans, but would even bring in farmers from Huitoupo in Shui.

In 2010, 10 of 1,010 households in the village were targeted for poverty alleviation efforts.

In return, Gao’s restaurants set up strict requirements for farmers to follow, including paying a fixed price for their produce, which was not always paid out to small-scale farmers, said Cai Xianyou, who is in charge of overseeing operations at the vegetable plantations.

"Farmers benefit from the cooperation greatly and need not worry about the market price, all while their pay is getting higher," Cai said.

"More importantly, the strict requirement of Gao persuaded the farmers to pursue more scientific planting and keep quality of the farm products," he noted.

Under the circumstances, the farm products of the villages have become more competitive in the market and now also supply hotels and some wholesale markets outside the city, Cai said.

So far, the plantation base covers a land area of about 387 hectares, of which 30 hectares have been turned into greenhouse, he added.

The 200 farmers that earn from the farm products, the villagers are also paid for their work and for the rental of the land.

In 2020, all the 1,184 poverty-stricken households in the village received an accumulative dividend of 400,000 yuan ($64,350) and were lifted out of poverty, Cai told reporters.

"Relying on the city's industrial strength, the local government plans to develop more resources to follow the deep processing of agricultural and sideline products, said the official.

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Zhanjiang sets aims for high-quality development

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The government of Zhanjiang, a port city in South China, will highlight the industrialization, ecology and digitalization of its domestic agriculture to ensure food safety.

"For example, they were not allowed to use inorganic or herbicides and all produce must be picked at a designated size to ensure the best flavor."

Currently, Gao carefully designed and prepared special dishes for his restaurants, which gained great market attention.

"They now have a daily turnover of 600,000 yuan ($90,540) and are looking to achieve a profit of 100,000 yuan ($15,100) in the next level."