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TEXT:

((TEXT)) WUHAN, MARCH 20 (XINHUA) -- A TOTAL OF 130 RETIREES AGED BETWEEN 55 TO 81 PARTICIPATED IN A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF THE COUNTRY'S FIRST TRAINING CLASS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TODAY. THE CLASS WAS SET UP BY THE WUHAN SENIOR CITIZENS' UNIVERSITY, HUBEI UNIVERSITY, AND THE WUHAN WORKERS' COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES.

IT WAS LEARNED THAT THESE AGED PEOPLE WILL STUDY SUCH TOPICS AS CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAINTING, TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE, AND LAW FOR THREE YEARS.

WUHAN SENIOR CITIZENS' UNIVERSITY WAS SET UP IN 1985. IN THE PAST SIX YEARS, THE UNIVERSITY HAS OPENED 22 SPECIAL COURSES, INCLUDING ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT, CALLIGRAPHY, PAINTING, CHINESE QIGONG, AND DANCING, TO MORE THAN 15,000 RETIRED PEOPLE.

IN 1988, THE UNIVERSITY OPENED LEGAL COURSES TO 65 ELDERLY TRAINEES. AT PRESENT, 17 OF THESE TRAINEES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO

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