For its sixth consecutive year, Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO) in China will provide incoming Chinese students the opportunity to get an early start on college adjustment by meeting student volunteers and university staff and learning more about the campus and the American college experience.

PDO takes place in both Beijing and Shanghai over the course of two days and is made possible with the help of student volunteers who will be in China for the summer and want to help prepare new students.

It is expected that approximately 390 students and 475 parents will attend PDO this year according to current registration numbers.

This year, 100 students applied to volunteer at PDO and 50 were chosen. Eleven students will volunteer in Beijing, 9 in Shanghai, and 15 will volunteer at both cities.

The students volunteering this year come from various cities in China including Jiangsu, Wuhan, Nanjing, Changsha and Changchun.

PDO volunteers’ main responsibilities are to welcome the new students and their families, assist with translations and use their own experiences at Ohio State to answer questions and provide advice.

“I wanted to volunteer at PDO because I wanted to give back to the event that helped me make the final decision to attend Ohio State,” said Caroline Liang, a second year studying financial mathematics, who will be volunteering at both cities. “PDO affirmed that I could do well at The Ohio State University and helped me be prepared for life abroad.”

Pre-Departure Orientation is a collaboration among the Office of International Affairs, Office of Student Life and Office of Enrollment Services. Visit go.osu.edu/chinapdo to learn more.