Before arriving on campus this fall, future Ohio State students from China will attend Pre-Departure Orientation, a one-day orientation session offered in Shanghai and Beijing from June 17-25.

Ohio State University is one of the first universities in the United States to organize a Pre-Departure Orientation in China, and this will be the fourth year of the program. Ohio State expects to welcome about close to 800 undergraduate students from China to campus this fall, and more than 440 students and 600 parents registered for the orientation sessions this summer.

The Pre-Departure Orientation program offers an opportunity for students to meet Ohio State staff and faculty, learn about the Columbus area and prepare for the cultural changes they will face inside and outside of the classroom. Parents will also attend presentations to better understand their student's college experience and discover how they can best support their student's academic pursuits.

More than thirty student volunteers will welcome new students and their families, assist with translations and share their own experiences at Ohio State during a student panel. Incoming students and their guests will hear from our current students about time management, how to study and the typical American classroom.

In addition to the orientation, students and families will have the chance to attend one of two alumni receptions, hosted in both Shanghai and Beijing, where they will have the opportunity to meet with Ohio State graduates who live and work in China.

Pre-Departure Orientation is a collaboration between the Office of International Affairs, Office of Student Life and Office of Enrollment Services. Visit go.osu.edu/chinapdo to learn more about Pre-Departure Orientation and to view the orientation presentations after the conclusion of the program.