



They pledged to do their utmost to provide better service and support to the summit.

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Zhao Yide, Party chief of Hangzhou, vowed at a later press briefing on Friday that the city will host the summit with "high standards, swift service and pragmatism."

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Security concerns

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Yu Pengfei, a member of the Hangzhou Special Weapons and Tactics unit, told the Global Times on Friday that 30 members of the division took part in the ceremony, as they are responsible for the security of the summit.

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Zhao told the press briefing that all the hotels that will accommodate the summit guests have begin to undergo security checks.

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The city, with 7 million permanent residents, has mobilized more than 760,000 volunteers to serve the summit. Many of them are regular street security patrols composed of retired or elderly people.

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These volunteers now play important roles in maintaining community security, guiding residents on garbage classification and meditating deputies.

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A resident in the city's Shangcheng district surnamed Zhou told the Global Times that they have helped the city conduct a thorough survey of household gas tanks, which may pose a safety risk.

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Hangzhou is already home to tens of thousands of foreigners. The city's first employment service center for

foreigners was inaugurated earlier this month.

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