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Subject: Guest welcome event

Hi, Kevin,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me after yesterday's staff meeting. I'm sorry to ask for another favor when you are already busy. Our team has finally decided on the details of the welcome event for the group of guests arriving from Canada next month. Since many of them will be staying with us for more than a week, we want to make their first evening at the hotel special and comfortable.

For this event, we are planning a short presentation about the local area. It will include photos of nearby sightseeing spots, information about restaurants within walking distance, and a simple map showing useful places such as the train station, the pharmacy, and the supermarket. By giving this information on the first night, we hope the guests will feel more relaxed during their stay.

We have already collected most of the photos and information, but we are having trouble making the map clear enough for first-time visitors. We also need help setting up the projector and speakers in the meeting room before the event begins. Since you have helped with several hotel events before, I would be grateful if you could assist us with these preparations.

Best wishes,

Rachel Adams

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(1) What happened after yesterday's staff meeting?

- 1 Kevin Miller decided to travel to Canada with the guests.
- 2 Rachel Adams's team agreed on the details of a welcome event.
- 3 The hotel manager canceled a presentation about the local area.
- 4 Guests from Canada asked to stay at the hotel for one night.

(2) The short presentation will

- 1 introduce useful places near the hotel to the guests.
- 2 explain the history of hotels in Canada.
- 3 show how to use the hotel's online booking system.
- 4 give guests information about working at the hotel.

(3) What does Rachel Adams want help with?

- 1 Choosing restaurants for the guests to visit during their stay.
- 2 Calling the train station to ask about next month's schedule.
- 3 Making a clear map and preparing equipment for the event.
- 4 Taking new photos of all the rooms in the hotel.

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The Return of Local Repair Shops

For many years, when household items such as radios, lamps, or bicycles broke, people often took them to small repair shops in their neighborhoods. These shops helped people use their possessions for a long time. However, as products became cheaper and more complicated, many people began to replace broken items instead of repairing them. This change made daily life more convenient, but it also created a serious problem: more waste.

Recently, some communities have started to bring back the habit of repairing things. In many cities, local groups now hold “repair events.” At these events, volunteers with special skills help people fix broken items. For example, a retired engineer may repair a toaster, while a college student may help replace a part on a bicycle. People who bring their broken items do not simply leave them with the volunteers. They often watch the process and learn how the repair is done.

These events have several advantages. First, they reduce the amount of trash that goes to landfills. If an old lamp can be used for five more years, there is no need to buy a new one immediately. Second, repair events help people save money. This is especially useful for families that cannot easily afford new products. Finally, they create opportunities for people in the same area to meet and talk. In some neighborhoods, repair events have become small community gatherings.

Still, there are limits to what these events can do. Some modern products are difficult to open because they are designed in a way that prevents easy repair. Also, certain repairs may be dangerous unless they are done by trained professionals. For this reason, some volunteers refuse to fix items such as large electrical appliances. Even so, repair events remind people that throwing things away is not always the only choice. They show that small actions can help both the environment and the community.

(4) According to the first paragraph, people began to replace broken items because

- 1 repair shops became illegal in many cities.
- 2 products became cheaper and more difficult to fix.
- 3 household items were no longer useful in daily life.
- 4 people wanted to learn more about engineering.

(5) At repair events, people who bring broken items often

- 1 sell them to volunteers.
- 2 watch and learn how they are fixed.
- 3 exchange them for new products.
- 4 leave before the repair begins.

(6) One advantage of repair events is that they

- 1 help reduce the amount of waste.
- 2 make all products cheaper to buy.
- 3 train people to work in factories.
- 4 stop companies from selling new items.

(7) Why do some volunteers refuse to fix certain items?

- 1 They want people to buy more expensive products.
- 2 Some repairs may be unsafe without professional training.
- 3 There are too many community gatherings already.
- 4 They do not have enough space to store old items.

(8) Which of the following is true?

- 1 Repair events can solve every problem caused by waste.
- 2 Modern products are always easier to fix than older ones.
- 3 Repair events can help both the environment and local communities.
- 4 People are not allowed to learn from volunteers at repair events.