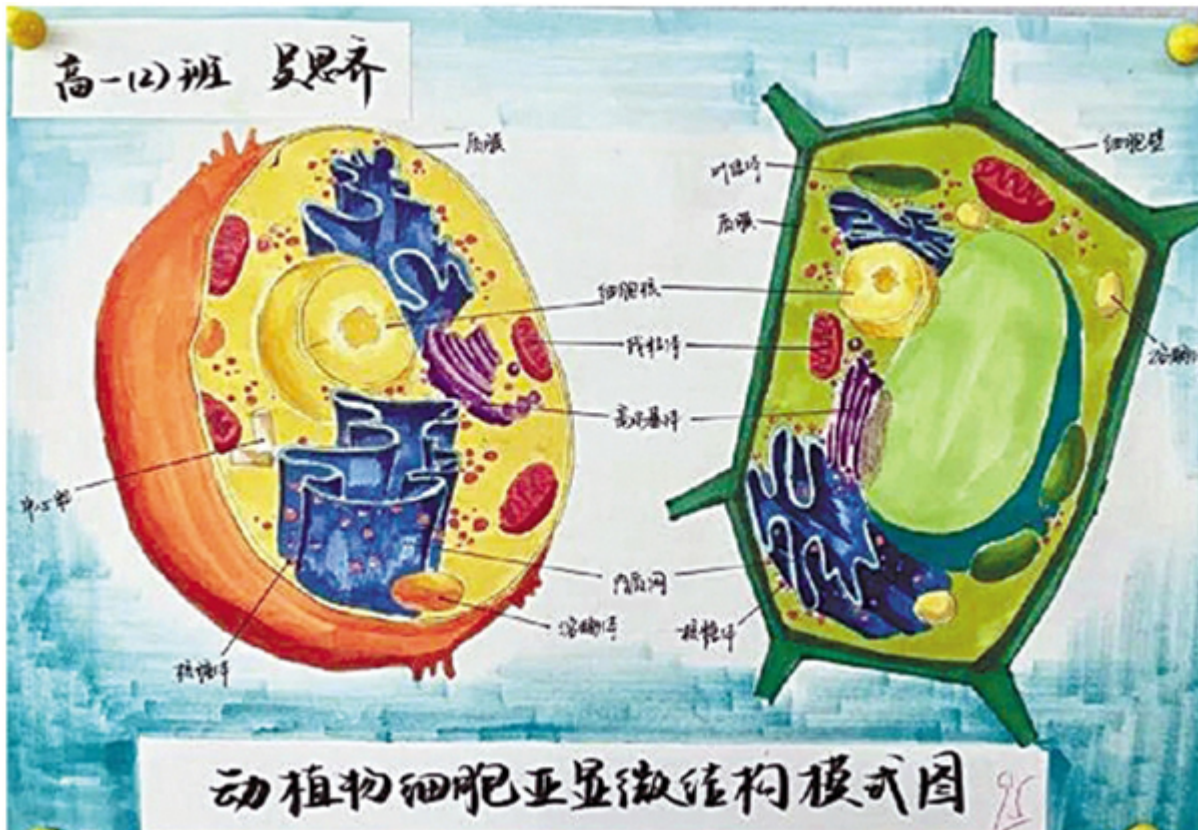


Students make vivid cell structure paintings

A series of pictures of cell structures painted by middle school students in east China's Hangzhou are said to be so realistic that many have mistaken them for photographs from a book, Qianjiang Evening News reported.



A cell structure painting created by a middle school student in Hangzhou [Photo: Qianjiang Evening News]

A competition for painting plant and animal cell structures was held at a middle school in Hangzhou, to encourage students' curiosity in biology.

In addition to elaborate paintings, the students also made a detailed annotation for each cell body.

Gao Yong, a biology teacher who posted these drawings online, said it is a tradition in the school for students to complete cell structure paintings before starting high school biology studies. Despite some mistakes, the pictures show students' understanding of cell structures, said Gao.

Some students admitted that although they have not observed real cells through a microscope, making the paintings does help them remember cell structures.