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Supplementary file 1. Response Rate of the Survey and Job Performance Scale

**Table S1.** Dimensions, definitions, and reliability of the job performance scale

| Dimensions             | Definition  | Cronbach's α | Cronbach'<br>s α in<br>literature |
|------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Task performance       | Related to work output and directly serving organizational goals, reflected in work quality, efficiency, ability and input  | 0.947        | 0.805                             |
| Learning performance   | The process that individuals form learning plans<br>and apply new knowledge and skills to the<br>changing organizational environment, including<br>learning desires, behavior and result application  | 0.954        | 0.842                             |
| Contextual performance | Indirect assistance to the realization of organizational goals, efforts to improve the harmony of working environment, including assisting colleagues, abiding by rules, extra efforts, personal self-discipline, supporting organizational goals, etc. | 0.936        | 0.714                             |
| Total                  | -<br>-  | 0.897        | -                                 |

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**Table S2.** The response rate for CSP and NCSP graduates in 2020 wave

| Years of   | CSP      |           | NCSP          |          |           |               |
|------------|----------|-----------|---------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| graduation | Baseline | 2020 wave | Response rate | Baseline | 2020 wave | Response rate |
| graduation | N        | N         | %             | N        | N         | %             |
| 2015       | 305      | 239       | 78.4%         | 315      | 181       | 57.5%         |
| 2016       | 437      | 330       | 75.5%         | 302      | 163       | 54.0%         |
| 2017       | 481      | 383       | 79.6%         | 330      | 203       | 61.5%         |
| 2018       | 437      | 328       | 75.1%         | 312      | 201       | 64.4%         |
| 2019       | 381      | 351       | 92.1%         | 320      | 261       | 81.6%         |

Abbreviations: CSP, compulsory services program; NCSP, non-compulsory services program; The 2020 wave is the fourth, the third, the second and the first follow-up for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 graduates, respectively.

**Table S3.** Mean score (SD) of each item in the 7-point Likert job performance scale

| Task accordance I car accordance I have I alw | Total n always finish my work in time skillfully n always finish my work with high quality ording to the requirements of performance raisal ve very good job-related knowledge and skills | 21.12 (4.35)<br>5.38 (1.20)<br>5.31 (1.23) | 21.50 (3.96)<br>5.46 (1.12)<br>5.42 (1.08) |
|---|---|--|--|
| Task accordance I car accordance I have I alw | n always finish my work with high quality ording to the requirements of performance raisal ve very good job-related knowledge and skills  | 5.31 (1.23)                                |  |
| performance accordance appr I hav I alv       | ording to the requirements of performance raisal ve very good job-related knowledge and skills  |  | 5.42 (1.08)                                |
| I alv   |   |  |  |
| I oft   |   | 5.23 (1.22)                                | 5.25 (1.08)                                |
|   | ways put all my energy into my work   | 5.20 (1.26)                                | 5.37 (1.15)                                |
|   | Total   | 26.45 (5.32)                               | 26.61 (4.81)                               |
| I car   | ten offer help to other colleagues  | 5.39 (1.22)                                | 5.51 (1.12)                                |
|   | n always strictly abide by the rules and regulations ne institution   | 6.04 (1.13)                                | 6.04 (1.05)                                |
|   | n without the supervision of the leader, I can ays work with enthusiasm   | 5.51 (1.26)                                | 5.68 (1.12)                                |
|   | Il volunteer to take on some responsibilities that not my own   | 4.88 (1.43)                                | 4.93 (1.36)                                |
|   | Il provide some good suggestions of the agement decisions for employers   | 4.63 (1.55)                                | 4.45 (1.52)                                |
|   | Total   | 16.10 (3.47)                               | 16.06 (3.28)                               |
|   | ach great importance to learning and have a strong re to learn  | 5.54 (1.24)                                | 5.37 (1.21)                                |
| performance I hav                             | ve learned a lot of new working knowledge and ls through various channels   | 5.30 (1.28)                                | 5.32 (1.15)                                |
|   | ve greatly improved my personal ability through   | 5.25 (1.28)                                | 5.36 (1.12)                                |
|   | ly and used it in my work   |  |  |

Abbreviations: CSP, compulsory services program; NCSP, non-compulsory services program. <sup>a</sup>For each item, the options are as follows: 1=never, 2=a few times a year or less, 3=once a month, 4=a few times a year, and 5=once a week, 6=a few times a week; 7=every day. The corresponding score ranges from 1 to 7.