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## CCTV to introduce 'Prison Break'

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THREE Chinese television stations, including China Central Television (CCTV), plan to introduce a popular US TV show --"Prison Break" to mainland audiences, Shanghai Morning Post reported today.

The "Shawshank's Redemption" like TV series immediately attracted netizens' attention after being broadcasted in the US, causing a wave of downloads and online watchers.

CCTV, which imported "Desperate Housewife" in 2005, plans to introduce more overseas TV shows this year and is now focusing on Prison Break, which contains grievance, sensational tattoos, miraculous escapes and dangerous criminals.

Zhejiang TV Station and Anhui TV Station are also picking up the popular US TV shows.

The agent importer of CCTV, a US media company, said they might



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introduce the thriller show and CCTV International will convert the English edition into Chinese.

The conversion won't be accomplished until June, said the company.

Prison Break is an American television series that premiered on the Fox Network on August 29, 2005. The story revolves around a man who was sentenced to death for a crime he did not commit and the lengths that his brother will go to save him. Created and co-executive produced by Paul Scheuring, Prison Break is an Adelstein-Parouse Production in association with Original Television and 20th Century Fox Television.

Fox presented the second season of the thriller story from the second half of last year. New episodes of the second season will not return until January 22, according to the Fox Website.

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