

# Jiading inks several deals to hasten the pace of development of 'New City'

## Staff Reporters

SHANGHAI has unveiled a new implementation plan with the aim of accelerating the pace of development of five "new cities" in suburban areas.

The plan, which was released on July 6, calls for quick implementation of key facilities in the five "new cities" of Jiading, Qingpu, Songjiang and Fengxian districts, as well as Nanhui in the Pudong New Area. The aim is to focus on introducing enterprise headquarters, enhancing innovative research and development, gathering various resources, and improving public services.

To implement the plan, agreements on 25 projects were signed with the five "new cities," covering sectors like scientific research, education, culture, sports and tourism, involving state-owned, private, and foreign-invested enterprises.

Jiading New City, which has made "city-industry integration" a top priority, signed contracts with a number of



With better policies and services, Jiading New City has unveiled five major projects in an effort to promote diversified industrial development. — Shanghai Daily

companies and institutes as part of its efforts to promote diversified industrial development.

For example, the East Money Information Co, a Chinese financial and stock

information provider, has planned to set up a financial technology research institute in the area. It aims to provide efficient financial technology services for enterprises in Jiading New City.

According to company officials, the overall project is expected to be completed and put into use in the first half of 2024.

In a separate agreement, a measurement and testing

center for the city's hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, or e-cars, will be established in Jiading New City as the district continues to develop the automobile industry as its major growth engine.

The center will offer comprehensive testing and efficient assessment services for automotive companies, to solve related problems encountered in the early stages of development and to break through the technology bottleneck that restricts industry development.

With a planned area of around 160 square kilometers, Jiading New City aims to generate an annual output of 1 trillion yuan (US\$148.1 billion) by 2025.

The annual GDP of the entire district in northwest Shanghai will reach 360 billion yuan.

Shanghai announced plans to develop five new cities last January as part of its strategy to solve the problem of unbalanced development and further enhance the competitiveness of the metropolis.

## Company's summer classes keep workers and kids happy

### Liang Shuang and Qian Tong

MORE than 20 kids have joined a summer class at the Shanghai Yingda Air Conditioning Equipment Co in the Jiading Industrial Park since July 1.

The two-month summer class has been held for 10 consecutive years at the company, allowing parents who work for the company to continue working without having to worry about their kids during the 2-month school vacation.

At the first class, Sheng Ge, an official from Zhujiqiao Village where most of the employees of the company live, gave instructions on safety. Ten years ago, it was also Sheng who gave the safety tips at the first session of the summer class.

"At that time, a lot of employees of the company came from outside town. They rented houses at Zhujiqiao Village," Sheng said.

"During the summer vacation, kids would come to town to live with their parents. But in the day, some kids had



Two kids read a book together in the summer class. — Liang Shuang

to stay alone at home while their parents were working in the company," Sheng said.

In 2013, the company set up a daytime nursery for the migrant workers and their kids. More than 20 kids joined the summer class that year. With the summer class, the connection between the enterprise and the employees has become closer and the employees have a stronger sense of belonging, according to Yao Yun, chairman of the labor union at

the company.

The summer class started in July as before despite the pandemic resurgence. It opened smoothly after preparations of the venue, personnel and study supplies.

The operator of the summer class arranges daily temperature checking and regular nucleic acid testing for children, and see to it that the children and employees have meals at different times to cope with the situation during the pandemic.

## Jiading signs US\$2.9 billion worth of deals

### Yu Chao and Qian Tong

JIADING District signed agreements on 20 projects worth 19.5 billion yuan (US\$2.91 billion) on June 28.

The 20 initiatives span important industry sectors like new materials, intelligent manufacturing, intelligent sensors, energy conservation and automobiles.

One of them is Autoliv (Shanghai) Management Co Ltd, the top provider of automobile safety systems in the world.

The combined output value of the 20 projects is expected to reach 14.85 billion yuan, with a tax revenue totaling 970 million yuan.

There will be other initiatives, events and activities to promote investment in the district, including online signing ceremonies and a conference on innovations jointly hosted by Jiading along with Kunshan and Taicang in neighboring Jiangsu Province.