

Forum on medical industrial cluster

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THE China High-End Medical Industrial Cluster Innovative Cooperation Forum was held in Jiading District on September 26.

Zheng Hong, director of the Center for International Economic and Technological Cooperation, under the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT); Lu Fangzhou, Party secretary of Jiading; and Ning Guang, president of Ruijin Hospital, attended the forum.

Zheng said China's medical equipment industry has achieved rapid development in recent years. The market scale has expanded fast, and a number of cooperative and distinctive industrial clusters have been formed.

Lu pointed out that Jiading currently takes the health and medical industry as an important goal, and high-performance medical equipment and precision medicine as the main industrial development direction.

Leading companies

The district is constantly making greater efforts in consolidating the foundation of innovation and cultivating leading companies, Lu added, hoping that experts would give full play to their professional advantages in their respective fields to drive more new technologies and products of the medical industry to be developed in Jiading.

The district Party secretary also warmly welcomed more outstanding companies and entrepreneurs to invest in the district and together build a good ecology of the high-end medical industry.

The district government will do its best to ensure all-round service, he promised.

Meanwhile, Ruijin Hospital signed strategic cooperation agreements with Shanghai Electric Group, Philips Health Technology, Shanghai United Imaging Healthcare Surgical Technology Co and MicroPort Investment Holding at the forum.

The MIIT's Center for International Economic and Technological Cooperation also signed strategic cooperation agreements with Jiading's Malu Town and the Shanghai Industry and Information Industry Merger and Acquisition Association to jointly build Shanghai Ruijin-Jiading New City High-end Medical Equipment Industrial Park.

North Hongqiao Business District pushes transport hub construction



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THE North Hongqiao Business District started a new journey last year to fully integrate, serve and promote the construction of the Hongqiao international transport hub.

Over the past year, the North Hongqiao Business District has added 7,465 enterprises, 97 projects with an investment amount of more than 100 million yuan (US\$13.85 million), 30 headquarters projects, and 390 key industrial projects. At present, there are 22,141 enterprises in the district.

In February 2021, the State Council, or China's Cabinet, approved the overall construction plan for the Hongqiao international transport hub, and suburban Jiading District was included in the north expansion

zone of the hub, with Jiangqiao Town part of the core area.

So far, a large number of high-quality projects have been introduced to accelerate industrial development and urban renewal of the area. The district will start the transfer of land plots designated for research and development (R&D) facilities and commercial properties with a total floor area of 1.133 million square meters and five projects will realize land transfer within the year.

The district focuses on supporting and cultivating the medical industry as a strategic emerging sector while bringing together a group of leading medical device enterprises, represented by Shanghai Kindly Medical Instruments Co, and establishing a doctor innovation platform and an animal experiment research center.

Meanwhile, among the 390 new key industrial projects, there are 129 "new four modernizations" (electrification, IoT, intellectualization and sharing) automobile projects, 156 online new economy projects, 45 high-performance medical equipment and precision medical projects, and 60 intelligent sensor and Internet of Things projects.

According to the industrial plan of the district, it is estimated that by 2025, the annual growth rate of tax revenue will be 30 percent, the output value of strategic emerging industries will account for more than 35 percent, the number of corporate headquarters and functional institutions will exceed 20, and the annual growth rate of total output of the online new economy will exceed 15 percent.

Canadian power giant signs up to settle in Anting

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BALLARD Power Systems, a Canadian manufacturing giant, recently signed an investment agreement with Anting Town of Jiading District.

According to the agreement, Ballard Power Systems will establish a China headquarters, a membrane electrode manufacturing plant and a research and development center in the suburban district. It plans to invest about US\$130 million in the next three years.

During the signing ceremony for Ballard Power Systems to settle in Jiading Hydrogen Park, Lu Fangzhou, district Party secretary, said that friendship, culture and localization

100 billion

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are the principles that should be upheld.

From January to August this year, the output value of the "new four modernizations" automobile industry in Jiading increased 41.3 percent year on year, demonstrating the resilience of the district's economic development, he pointed out.

Jiading will strive to achieve a total output of hydrogen energy and fuel

cell vehicles worth more than 100 billion yuan (US\$13.85 billion) by 2025. The district will provide the best business environment, the best government services, and fully support Ballard's development in China, according to Lu.

The project is expected to be put into operation in 2025. After reaching production capacity, the Jiading plant's annual output of membrane electrodes will reach 13 million pieces, which is equivalent to providing membrane electrodes for about 20,000 modules every year.

At the same time, the plant will be able to assemble 600 modules every year in the future to support the production and sales of Ballard modules in China's rail, ship and fixed equipment markets.