

Jiading delivers on its promise to provide affordable housing

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A TOTAL of 2,827 affordable rental housing units will be delivered this year in suburban Jiading District, with more than 70 percent ready to accommodate tenants, the district's housing administration bureau said.

Between January and March, 2,082 units were released into the local market, accounting for 73.6 percent of the district's annual target, demonstrating Jiading's commitment to easing the housing difficulties of certain groups and meeting people's aspirations for a better life.

Lefull, a two-tower, 485-key

refurbished project from a non-residential development on Caoan Highway in Jiangqiao Town, was ready in October last year.

According to Manager Zhang Jian, about 100 rooms in Tower A, which opened in March, are occupied right now. The project features three room types starting at 30 square meters.

Located near the Lexiu Road Station of Metro Line 14, Lefull costs renters between 2,613 yuan (US\$375) and 3,600 yuan per month, a comparatively affordable price range when compared to similar developments in downtown areas.

In addition to refurbished

properties, Jiading has increased its focus on developing new inexpensive rental housing communities.

Jiahe Xinyuan, located near the intersection of Shuangding and Hezuo roads, will be ready to welcome its first wave of residents in June.

The six-building project, comprising of 1,120 units ranging from 51 to 124 square meters and spanning across one to four bedrooms, will be able to meet the needs of both individual clients and families.

Each unit of housing is equipped with a separate kitchen and bathroom, as well as a dining table set, sofa, bed and wardrobe.

Baby House project expands to residential complexes

Yin Qinqin, Liu Yijian and Miao Zhenyang

JIADING'S Baby House project, which provides daycare for children under the age of three, has expanded to residential complexes with the launch of one such facility in Anting Town last month.

Earlier this year, Shanghai launched the Baby House pilot project, which provides "embedded" childcare services in existing venues to ease the lives of dual-income households.

While Baby Houses are primarily intended to relieve the difficulties of working parents and grandparents, they could also be an excellent place for toddlers to become acquainted with and better prepared for their approaching kindergarten lives.

"Kids can play together and learn socializing with peers at the same time," remarked a woman surnamed Shen, whose child will start primary school in September.

"In addition, they will be taught some basic behavioral norms."

The Baby House in Anting, which is operated by an authorized third-party institution, has certified childcare staff and caregivers, as well as designated living and gaming spaces.

Jiading has announced that it will add 15 Baby Houses across the district this year.

It will leverage its public service resources to include more childcare services in places such as neighborhood centers and senior centers, in order to create a 15-minute childcare service circle.

Students get a taste of making grape-scented tea



The fourth-grade students of Malu Elementary School show off the tea balls they made using grape buds during an activity held last month at the Malu Grape Park. — Yuan Yue

Home Study's first outlet in cultural relic venue

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HOME Study, a community culture brand established in 2017 in Jiading District, opened its first outlet at a cultural relic venue last month in Jiading Industrial Zone, signaling the most recent attempt by local authorities to explore novel approaches to safeguarding and making use of cultural relics.

The former residence of Yin Yougui, who was the younger brother of Yin Youmo — one of Jiading's early entrepreneurs, is situated at 282 Nanxin Road and covers an area of 409 square meters. It was renovated last year, keeping many of the

structure's original architectural features, including the entrance hall, the door of etiquette between the front yard and main hall, and the courtyard.

The residence-turned-Home Study, built during the early Republic of China (1912-1949) period, features the traditional Jiangnan (the areas south of the lower reaches of the Yangtze River) style.

It is furnished with a collection of about 2,000 books in three main categories: publishing and printing, historical and ancient architecture, and traditional intangible cultural heritage.

"This Home Study focuses on the

theme of printing, and both the district and town-level libraries will provide relevant books," according to Zhu Yajun, director of Jiading Industrial Zone's culture and sports service center.

"Additionally, we have placed QR codes throughout the Yin family homes, so that visitors can gain a deeper appreciation of the history of the place and learn more about traditional Chinese architecture by scanning the codes."

The Home Study will organize activities related to topics such as books, printing, tea, and traditional Chinese opera, in keeping with the architectural style of the property.



The former residence of Yin Yougui has been transformed into a Home Study for residents. — Zhou Yulin

Since 2017, 30 Home Study outlets have opened across Jiading District as an extension of public libraries for the benefit of local residents.