

SAIC Volkswagen marks 27 million vehicles from Anting factory

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SAIC Volkswagen's 27 millionth vehicle — the 2024 all-new Fjord Blue ID.3 — rolled off the production line on November 27 at the SAIC Volkswagen Anting factory, making SAIC Volkswagen the first passenger car enterprise in China to reach cumulative production of 27 million vehicles.

In January of this year, ID.3 was the 26 millionth car produced by SAIC Volkswagen, and the 27 millionth vehicle was again the ID.3, demonstrating SAIC Volkswagen's commitment to electric vehicles.

In the second half of this year, ID.3 started a pure electric whirlwind at the price of 125,900 yuan (US\$17,645), and drove the ID. series' sales to exceed 10,000 units for four consecutive months, with 15,060 units sold in October alone, a year-on-year increase of 192 percent and also a new record in monthly delivery.

The ID. series has, until now, registered cumulative sales of over 180,000 vehicles, consistently ranking first in the joint venture new-energy market. SAIC Volkswagen also plans to launch ID.Next and other products, continuously optimizing the ID. series product matrix.

In addition to continuous innovation in products and services, SAIC Volkswagen has taken the initiative in recent years to interact with car owners and establish a warm connection with them.

This year, SAIC Volkswagen launched a series of creative activities such as "ID.Low Carbon Journey," "ID.Run Running Together," and "ID. Carnival," to advocate sustainable lifestyles among car owners.

MAX Science and Technology Park opens in Jiangqiao Town

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THE MAX Science and Technology Park opened in Jiangqiao Town on November 20.

Tasked with the main functions of "headquarters plus R&D center," the park will focus on international healthcare, smart healthcare, artificial intelligence and the exhibition economy. It will also feature a series of research institutes to fully leverage the advantages of North Hongqiao's location, talent and resources, create an emerging industry headquarters cluster, and become a new calling card of North Hongqiao's influential headquarters economy.

With investment of about 300 million yuan (US\$42.1 million) and a construction area of 33,600 square meters, the park plans to construct two research and development

office headquarters equipped with industrial support facilities such as a sunken commercial square and a multimedia conference center.

Thirty-nine percent of the space in the park has been leased out and cooperation intents have been agreed with many businesses. About 20 companies have settled in the park.

The park aims at introducing company headquarters in industries such as biopharmaceuticals, new energy, new materials, and smart manufacturing, providing an international communication platform for enterprises and talented people, and attracting even more startups and innovations.

Several biopharmaceutical companies have already expressed interest in establishing headquarters in the park, which is offering assistance to facilitate the process.

As one of the "dual engines" for the construction of a modern new town in Jiading, North Hongqiao Business District has focused on benchmark projects and attracting investment.

The Hongqiao Xinhui Headquarters Bay, where the MAX Science and Technology Park is located, covers a total area of 19 hectares and has a gross floor area of about 370,000 square meters. It consists of 23 plots and will be developed and constructed in three phases.

"At present, the Xinhui headquarters bay has gathered 13 industry-leading firms. In the future, we will introduce more innovation and headquarters economy enterprises to inject a continuous stream of new momentum into the development of North Hongqiao Business District," said Zhao Huilian, deputy head of Jiangqiao Town.



The MAX Science and Technology Park opened in Jiading's Jiangqiao Town on November 20. — Li Huacheng

Sci-tech innovation community seeks global support

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THE Lingang Jiading Science and Technology City plans to collaborate with various parties to jointly create an international science and technology innovation industry community.

The Lingang Jiading Science and Technology City is located in the core area of the Shanghai Hongqiao International Open Hub, with a planned area of some 2.75 square kilometers.



The science and technology city focuses on "Life and Technology," and adheres to the concept of green and

low-carbon development. The first phase is under construction and expected to be completed by 2024.

An artistic rendition of the Lingang Jiading Science and Technology City.

"Our initial phase covers an area of 5.2 hectares, with an estimated total construction area of about 230,000 square meters," said Yang Cheng, deputy director of the industrial development department of Shanghai Lingang Jiading Science and Technology City Economic Development Co Ltd.

"The project will see structural topping-out by the end of this year and it is set to be completed and delivered in

September next year. Overall capacity building area will be around 156,000 square meters above ground, and we plan to introduce more than 150 enterprises and over 3,000 industrial professionals," Yang said.

At present, the science and technology city has designed three incubators and a public service platform for the three key industries of smart manufacturing, life and health, and an online new economy.