

# Jiading makes solid progress in building modern 'new city'

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JIADING District witnessed solid progress in building a modern "new city" over the past five years, with strong momentum in innovation, industry and urban development, a press conference heard earlier this month.

Positioned as Shanghai's north-western gateway, Jiading is home to the city's intelligent vehicle hub, a key component of the Shanghai international science and technology innovation center, and part of the core area of the Hongqiao International Open Hub.

With a solid industrial base, strong innovation capacity and a rich cultural and ecological environment, the suburban district has accelerated transformation into a benchmark for high-quality development.

Jiading's fixed asset investment surpassed 300 billion yuan (US\$42 billion) during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), exceeding the target by more than 50 billion yuan.

The above-scale automobile industry achieved over 300 billion yuan in industrial output, consolidating Jiading's position as China's premier



automotive innovation base.

"Emerging sectors such as smart vehicles, integrated circuits and biomedicine have become new engines of development in Jiading, growing at an average annual rate of 13.8 percent, with total output reaching 360.3 billion yuan in 2024," Xiao Wengao, Party secretary of the district, said during the press conference.

"Future industries such as low-altitude economy have also

achieved accelerated development in Jiading."

Jiading's innovation ecosystem continues to gain strength, with R&D expenditure at 6.22 percent of GDP, ranking among the city's highest.

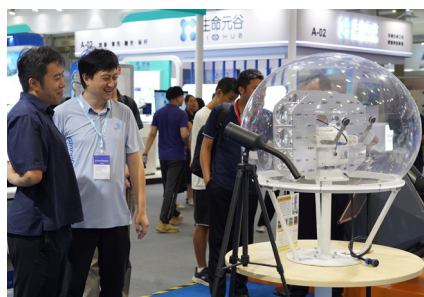
The district is home to 2,578 high-tech enterprises, 1,343 specialized and innovative small and medium-sized enterprises as well as 36 listed companies.

## Tech fair highlights regional innovation

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THE three-day 8th Scientific Technology Fair for the Yangtze River Delta Region held in Jiading District recently showcased about 1,000 cutting-edge scientific and technological achievements, becoming a window and test field for scientific and technological innovation in the region.

With over 150 universities and research institutes, tech enterprises and platform organizations participating in offline exhibitions, 100 representatives from 41 core cities in the region and 6,000 visitors, the



Visitors admire latest technology at the science and tech fair. — Yu Chao

fair boosted regional integration and industrial innovation.

Focusing on future industrial tracks, industrial achievements in embodied intelligence, large AI

models, low-altitude economy and life sciences were collectively presented at the fair.

Shurui Robot demonstrated surgical-level, precise human-machine collaborative operations. Humanoid robots performed interactively on site, and intelligent motorcycles that can accompany morning runs outlined a new vision for future travel.

These scenarios showed that embodied intelligence is rapidly moving from laboratories to practical applications, demonstrating broad potential for implementation, experts said.

## Jiading is ramping up its commitment to talent

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THE 2025 Shanghai Jiading Elite Talent Innovation and Entrepreneurship Week and the 4th Yangtze River Delta Young Scientists Forum were held recently, as the district strives to develop a hub of talent.

Jiading has increased investment in talent work, implemented a slew

of new talent policies and made every effort to optimize its talent service system and talent development ecosystem, officials said.

The influx of exceptional talent to Jiading has resulted in the number reaching nearly 400,000.

The number of high-level overseas talent at both national and municipal levels, has ranked among the

highest in Shanghai.

The Yangtze River Delta sci-tech innovation partner initiative was launched during the event to build a talent community.

The "14th Five-Year Plan" talent apartment map of Jiading was also released, featuring 34 projects and more than 16,000 talent apartments launched from 2021-2025.

## AI alliance of govt, industry reps set up

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THE "2025 Integration Between Industry and Education — Intelligence Empowers the Future" conference was held recently.

A domestic large-scale general commercial-grade CAE simulation platform was released at the event.

The AI + Industrial Software Alliance was established, bringing together representatives from government, industry, academia, research and application sectors to conduct collaborative research. Academician Zhang Tongyi was appointed as the honorary chairman of the alliance.

Industrial digitalization projects were signed with six enterprises to settle in Jiading Industrial Zone and Shanghai University Jiading Science and Technology Park.

Many of these projects originated from research conducted at Shanghai University, as well as innovative business ideas from its graduates. This demonstrated the strong collaboration between the university and the government in transforming technology into tangible products and fostering business connections.

## Autos evolve into 'future mobile spaces'

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THE International Intelligent Mobility Design Conference 2025 and various supporting activities took place at the Shanghai International Automobile City in Jading District on October 24 and 25.

About 320 experts, scholars and designers engaged in forums and salons, delivering keynote speeches and sharing insights.

Automobiles, once ordinary means of transportation and manufacturing products, are now evolving into "future mobile spaces," requiring engineers and designers to pursue excellence in product technology and quality, said Zhang Lijun, Party secretary of the School of Automotive Studies at Tongji University.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai Intelligent Mobility Design Valley Innovation Hub began operations following the conference. The hub blends conference, cultural and creative activity, and technology product exhibition functions, and houses China's first automotive CMF (color, material, finishing) exhibition center.