

# Millennial Ginkgo Garden closes for major renovation

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THE Shanghai Millennial Ginkgo Garden (Ancient Tree Park), home to the city's iconic "No. 0001" ancient ginkgo tree, has closed for a comprehensive renovation and is currently undergoing upgrades.

The park is now under full closure management. Construction of building foundations and perimeter walls is largely complete, with the overall structure beginning to take shape and all projects progressing in an orderly manner.

According to Yuan Chunlei from the Park and Green Space Section of the Jiading District Landscaping Management Office, the renovation project began in August this year and is expected to be completed by the end of March next year.

The upgrades include adjusting the park layout, strengthening ancient tree protection, and constructing new recreation, service and management buildings.

The renovation will not only provide more systematic protection for the "No. 0001" ancient ginkgo but also create more diverse viewing angles and ample rest areas for visitors.

The design draws inspiration from "Du Fu's Poems in 100 Paintings," an album by modern Jiading artist Lu Yanshao.

The park will focus on "Tang Dynasty elegance and poetic landscaping" and will have eight themed attractions divided into three areas: ancient tree viewing, cultural experiences and leisure activities, all designed to create a garden where "poetry is in the painting, and painting is in the scenery."

For the "No. 0001" ancient ginkgo, the project has not only expanded the tree's protection area but also added infrared protection devices to enable round-the-clock monitoring of its growing environment.

In terms of service functions and landscape enhancement, the park will add approximately 800 square meters of recreation and service buildings, including a visitor center and a ginkgo science and cultural creation space.



Artist's rendering of the Shanghai Millennial Ginkgo Garden after renovation — Ti Gong

# Shanghai Digital Auto Park launches 2025 ESG Drive

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SHANGHAI Digital Auto Park recently launched its 2025 ESG (environmental, social and governance) initiative, transforming abstract ESG concepts into observable, tangible and practical experiences through live drills and knowledge-sharing sessions.

ESG, a framework for assessing corporate sustainability and social responsibility, helps companies optimize governance, improve energy efficiency and ensure production safety and employee well-being, directly reducing costs, enhancing efficiency and mitigating operational and regulatory risks.

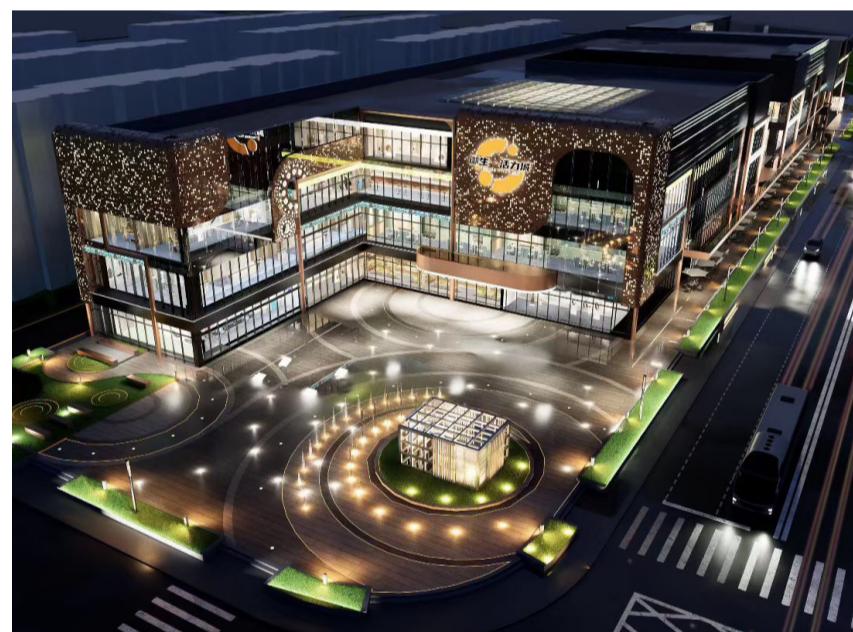
On November 18, ZF Automotive Systems Electronics Plant conducted an innovative live drill simulating responses to hazardous chemical leaks and sudden fires in its smart factory.

By creating a smart safety management system that allows people and machines to work together and understand all situations, along with a smart low-carbon management system and projects like reusing wastewater and upgrading technology for activated carbon tanks, the plant has saved 2,000 MWh of electricity each year and cut carbon emissions by more than 2,700 tons. These efforts led to its

recognition as a 2025 Outstanding Smart Factory.

During the event, the Smart Factory ESG Alliance was established, with 19 smart factories, including ZF, Aptiv, Fuyao Group and Shanghai Huizhong, participating as founding members. The alliance aims to address systemic sustainability challenges by sharing best practices and fostering collaborative technological innovation.

To date, Shanghai Digital Auto Park has organized nearly 20 training sessions on environmental protection and safety this year, supporting enterprises in building "green factory" capabilities.



Artist's rendering of the Yusheng Vitality City — Ti Gong

## Vitality City integrates shopping and leisure

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THE commercial revitalization project for Yusheng Vitality City has commenced on Hewang Road in Jiangqiao Town, Jiading District.

With a total commercial area of around 20,000 square meters, the project is positioned as a composite consumption space integrating shopping, leisure and social interaction, and is expected to open next year.

Guided by the core concept of "socialization + lifestyle," the project focuses on delivering high-end social experiences and refined living scenarios.

It is strategically planned around four key functional zones: Sports, Social, Dining and Daily Life,

aiming to create a vibrant urban hub for round-the-clock, highly interactive activities.

The project is set to serve a surrounding residential population of over 100,000 people, greatly enhancing daily convenience for residents while also injecting new vitality into the district's commercial landscape.

With the addition of the project, the commercial cluster effect along Hewang Road will continue to strengthen.

It will join forces with the AKD Luxury Car Plaza, Mark Time Community Commercial Complex and the Jiangqiao Wanda Plaza to form a synergistic commercial matrix at the heart of South Jiangqiao's core business district.

## Carnival encourages learning skills

**Xu Fang and Huang Xiangyu**

THE 2025 Jiading District Student Labor Education Carnival, themed "Labor Creates a Better Life," was recently held at the Shanghai Zhiyao Ecological Agriculture Base. Students from various kindergartens, primary and secondary schools gathered to demonstrate their skills in real-life labor scenarios.

At the exhibition booths, students showcased their handmade pumpkin knowledge boards, featuring detailed illustrations and explanations that highlight the outcomes of their labor education courses.

The daily life labor demonstration area was particularly lively. Amid the sizzle of woks and the aroma of freshly cooked dishes, plates of flavorful home-style stir-fries were served. Meanwhile, other students skillfully organized cluttered spaces.

These vibrant practices reflect Jiading's five-year commitment to advancing labor education. Over the past half-decade, the district has released over 150 high-quality shared labor education courses, establishing a three-tier curriculum system that includes foundational, characteristic and innovative programs.

The district has established 64 student labor education practice bases and 110 off-campus practice bases to enhance experiential learning.