



The artificial Jinhai Lake and the Fengxian Museum by the lake have been new attractions in Fengxian New City. — Ti Gong

Shanghai steps up pace to ready five 'new cities' for investment

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Shanghai's ambitious plan to build five "new cities" in suburban areas will be accelerated as more facilities with key functions are put into use, making the locations better equipped for investment.

The five "new cities" are respectively in Jiading, Qingpu, Songjiang and Fengxian districts as well as Nanhui in the Pudong New Area.

Jiading New City

Jiading New City has made "city-industry integration" a top priority since the beginning of this new round of development. It is making efforts to promote diversified industrial development, and building a modern industrial system in line with the actual needs of the "new city."

As an example, the East Money Information Co, a Chinese financial and stock information provider, has planned to set up a financial technology research institute in the area. It aims to help Jiading New City build a

new "highland" of sci-tech innovation, said Chen Kai, vice general manager of East Money Securities.

The project was officially launched on April 30, 2021, and construction of the second-floor underground is currently under way. The overall project is expected to be completed and put into use in the first half of 2024, Chen said.

Meanwhile, as a center of Shanghai's automobile industry, Jiading is focusing on the carbon dioxide emissions peak and carbon neutrality and galvanizing the development of hydrogen fuel cell vehicle technology.

Take Shanghai Motor Vehicle Inspection Certification & Tech Innovation Center Co for instance. It was officially approved in May to establish a measurement and testing center for the city's hydrogen fuel cell vehicle industry.

It will offer comprehensive testing and professional metrological services in the automotive industry, aiming to solve related problems encountered in the early stage of development of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, and to break through the technology bottleneck that restricts industry development.

Qingpu New City

As a key project in Qingpu, Fudan University is setting up an integrated innovation center in which it will establish institutes for integrated circuits, micro- and nano-electronics, computing, biomedical engineering, intelligent robotics and advanced manufacturing.

A number of new engineering research platforms will also be laid out to study cutting-edge technologies in key fields such as communication and information engineering, aerospace and complex systems engineering, according to Wu Libo, director of Fudan's development and planning office.

The center will help fill the gap in Qingpu's higher education resources, and can also give full play to Fudan's Qingpu campus in supporting integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta region.

TCL Electronics Holdings, meanwhile, revealed a new two-phase project in the district with a total investment of about 3 billion yuan (US\$447 million). It plans

to build a production and R&D cluster of electronic information and semiconductor materials, which will gather and support upstream and downstream enterprises in the industrial chains of TCL Technology and TCL Industries.

TCL will set up a new 102.8 mu (6.9 hectares) campus with an investment of 1 billion yuan in the first phase, the company revealed.

Also, the China Railway No. 4 Engineering Group plans to set up its headquarters in the central business district of Qingpu New City, hoping to serve as a seedbed for high-quality development.

Songjiang New City

In Songjiang District, brand-new school buildings have been erected for the Songjiang Future Experimental School affiliated to Shanghai Normal University, of which overall construction has entered the final stage.

It will be a new public school covering the education of nine grades in primary and middle schools, with six classes