



A bird's-eye view of the Tesla Gigafactory in Shanghai in August 2022. — IC

# City Party chief discusses future green collaboration with Musk

**T**esla CEO Elon Musk met with Chen Jining, the Party Secretary of Shanghai, last week, to discuss the expansion of Tesla's operations in China and the progress of its new energy vehicle and storage businesses.

At the meeting, Chen stated that Shanghai is committed to creating a market-oriented business environment that is compatible with international economic and trade standards.

He suggested that Shanghai will continue to provide a stable, efficient and convenient service policy for global companies to invest and develop in the city.

In response, Musk expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome Tesla has received from Shanghai and for the success of the Tesla



Shanghai Party chief Chen Jining (right) shakes hands with Tesla CEO Elon Musk. — Chen Zhengbao

Gigafactory in the city.

Chen also discussed potential opportunities for Tesla to expand in Shanghai's low-carbon economy, developing new green products and

technologies that would meet new market demands.

They expressed their hope that Tesla will continue to deepen cooperation with the city, as it moves towards

becoming a green, sustainable and modern metropolis.

During the meeting, Musk and the officials also discussed topics such as technological innovation, environmental protection and sustainable development.

Earlier in the day, Musk visited the Tesla Shanghai Gigafactory, and lauded the plant for its production efficiency and quality.

Musk congratulated the Chinese team for their amazing work and the "positive energy of getting things done."

"It's been incredibly impressive how you have been able to overcome so many difficulties and so many challenges.

"Throughout the world, the cars we produce here are not just the most efficient reproduction, but also the highest quality," Musk added.

Shanghai Gigafactory was

viewed as a "role model" for Tesla's other factories across the world, as Gigafactories in Berlin and Texas, which were opened last year, are "replicating" its efficiency and industrial influence on a global scale.

Tesla's Shanghai plant delivered 710,000 vehicles in 2022, an increase of 48 percent from 2021.

Set up in 2019, the Shanghai plant is Tesla's first Gigafactory outside the United States.

The United States carmaker announced in April that it will build a new mega factory in Shanghai, which will be dedicated to manufacturing the company's energy-storage product Megapack.

The new plant is scheduled to break ground in the third quarter of this year and start production in the second quarter of 2024.

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