# SHANGHAI NOW

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Visitors enjoy food and art shows at the Romantic Shanghai Night event at Sinan Mansions last weekend. — Ti Gong

# Nightlife party at historical mansions

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SHANGHAI launched its annual nightlife event at the historical Sinan Mansions in Huangpu District last weekend as part of the city's Double Six Nightlife Festival.

The Romantic Shanghai Night features a food carnival, a culture market and art exhibitions at the mansions.

They are the only wholly preserved historical garden villa complex in downtown Shanghai with more than 50 historic villas of various styles. The event also includes pop-up restaurants, celebrity chefs, popular bars, food stalls and an eco-farm to offer a diverse dining experience. Five popular restaurants and brands will offer street food, while eight top chefs will present a mix of street flavors. The eco-farm focuses on the promotion of green living, sharing farm stories, and offering fresh produce.

The second Shanghai Cultural Trade Market features 14 companies in games, sports, tourism, culture, publishing and animation. Notable participants are MiHoYo, JUSS INTELLISPORTS and the Shanghai eSports Association. The event offers experiences like racing simulators, creative product displays, and free AI-generated photo printing.

The Sinan Time Zone Gallery will showcase new media art by young artists, who use digital imaging to depict emotions and daily life.

The night party will continue throughout June. Upcoming events include Dragon Boat Festival music performances, new exhibitions and a summer music festival.

## Time hails Chinese firms for influence

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TIME magazine's latest rankings have given credit to seven leading Chinese companies for their influential role in business innovation.

With Baidu, BYD, Huawei, Xiaomi, PDD, Transsion and Envision Group on the list, the publisher said the listing offers an argument for what business influence looks like in 2024 rather than being an index of business success.

Baidu is the only entry in the "Leaders" section, with Time praising its long-term research efforts in Chinese-language chatbot and driverless cars.

TIME also noted that Baidu is one of the few tech players worldwide to offer developers a full AI stack, including software, chips, cloud servers, foundation models and apps, making it a one-stop shop.

Others in the Leaders section include Toyota, ThyssenKrupp, BMW and United Airlines.

The 100 most influential companies fall into four categories — Leaders, Disruptors, Innovators and Titans — and include household names such as Amazon, BlackRock, AMD as well as sports club Inter Milan.

Xiaomi also made it to the Disrupters list thanks to its latest push into electric vehicles, joining PDD Holdings, which is behind Temu's rise.

Huawei, Google and AMD are side by side in the Innovator section.



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