



Left: The Songjiang District Administrative Service Center reopens.

Above: A sanitation worker disinfects a tram car. — Photos by Jiang Huihui, Cai Bin and Gao Yu

After Shanghai lifted its citywide lockdown, Songjiang is on the path to return to normal, with schools resuming classes for some students, tourist sites reopening, residents getting back to their daily routine and companies and industrial parks returning to healthy operations.

## Life, work springing back to normal

### Staff Reporters

With Shanghai lifting its citywide COVID-19 pandemic lockdown on June 1, residents of Songjiang started their outdoor activities while paying attention to personal protection.

Traffic and human flow became dense through the gate of He Jing Tian Yue residential area of the Songjiang's Guangfulin Subdistrict. Residents went out for work and construction workers returned to the neighborhood to resume their work. Property management staff set up a desk and sent them each a cup of free warm soybean milk.

Around the entrance of the suburban district's Zhaoshang Wet Market, residents queued up, maintaining a distance of 2 meters from each other. They scanned the venue code and registered through the digital sentinel, an all-in-one machine for health code scanning, ID verification and temperature check, before entering the market. Some of them went shopping for fresh meat to make *zongzi*, glutinous rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo or reed

leaves for the Dragon Boat Festival holiday.

"It's our first day of operation since the lockdown was lifted, and above 80 percent of vendors have resumed work," said Chen Hongqiang, chief of the wet market. "We disinfect the market twice a day and provide the venue code and the digital sentinel for pandemic prevention."

At You Mi Restaurant in Pujiang River Source Scenic Spot of the district's Shihudang Town, a dozen workers returned early in the morning. The chefs were cooking a pot of bean curd soup and some workers were making *zongzi*, which they intended to send to the village's elders as a Dragon Boat Festival gift. As the number of tourists grows, the restaurant is becoming busy like before.

"As the restaurant still doesn't offer dining-in service, customers can order food through our WeChat applet. The restaurant is thinking about developing more dishes," said Chen Jian, general manager of Shanghai Sierteng Nanxiaojiang Catering Management Co to which the restaurant is affiliated.

At a traffic monitoring center of the Songjiang Public Security Bureau, Wu Chenwei, a public security officer, was supervising traffic flow.

"Traffic peak in the morning occurred at around 8am," said Wu. "Traffic flow has returned to 50



People shop at a local wet market.

percent of normal in downtown Songjiang today."

While neighborhoods and scenic spots are returning to normal, industrial parks and companies are also functioning vigorously.

Tian Ye, a Shanghai resident who lives in Putuo District and works in Lingang Songjiang Science and Technology City, resumed work at Prismlab on June 1.

"Everything about the company is back to normal," according to Tian, who had been working from home since April.

"Supported by the industrial park and district officials, we've resumed work for 41 days. Our performance in May rose by 30 percent year-on-

year," said Hou Feng, chairman of Prismlab.

The majority of the more than 2,000 companies and about 20,000 workers of Lingang Songjiang Science and Technology City have resumed work so far.

Some small- and medium-sized companies are on track of regaining normalcy, too.

At Shanghai Aike Gas Measuring and Controlling Equipment Co, technicians were restarting precision machining equipment.

"All staff members have resumed work and our sales channels and logistics have returned to normalcy," said Zhao Zhuoshi, general manager of Aike.



Left: Tourists enter the Chenshan Botanical Garden; Above: Children ride scooters at the Shanghai Yuehu Sculpture Park.

## 7 Songjiang tourist sites reopen as lockdown lifted



A black swan attracts a group of tourists at the Chenshan Botanical Garden.

### Wang Yingfei and Yang Yang

THE first batch of seven tourist sites in Songjiang District reopened in an orderly manner from June 1 following the lifting of the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. They are: Guangfulin Relics Park, Chenshan Botanical Garden, Sheshan National Forest Park, Shanghai Yuehu Sculpture Park, Fangta Park, Zuibai Pond Park and Pujiang River Source Scenic Spot.

At 8:45am on June 1, about 40 tourists, mostly parents with children, queued up outside the No. 1 Gate of Chenshan Botanical Garden.

"Today is International Children's Day, so I thought of taking my child closer to nature," said Ding Yuehong, one of the visitors.

Inside the botanical garden, Chinese roses were in full bloom, attracting tourists who got

busy taking photographs with their mobiles.

"Currently, the indoor greenhouse and the pit corridor are still closed as are the sightseeing vehicles, boats, and some indoor businesses," said Zhang Zhe, a senior engineer at the garden.

At Yuehu Sculpture Park, some visitors brought along their children or pets as they took a tour.

"Until the end of August, the sculpture park is offering free entry to children under the age of 14," Zhang Wei, a market manager with the park, revealed.

The park's entrance is equipped with a digital sentry — a digital device able to check tourists' health codes, identity cards and polymerase chain reaction test results simultaneously. Visitors are advised to avoid crowds and book tickets in advance online.

## Schools welcome back students as pandemic wanes

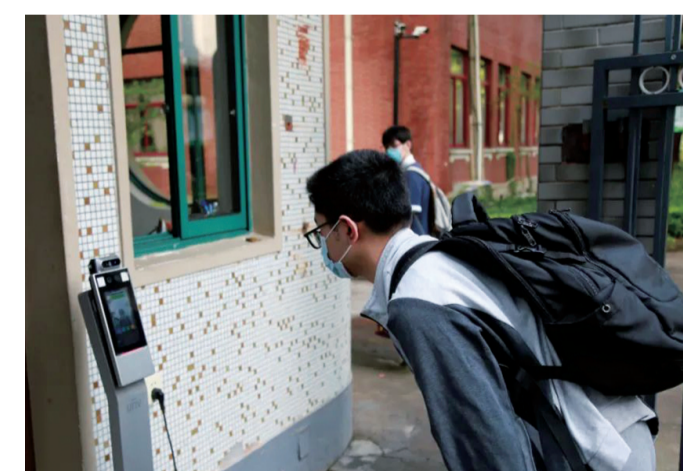
### Wang Mei and Yang Yang

JUNIOR and senior high schools in Songjiang District have taken specific pandemic prevention and control measures to resume classes for some students.

After nearly three months of stay-at-home online learning, second and third-grade students of Shanghai's senior high schools resumed classes on campus starting on June 6. Third-grade students of the city's junior high schools returned to school from June 13.

A total of 43 junior and senior high schools in the suburban district are on the school resumption list. By May 26 disinfection work had been carried out in these schools. Follow-up preparations also included detailed arrangements on studies and dining, and education on transportation safety.

"Though we don't have a large number of third-grade junior high students, our school covers a large area and disinfection work on the 10,092-square-meter floor area, including every



Disinfection is enforced before students enter their school.

corner, classroom, corridor and roads, is an enormous undertaking," said Liu Xiquan, vice principal of Wushe School in Songjiang's Maogang Town.

At Cangqiao School, grid management is adopted for the four classes of its third-grade junior high students.

The grids are separated from each

other. Students and teachers in each grid have their own classroom, dining area, toilets and assignment collection site. At the end of the day, they do polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests and leave the school at different times. School management staff, cooks and sanitation workers are in the round-the-

clock locked-down management.

Songjiang No. 2 High School relies on the venue code while carrying out temperature, antigen and PCR tests daily for its students and teachers. The school has already trained eight teachers and two canteen workers to become PCR sample collectors.