

New year kicks off with slew of development projects

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SONGJIANG is working at full capacity in the new year. Nine projects kicked off, seven were to complete, and two were put into operation on the first workday of 2023.

Shanghai Huirong Electronic Products Remanufacturing Co Ltd started the first-phase construction of its global maintenance and repair center for ICT (information and communications technology) products.

The project covers an area of about 8,000 square meters with a total investment of 200 million yuan (US\$30 million). When completed, it is estimated to have an annual output value of more than 500 million yuan, and generate a tax revenue of 14.4 million yuan for the suburban district.

The global center will offer maintenance service, testing, refurbishment and remanufacturing for high-end electronic appliances, such as computers, industrial robots, instruments, meters, monitoring equipment and others.

Other key projects broke ground on the same day. These included the eco-green packaging system of Shanghai Yangsheng Print, Shanghai Super Silicon Research Institution, Life Science Study Center of Shanghai Beyotime Biotech, the expansion project of the refrigeration house of the Tsingtao Beer, among others.

Seven projects that reached the completion stage mainly belonged to bio-tech and pharmaceutical companies. Shanghai Wanlihua Bio-tech's biological agent research center, with an investment of 200 million yuan, is estimated to produce an annual output value of more than 800 million yuan. Shanghai Titan Technology's new R&D center of biological consumables and reagents, covering 2.5 hectares, will create a yearly output value of 400 million yuan.

At the same time, a batch of projects has been put into full operation, such as the fluid and biological process system R&D and manufacturing center of Austar Group, a technology-based pharmaceutical engineering solution provider, and the first construction phase of the Shanghai CEC Information Harbor, a 3-billion-yuan investment co-launched by China Electronics Corp and China Electronics Optics Valley Union.



Shanghai CEC Information Harbor



An artist's rendition shows Line 9 crossing under the high-speed road in Songjiang's Dongjing Town when the new expressway project is completed. — Ti Gong

A new expressway to get to Songjiang from downtown

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SHANGHAI has begun construction on the Husong High-speed Road project, linking the city center and Songjiang District.

When completed by 2027, it will only take 15 minutes from Songjiang to Hongqiao International Airport and Hongqiao Railway Station, and only 30 minutes to downtown area.

The project includes a new elevated road along Husong and Songwei roads, as well as the reconstruction of many ground roads. It is expected to greatly reduce traffic jams and shorten travel time.

The expressway project runs 22.3 kilometers with a designed speed of 60-80 kilometers per hour. It

connects the overpass of Caobao Road and Jiamin Highway in the north, traverses the southern part of Yuyang Avenue and meets the S32 Expressway.

It will also include the renovations of Caobao Road, Jiamin Highway and the construction of 13 pairs of on-and-off ramps of seven roads linked to the new expressway.

The ground roads have been redesigned with six fast lanes and two slow lanes in the north of the Yuyang Avenue, eight fast lanes and two slow lanes in the avenue's south, with a designed speed of 50km/h.

As a large-scale project that involves comprehensive coordination between the railway, subway,

ground roads, high-voltage power and underground pipelines, the construction is divided into three phases — the north, south and middle sections. It's estimated to be completed by 2027.

The Husong High-speed Road project is an important part of Songjiang's strategy to be a transport hub for Shanghai's southwest, and even a portal for the Yangtze River Delta region, according to an official from the Songjiang Transportation Committee.

More high-speed roads are being planned for the future, allowing residents in Songjiang New City to get on the highway system within 10 minutes, and relieve pressure on congested ground roads.

Work begins on Line 12 western extension

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CONSTRUCTION of Metro Line 12's western extension project kicked off recently in suburban Songjiang District, which, when completed, will greatly shorten the travel time for Songjiang residents to downtown Shanghai.

The line extension is designed to cross two districts, Minhang and Songjiang. It will begin at Qixin Road, the current western terminus of Line 12 in Minhang, and stretch six more stations, to Dongjing Station in Songjiang.

Dongjing will be a transfer stop for Line 9 when the extension is finished.

The extension project is about 17.27 kilometers long, all

underground, according to Shanghai Shentong Metro Group.

With a total investment of 16 billion yuan (US\$2.36 billion), the project is scheduled to be finished by 2027. The maximum speed on the line is designated to reach 100 kilometers per hour. Among the six new stops, the largest spacing is 5.23 kilometers, and the shortest is 1.49 kilometers.

The western extension project is also carving out Songjiang's new development layout.

With the G60 Station, one of the six new stops, to be constructed at the junction of Xinzhuan and Qianfan roads, the line will traverse the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Corridor of the Yangtze River Delta region, which is home



Construction starts at the Dongjing Metro Station.

to firms in the artificial intelligence, biomedicine, integrated circuits and other industries.

At the same time, construction of new shopping hubs, commercial centers and high-end neighborhoods.