

Over 5,900 affordable rental housing delivered

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A TOTAL of 5,930 affordable rental housing units have been delivered so far this year in suburban Jiading District, far exceeding the district's annual target of 2,827 units, according to the district's housing administration bureau.

In terms of new supply, 9,434 units of affordable rental housing units have been planned, also surpassing the district's target of 9,315 units set earlier for the year.

Notably, two new projects — Jiahe Xinyuan and Chengfang Jingjia — have been released into the market.

Jiahe Xinyuan, comprising six buildings, has a total of 1,120 rooms ranging from 52 to 120 square meters and spanning across one to four bedrooms. Chengfang Jingjia, a three-building complex, has 458 keys in total with units ranging from 39 to 96 square meters and spanning from one to three bedrooms.

Both are furnished apartments equipped with a separate kitchen and bathroom, as well as a dining table set, sofa, bed and wardrobe.

Construction on more projects of this kind — one in Anting Town, three in Juyuan New Area, one each in Zhenxin and Xincheng Road subdistricts — are in full swing right now. Upon completion, some 6,600 units in total will be delivered to the market, according to the housing administration bureau.

Jiading aims to deliver a total of 23,000 affordable rental units to the market during the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025). By now, some 21,300 units have already been delivered.

'Culture loop' strings together architectural masterpieces

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A "CULTURE LOOP" that strings several architectural masterpieces in Jiading District and provides a holistic leisure option for residents and tourists is taking shape encircling Yuanxiang Lake, a vibrant green treasure of Jiading New City.

The district government released the cultural development blueprint of Jiading New City early this month, with the "culture loop" a highlight project.

The Yuanxiang Walks is being built around the green space of the lake.

The cycling or strolling trail around the lake connects urban service spaces such as ecological parks, cultural venues, contemporary architectural miniatures and sports zones.

The trail is designed to enhance the experiential functions of public culture and art, leisure and recreation, and to provide comprehensive public services.

"The 'culture loop' is the most brilliant pearl necklace of Yuanxiang Lake and it strings together 10 architectural miniatures, adding beauty to the two cultural landmarks of the district — the Jiading Library and Shanghai Poly Grand Theater," said Gu Huiwen, director of Jiading District's publicity department.

Among the 10 architectural projects, two opened



Above: The recently inaugurated Jiangnan Bookstore boasts a bright and refined interior design.



Inset: The cultural posthouse is a smart venue designed to showcase carefully selected artwork. — Photos by Li Qi

to the public on November 18.

Covering an area of 1,255 square meters, the architecture of Jiangnan Bookstore resembles a sage keeping his eyes open — a skylight design that allows ample natural light to flood into the interiors.

The bookstore will integrate traditional reading experience with coffee culture and creative events. It is set to become a new cultural landmark in Jiading, according to Gu.

The other project is

a cultural posthouse covering 482 square meters on the north bank of the lake.

When visiting the posthouse, visitors can delight in a virtual reality exhibition showcasing traditional Chinese opera, as well as an interactive digital display of paintings relating to the 108 characters from the Chinese classic novel "The Water Margin."

A few of the carefully selected works from the Han Tianheng Art Museum and the Lu Yanshao Art

Gallery have been made available through an on-line platform.

In addition, a proposed health culture center will showcase an array of sports and fitness facilities, along with sporting events and an adventureland. Cutting-edge Metaverse technologies will be implemented to create an interactive VR experience that will showcase the unique charm of the district, known for its automotive industry development.

New art museum opens in Jiading's Malu Town



An aerial view of the Jiayuanhai Art Museum

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THE Jiayuanhai Art Museum in Dayu Village, Malu Town, opened on November 20 with a modern and distinct Shanghaiese cultural flavor.

It is important to note that Tadao Ando, a well-known Japanese architect, used "originality" and "natural" as his primary design themes for the museum.

The main structure of the museum consists of two freely overlapping rectangular buildings

made of exposed concrete, presenting a natural, unadorned and rugged texture.

The reading room on the first floor offers more than 10,000 high-quality books in the fields of art, design and humanities; the coffee bar serves hand-brewed coffee and desserts. There is also a cultural and creative store.

The Tadao Ando Space in the "Hall of Light" showcases the architect's finished projects in China as well as other works. The

outdoor plaza features Ando's "Forever Young" sculpture, a green apple.

The opening exhibition is free to the public. The main exhibition hall will present "An Overview of Painting and Calligraphy in Modern Shanghai," with works by early 20th century Shanghai School masters such as Chen Peiqiu, Cheng Shifa and He Tianjian.

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