

The "China-Germany Garden" is unveiled at Tongji University's campus in suburban Jiading District, a highlight of the ongoing Sino-German Cultural Exchange Month at the school.
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First Sino-German cultural exchange month kicks off

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THE first Sino-German Cultural Exchange Month has been launched at Tongji University's Jiading campus.

Upgraded from the German Cultural Festival, about 10 activities will be held during the month, including the German Cultural Festival, the German Culture Carnival, "Studying in Germany" workshops, and face-to-face sessions with German corporate representatives.

Students from affiliated middle and primary schools with a German language background will join in. This will allow young students to participate with an open and inclusive attitude and learn about Germany's rigorous academic spirit.

Meanwhile, two practice bases unveiled at Tongji: one for German-language university history interpretation and the other for the "China-Germany Garden."

Immersive language practice

As the university nears its 118th anniversary, the establishment of the base for German-language university history interpretation offers students immersive language practice to enhance their German expression and intercultural communication skills.

After professional training and rigorous assessment, the first batch of "German interpreters of university history" were appointed.

This team of outstanding students

will use fluent German to introduce Tongji's culture to foreign guests.

Liu Mingliang, a member of the interpretation team, said: "my interest in history and German language skills inspired me to tell Tongji's story in German and convey China's voice to the world."

The "China-Germany Garden" is another key education project. Built on the lawn in front of the Jiading Branch of the University History Museum, the garden incorporates seasonal flowers and fruit trees planted by faculty and students.

Since its founding in 1907, Tongji, as a key bridge for China-Germany exchanges, has been dedicated to promoting cultural exchanges between the two countries.

Anting medical industry park's third phase to begin operation

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THE third phase of Shanghai Anting International Medical Industry Park is expected to go into operation this year.

The park along Bao'an Highway in Jiading District recently completed and obtained the property certificate. Upon activation, the park's three phases will enter a new operational stage, offering a more specialized and scaled industrial service platform for Jiading's medical innovation resources and reinforcing the suburban district's competitive edge in industrial clustering in the biomedical field.

With a total investment of 200 million yuan (US\$27.78 million), the third phase spans 13.5 *mu* (about 0.9 hectares), with a floor area of 25,000 square meters. Currently open for tenancy, it will focus on introducing headquarters projects in specific biopharmaceutical fields.

The operational two phases have already attracted high-quality projects like Juncell Therapeutics and Fosun Aitrox.

The three phases combined provide nearly 90,000 square meters of production and office space.

Magnet for enterprises

To date, the park is home to four national-level "Little Giant" firms, 24 municipal-level specialized and innovative small and medium enterprises, and 34 high-tech companies.

Last July, Anting's "Jiading District Precision Medicine Industry Cluster" was selected as one of Shanghai's special clusters for small and medium enterprises, becoming Jiading's fourth such cluster at the municipal level.

The comprehensive infrastructure is key to attracting enterprises, retaining talent, and helping businesses reduce costs and improve efficiency. Anting now has abundant commercial, transportation, educational and medical resources, as well as talent apartments.

Recently, a new centralized rental housing project near the park allocated over 2,000 units for rent. The area also plans to build a park canteen, small conference rooms, a multi-functional conference hall, underground parking lot and convenience stores and cafes.

While focusing on tenancy and infrastructure, the park is looking to enhance support for the research and development, testing, commercialization and market promotion of the region's key industries.

Tongji, Jiading join hands to build knowledge economic circle

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TONGJI University has rolled out another major initiative as it will joint Jiading District to build the "Tongji Knowledge Economy Circle in Jiading 2.0."

Tongji revealed the plan on May 25 at the "2025 Tongji-Jiading Infinite Intelligent Technology Innovation and Industrialization Conference," while Jiading announced the launch of a new round of planning for the construction of the circle.

The conference focused on fields like new energy vehicles, intelligent transportation and

artificial intelligence. It promoted the transformation of scientific and technological achievements and the cultivation of new productive forces to boost innovation-driven high-quality economic development.

The "Tongji Knowledge Economy Circle in Jiading 2.0" is expected to create an "explosion point" of innovation origination, continuously generating new quality productive forces to support regional industrial development.

The university will focus on three clusters — AI, modern transportation and equipment manufacturing. It will drive the development of

robotics, intelligent transportation and smart manufacturing industrial clusters.

Tongji will spare no effort to promote government-industry-academia-research development, according to Xiao Xiaoling, general manager of Tongji Innovation and Entrepreneurship Holdings Co Ltd and director of the Management Office of Tongji University National University Science and Technology Park.

It will build three economic circles worth 100 billion yuan (US\$13.9 billion) each in Shanghai's Yangpu, Jiading and Putuo districts.