## Big deals with JD Health, Porsche inked

### Yu Chao and Hu Min

JIADING signed two heavyweight agreements, injecting new momentum into the suburban district's development.

One of the deals was signed with JD Health International Inc, involving JD instant delivery pharmacy business and JD medicine project.

JD instant delivery pharmacy is an online-offline integrated medical retail and marketing platform under JD Health.

To further meet the demand of Shanghai users for convenient medical service and medicine purchase, relying on offline self-operated



An artist's rendition of the Porsche China R&D Center in Jiading

pharmacies and online platforms, JD Health has explored and innovated a new model of medical security service.

In 2025, it plans to set up a new drug retail chain enterprise entity and build a new medical warehouse in Shanghai, and open 105 directly-operated pharmacies, with an area of about 100 square meters for each store.

In April, it set up a drug retail enterprise in Jiading Industrial Zone, carrying out online-offline drug retail business under the business model of "self-operated pharmacy plus drug warehouse," in and around Shanghai and its surrounding areas.

Over the past 20 years, JD has laid out business segments such as retail, logistics, technology, finance, and industrial Internet in Jiading, and established more than 20 enterprises.

JD regards health as the core segment of the group's business expansion and innovative development, which highly coincides with Jiading's key industrial layout.

Meanwhile, Porsche China R&D Center project agreement was also signed, marking a historic upgrade of Porsche's R&D system in China and a new stage of its localization and innovation strategy, which will inject stronger momentum into Jiading to build a global automotive industry innovation highland.

The center will integrate relevant core entities of Porsche in China and incorporate the functions of local procurement and quality assurance to build a complete R&D chain system.

This integration has achieved a major upgrade of "local R&D, local procurement and local quality control," which means the re-definition of the German automaker's R&D strategy for the Chinese market.

### Auto industry accelerates annual growth, industrial output

### Li Pin and Hu Min

FROM January to April, the automobile industry in Jiading District achieved an industrial output value of 91.15 billion yuan (US\$12.72 billion), a year-on-year increase of 6.8 percent.

Among them, automobile parts completed an industrial output value of 74.92 billion yuan, up 8.4 percent annually, reflecting Jiading's continuous promotion of the transformation and upgrade of the automobile industry.

Walking into the No. 3 Automobile Plant of SAIC Volkswagen in the district, people will see automatic mechanical arms waving precisely, carrying out high-precision painting operations on the vehicle. The intelligent logistics system delivers components to each workstation on time, and the laser online detection system monitors in real time.

Under the strategic layout of "simultaneous progress of fuel and electricity," SAIC Volkswagen has built a dual-track development model of inheritance and innovation.

The enterprise adheres to the concept of "intelligence in both fuel and electricity" and redefines the intelligent standards of fuel vehicles. It also actively lays out the new energy track and builds a diversified product matrix. Sales data shows that from January to April, SAIC Volkswagen sold nearly 340,000 vehicles.

Rooted in Jiading for more than 40 years, SAIC Volkswagen has formed a close collaborative development mechanism with the district government.

# IM Motors joins other Jiading firms to expand overseas market presence

### Li Pin, Li Huacheng and Hu Min

COMPANIES in Jiading District are actively expanding their businesses overseas.

IM Motors announced the official launch of its intelligent flagship SUV, the IM LS7, in Mexico in June, marking a new phase of high-speed development in its global strategy.

The brand has shown strong performance in the domestic market. Since the new IM L6 began deliveries in late May, it has secured over 8,500 orders and the vehicles are now being delivered nationwide.

With continuous overseas expansion and hot sales of new domestic models, IM Motors is accelerating the construction of a global intelligent EV (electric vehicle) ecosystem.

During the Dragon Boat Festival holiday, the IM Motors experience center in Nanxiang and the Jiading user center saw a steady stream of visitors, many of whom came specifically to test the new IM L6.

"Summer is here, and a sunprotective canopy is essential. The configuration of this new car really suits my needs," said a local resident surnamed Zhang.

The new IM L6 is equipped with leading technological features, including an ultra-fast charging platform, intelligent four-wheel steering, long-range high-precision chip, and a color-changing intelligent light language system, positioning it as an intelligent vehicle for urban refined mobility.

Meanwhile, the Indonesian branch of ZG Group opened in Jakarta, becoming the third strategic fulcrum of the group in the Southeast Asian market. The group has established subsidiaries in six countries across the Middle East and Southeast Asia, serving over 3,000 overseas clients and covering "Belt and Road" countries and regions and Africa.

Steel is a vital material for manufacturing and infrastructure, and factors such as procurement cost, efficiency, safety, and supply stability influence the budget management, operating profits, and development stability of related enterprises.

## Utah dance group fosters cultural ties

### Xi Rou and Hu Min

SAMBA'S passionate steps ignited audience's enthusiasm, waltz's elegant spins told romantic stories, jazz's free rhythms revealed artistic souls, and hip-hop's creative bursts interpreted the spirit of the young generation...

A group of American dancers from primary schools, high schools, and universities recently performed on a dopamine-styled stage with strong visual impact.

It was part of a China-US campus youth cultural exchange event held at the Shanghai Art & Design



A classic dance by students from the Shanghai Art & Design Academy — Courtesy of Jiading Converged Media Center

Academy. The event invited the Utah youth dance group from the United States to China, creating a cultural exchange gala.

Students from the Shanghai Art & Design Academy amazed the audiences with a classical dance, full of oriental charm.

"Everything here is fascinating. Whether it's the campus environment full of design sense or the exquisite artworks of teachers and students, we are all amazed," said Duncan Osborn, a member of the Utah dance troupe. "The professional standards of Chinese dancers and artists are admirable, and their performances and creations have given us great artistic inspiration."