

TV tells the story of Jiading in 25 parts

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A SERIES of documentaries about Jiading District is due to be completed by the end of next year.

Two have already been shown on television.

The series will have 25 30-minute episodes and cover the district's scenery, its outstanding people and interesting history.

The diverse topics to be covered range from Formula One motor racing to the district's 800-year-old Fahua Pagoda, said Zhang Yilu, its chief director.

One of the documentaries will tell the story of a newly bereaved woman who has lived in Xidajie Street all her life and refused to move away even though the street was to be renovated.

The widow is only able to find peace and a feeling of being at home on the old street, something that modern buildings are not able to offer her.

The film team found it difficult to find all the old houses and ancient buildings that they wanted so they were forced to adopt second-hand story-telling or even third-hand story-telling, passed down from generation to generation, and may have lost some accuracy in the telling.

The team invited experts to review the stories to keep the stories in line with reality.

Jiading TV Station officials hope that people will learn more about the history and culture of Jiading once the complete series is aired.



• Wartime in focus

A girl points out an interesting detail in an old photograph on display in Jiading. An exhibition featuring more than 300 historic photos and records was mounted to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. — Wang Anqi

Police efforts help HK man find his long-lost cousin

Fu Jia and Lu Anshi

Police in Jiading District helped Gu Qiaomin, who is in his 70s, find his cousin after 45 years of separation. They received a letter from Gu in Hong Kong on March 25, requesting to trace his family.

Gu, a Jiading native, was assigned to work in Hong Kong after graduation from university in the 1970s and gradually lost contact with his family. "I want to go

back to visit my hometown, especially to reunite with my family," he wrote.

Gu said he had an uncle called Gu Jiaying in Jiading. At first, Wu Yan, the police officer in charge of the case, could not find anyone with that name at first.

Later, Wu thought Gu might have forgotten the exact names of his family members so she did a search of similar names.

This time, they found a man that matched the name

but who refused to cooperate, so the police could not verify if he was the man they were looking for.

Just when hope was fading, another search found an old man whose surname is Lu.

The police visited the village where Lu lives and verified that he was Gu's cousin.

Lu gave his contact number to the police who later passed it to Gu. Shortly after that, Gu and the cousin were reunited.

Read all about it as library hosts clubs conference

Tang Min and Shen Li

JIADING Library hosted a conference involving more than 30 readers' clubs in Shanghai where members shared their reading experiences and other matters of interest with Jiading residents mid this month.

The conference attracted about 500 people including club organizers, ordinary citizens and public library workers.

Conference organizers invited founders and key members from clubs such as Si'Nan Readers' Club and Magic Reading to share their understanding and experiences in reading as well as the special features of different

clubs. Two clubs also brought books to host a salon and family event.

Visitors talked with club members about books they liked and some scanned bar codes to listen to audio recordings of book readings.

Xiao Yongjun, a founding member of one of the clubs penned a few poetic lines: "Because the Yuanxiang Reader's Club is founded at the side of Yuanxiang Lake, Yuanxiang became the club's footprint of her life. Since it's embraced by the books, fragrance of printing ink has fostered her unique temperament..."

Xiao said these lines represented his experiences in this readers' club.



• Dresses on display

A staff member of Jiading Museum arranges a qipao for an exhibition featuring Chinese women's traditional dresses. A total of 51 qipao are on display, including 17 that date back more than 100 years. The show will continue until August 24, during which Chinese button making events are held every Saturday for children. — Li Huacheng

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• Added value

SOME old neighborhoods in Jiading Town have had their electric bicycle parking areas renovated to add charging stations and fire control systems. In the Liyuan No.2 Neighborhood, door access systems and exclusive charging stations have been installed. Each station will offer nine sockets and each charge of six hours will cost one yuan (16 US cents). In the event of an electrical problem, the equipment will automatically shut down.

• Park changes

ONE of the three big green spaces along the Wusong River in Jiangqiao Town has changed its name from Beihongqiao Binjiang Sport Park to Binjiang Aite Park. Plans for the area include exercising areas, public restrooms, a cafe and parking areas.

• Pitaya blooms

PITAYA flowers are in bloom at Jiading Industrial Park's Dengta Village. Pitaya flowers open at night and can be cut two hours after pollination without affecting the growth of the fruit. The flowering season lasts from June to mid October and Jiading residents will soon be able to enjoy the fruit, known as dragon fruit in English.

• Healthier pools

JIADING health authorities have launched inspections and random tests at swimming pools in Jiading. Inspectors checked health permits, water circulation and disinfection measures as well as water quality. The results show that the swimming pools are becoming cleaner than before. Very few swimming pools showed chlorine content exceeding standards, water renewal logs incomplete or other problems.

• Revenue rises

JIADING District's fiscal revenue rose 10.1 percent year on year to 51.4 billion yuan (US\$8.28 billion) in the first half of 2015. The district saw its fiscal revenue expand 11.4 percent to 11.59 billion yuan from the previous year, completing 61.7 percent of its target set at the beginning of the year. The tax revenue from January to June increased to 11.26 billion, up 11.4 percent year on year while the non-tax income reached 334.72 million yuan, a year-on-year rise of 11.9 percent. Citywide in Shanghai, Jiading's local fiscal income was next to Pudong New Area and Minhang District in total volume but ranked ninth in growth rate. The rise in revenue benefited from steady growth and improved industrial structures.