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• Worshipping Confucius

A traditional ritual of worshipping Confucius is performed at Jiading Confucian Temple, unveiling a three-month exhibition to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Jiading Museum and the temple's 800th anniversary. The exhibition, running through July 19, features 104 sets of artifacts unearthed in Jiading, displaying the district's eight centuries of civilization. — Li Huacheng

US\$1.49b fund to help local firms

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Jiading, in cooperation with Shanghai Stock Exchange and Wenzhou, Kunshan, Taicang and SAIC Motor, has established an equity investment fund with an initial 10 billion yuan (US\$1.49 billion) to promote the integration of the capital market with the real economy and the construction of the Science and Technology Innovation Center, as well as help quality enterprises agglomerate in the Yangtze River Delta region.

"To launch strategic cooperation with Shanghai Stock Exchange is Jiading's answer to the national strategy and

the requirements of the city's leadership," said Zhang Xi, the district's Party secretary.

Jiading has a strong manufacturing base, numerous scientific and technological enterprises, concentrated scientific and technological resources and strong financing demands, Zhang said.

"To launch strategic cooperation with Shanghai Stock Exchange is conducive to accelerating the construction of becoming a major site of science and technology innovation center and a world-class automotive manufacturing hub," said Zhang.

"It also provides a strong grip for Jiading to upgrade its

functional level and core competitiveness, and build itself into an innovative and dynamic town."

Que Bo, executive vice president of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, vowed to enhance exchanges and cooperation with Jiading-based technology companies and help more Jiading firms land on capital markets.

The cooperation between Jiading and the Shanghai Stock Exchange will focus on three aspects — cultivating more Jiading companies for listing, building a workshop in Jiading as a major platform to serve technology companies and capital markets in the region, and to establish a Yangtze River Delta advanced

manufacturing and automotive industry index.

With the deepening of the integration of the delta, high-quality development of the financial service economy has become a strategic consensus with overall significance.

The Shanghai Yangtze River Delta Industrial Upgrading Equity Investment Fund will focus on the fields of advanced manufacturing, biomedicine, consumption and high technology.

It will give priority to the development of equipment manufacturing, the automotive industry, next generation information technology and artificial intelligence.

Center puts exhaust systems to the test

Li Huacheng and Li Xinran

EBERSPAECHER, a leader in the development and manufacture of exhaust technology, has opened a new exhaust technology test facility in Jiading.

The Asia Test Center will enable the company to showcase its testing expertise as well as its prototype operations to

the Asia-Pacific off-highway industry.

In an area of 3,800 square meters, the new test center houses a prototype shop and capacity to test exhaust systems from material and component level to system level for passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

Dr York Zhao, the company's vice president, highlighted the

wide range of testing features: "This new center offers us the opportunity to develop and validate exhaust systems under customer specific conditions and in a much faster time.

Besides the technologies for future emission standards, low noise and high sound quality of exhaust systems are the subject of growing customer demand

in the Asian market. The semi-anechoic room utilizes a room-in-room concept solution with an ultralow background noise level of 25 dBA.

The test center is directly attached to the existing Eberspaecher site in Jiading, where over 400 employees are engaged in developing and manufacturing exhaust systems.

CULTURE

Start Your Engines

Shanghai Auto Museum in Anting Town has a collection of over 100 classic cars. But they are not just dusty old exhibits. Staff keep most of them in working condition and they are often out on the road to form a mobile museum. **Page 4-5**



PEOPLE

Star Of The Stage

Xu Xing is a favorite with TV viewers for her impressive portrayal of kind, selfless and persevering mothers in on-screen dramas. But it is the stage and theater audiences that are closest to the actress's heart. **Page 8**



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