

Action takes village to a new level

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THE environment of Zhaoxiang Village in Anting Town has been greatly improved since the village committee took action over illegal structures and group renting in 2013.

With an increasing number of migrant workers, a great many local residents in the village had built illegal rooms or kitchens.

"We found that a lot of problems were connected with housing, so we explored ways to strengthen social governance by providing a series of services to solve the issue since the second half of 2013,"

Xu Jiaying, deputy Party secretary of the village, said.

"Now I don't have to worry about anything. All I have to do is to collect the rent," villager Tang Linjuan said. She assigned her extra houses to the village committee in 2014.

In her courtyard, charging facilities, extinguishers, a brand-new kitchen and smoke detectors have been installed.

As more villagers like Tang assigned the village committee to manage their extra houses, the committee set up a company to be responsible for renting and property management.

Since then, 150 households

in the village have joined the program with 122 houses decorated for 600 families from outside the village. Illegal structures have been dismantled, and the committee contacted industrial park operators nearby for renters.

The company hired cleaning, repairing and security personnel to provide 24-hour services.

"I have also rented a house in the countryside beforehand, but living here I feel so different. It feels like living in an urban community," said Cui Huafang who has been renting houses in Zhaoxiang for two years.

Up to now, Zhaoxiang has banned 20 unlicensed business households, demolished 1,320 square meters of illegal buildings, eliminated eight fire safety hazards, eight public environmental pollution sources and 38 group renting cases.

Last year, Zhaoxiang Village was successfully established as one of the first batch of waste sorting demonstration areas in Jiading.

With joint efforts, the economy of the village leaped to a new level with the annual disposable income increasing from 3 million yuan (US\$440,000) in 2010 to 15 million yuan last year.

Official in call to stop food waste



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AS China is fighting food waste and fostering an attitude that stigmatizes wasteful practices, Jiading government held a meeting to call for saving food and preventing waste last month.

Gu Huiwen, director of Jiading's publicity department, called for raising awareness of the need to stop wasting food.

Posters and advertisements have been set up at Metro stations, parks and scenic areas, and volunteers and social organizations are encouraged to promote the policy.

The media and government will monitor "clean-plate" dining habits. Jiading plans 10 activities on the theme for residents, especially students.

Some restaurants have begun to provide food in smaller portions and encourage diners to take away leftovers.

High-quality rice soon for sale for holiday

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FARMS in Waigang and Huating towns have started to harvest rice, making it ready for sale around the upcoming National Day holiday.

On September 14, four large harvesters were at work on a farm in Waigang Town, producing an estimated yield of around 43 tons.

The harvesting process was fully automatic, including low-temperature drying at around 40 degrees Celsius, with strict controls in place to ensure a natural taste and high quality.

"Rainfall was relatively higher this year and total output is expected to be slightly lower than the same period last year," said Liu Bo, an executive with the Waigang Town Food Production Cooperative. "However, the quality of the rice is higher, and we started harvesting a few days earlier than last year."

Average prices will be around 20 yuan (US\$2.94) per kilogram, and the rice can be ordered online or at cooperatives.

• Melons ready for the market

A farmer checks the melons in her orchard in Huating Town. More will be put on market around the National Day. This year, Huating Melon Theme Park has grown 80 mu (2.3 hectares) of melons. The Huami 1001 and Xiaoxue sells for 24 yuan (US\$3.5) per kilogram, while Huami 303 are priced at 30 yuan per kilogram. — Zhou Hong and Lu Beibei



Mega shopping mall open for business

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SHANGHAI Nanxiang Incity Mega shopping center, one of the city's largest retail developments with an area of 340,000 square meters, has opened in Jiading.

Its total investment exceeded 3 billion yuan (US\$433 million), according to SCPG, the retail property development and operation platform of China Vanke Co.

Its opening delayed due to the COVID-19, but 95 percent of its space has already been leased.

Of over 400 brands, around 40 percent made their debut in the Shanghai market.

On the same day, the Chenxiang Highway Station of Metro Line 11 opened to public down the shopping center. The above-ground station is between Malu and Nanxiang stations in the district.

It's the first Metro station in the city being built on a line already running without affecting daily operations. The station will decentralize the densely populated part of Nanxiang Town.

The shopping center is connected to Exit 3 of Chenxiang Highway Station via an overpass. There's also a transport hub beside the Metro station.



Residents purchase mooncakes at the Nanxiang Incity Mega shopping center as the Mid-Autumn Festival is around the corner. Mooncakes are must-eat food during the festival, as its round shape has the meaning of reunion in Chinese. — Yu Junli