

# Center joins job-seeking efforts

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JIADING'S employment promotion center and enterprises joined universities and colleges in the district to help graduates start businesses and find jobs.

At Shanghai Industrial and Commercial Polytechnic in Waigang Town, students attended a series of job promotion meetings and vocational guidance activities. So far, around 60 percent of graduates have found jobs, with more than 280 still looking for positions.

Zhang Rui, a computer science student, had an internship at a company before the Chinese New Year. However, she wasn't

able to secure the job due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

"Some students had signed employment agreements with employers beforehand, however, their jobs were cut due to the COVID-19 as the business environment has changed," said Wang Zhongqiang, vice president of the polytechnic.

The college organized three employment promotion meetings to help graduates find jobs.

Some teachers have formed one-to-one partnerships with students to recommend suitable jobs for them according to their major and professional preferences. Whenever graduates meet difficulties, teachers can

also give them timely help.

Despite the COVID-19, Shanghai Fast-PCB Circuit Technology Corp Ltd in Jiading Industrial Zone increased recruitment as the company plans to set up a research and development center. However, the company has found it hard to find suitable applicants through online interviews.

"Without face-to-face communication, we have difficulties in hiring the right candidates as they must have strong practical abilities," Huang Chen, human resources director, said.

In addition to close communication with colleges and government departments, Fast-PCB also launched graduates

training programs in order to hire more capable employees.

Jiading has set up an employment support team for graduates led by Ye Benxi, deputy director of the Jiading Employment Assistance Center's job introduction section.

Apart from enterprises in Jiading, the center plans to contact companies in the Yangtze River Delta region and other areas for more job opportunities.

And innovation and entrepreneurship competitions are held in the district to help students demonstrate their creative ideas and capabilities, making it easier for them to find potential employers.

# Clay teapot expert dies at age of 74

Wang Danli and Tom Qian

XU Sihai, a purple clay teapots maker and collector, died on June 5 at the age of 74.

Xu founded the Sihai Teapot Museum, Shanghai's first private museum, in 1992 and set up the 46-mu (3.07-hectare) A Hundred Buddhas Garden in 2009 including not only the teapot museum, but also the China Tea God Museum, a tea-processing mill and a manufacturing base in Jiading's Zhenxin community.

Born in Yancheng City, Jiangsu Province, Xu moved to Shanghai when he was 10 years old. At 23, he joined the army and served in Vietnam in the 1960s.

While in the army, he developed an interest in making purple clay teapots and returned to Shanghai with a truckload.

His interest grew in the 1980s, a time when their value was not fully recognized. Years later, his talent as a maker was noted, both within China and abroad.

In 1985, his teapot "Summer" won a national competition and was bought by the Asian Art Museum in the US.



## • Orchestra back in tune

The Jasmine Symphony gives a performance at Shanghai Poly Grand Theater on June 20 to celebrate the start of its new season. With the COVID-19 situation improving, the theater has reopened to the public and is offering a variety of shows. Ten plays for children will be staged during the 10th Poly Children Festival from July 10 to August 30. Wearing a mask is still a must for audiences, and they also need to show their green health codes and have their temperatures checked before watching a show. — Qin Jian

# Construction starts on TCM campus

Yin Qinqin and Tom Qian

CONSTRUCTION of the Jiading branch of the Shanghai Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital began on June 6.

It will have 650 beds and is due to be in use by June 2024.

The branch is in the east of Jiading New Town, and the buildings will cover over 112,500 square meters.

Lu Fangzhou, Jiading's Party secretary and director, and other leaders and experts attended the launch ceremony.

Shanghai Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital is one of the four earliest TCM hospitals in the city. The Jiading campus will be the largest of its three branches.

"The oncology department of our hospital is a key specialty of the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine. We will include lung cancer, bowel cancer, liver cancer, hematological tumors and other advantageous specialty departments into our special department cluster," Lu Jiahui, Party secretary of the

hospital, said. "We will also expand our pediatrics department as the demand for pediatrics in Jiading is relatively large.

"Pediatrics at the hospital is a key national specialty and a key discipline of the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine. In the future, we will introduce pediatrics and related experts from other hospitals in Jiading. We will also complement existing top hospitals in Jiading with complementary advantages and differentiated development," Lu said.

# Enterprise transforms its scope

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IN face of the novel coronavirus outbreak, Shanghai Jujing Precision Instrument Manufacturing Co Ltd has adjusted its business mode and scope.

The company engages in exporting preparation and testing equipment for new materials, but several overseas orders were canceled due to the COVID-19.

Jujing seized the opportunity to provide ceramic material for an automobile enterprise that was in short of such material.

It transformed its existing vacuum furnace hardware configuration to produce ceramic material with a current production capacity of 10,000 pieces per day.

The company also set up a team to explore new domestic markets. It found that 3D printing dentures and heart stents need to be treated in a high-temperature vacuum furnace, which provided an opportunity for Jujing to open up a new business.

It has received orders worth 3 million yuan (US\$424,000) from medical device manufacturers and distributors.

The changes make sure the company does not need to shed a large number of jobs or cut salaries, and it expects the output value to be the same as last year at 40 million yuan.