

Sci-tech fair attracts over 500 companies

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THE 4th Scientific Technology Fair for the Yangtze River Delta Region, themed "Empowered by Technology, Driven by Digitalization," was held at Shanghai Automobile Exhibition Center in Jiading, attracting more than 500 enterprises to display their products online and offline last month.

Thirty-five cities showed their exhibits online. Offline, there were five exhibition areas, including digital city, technology fair and cutting-edge technology.

During the three-day event, online and offline scientific and technological deals worth 250 million yuan (US\$38.5 million) were transacted.

Also, the Yangtze River Delta

Region Automotive Semiconductor Innovation Consortium was inaugurated.

Nearly 30 vehicle companies, auto parts enterprises, institutions, innovation platforms and social organizations in the field of automotive chips in the Yangtze River Delta region joined hands to develop a new ecosystem of industrial innovation and development.

Five industry-leading companies and institutions, including National New Energy Vehicle Technology Innovation Center, United Imaging, Bai Zhi, Kaiquan Pump and Kindly Group, launched the initiative to set up a consortium to deal with the problems of short supply of automotive semiconductor chips.

Another part of the fair, Academician and Expert Achievement Exhibition Hall displayed more

than 300 solutions from 200 teams and attracted attention.

In May, Donghao Lansheng Group, Auto City Group and Anting Town jointly invested 30 million yuan to establish Shanghai Donghao Lansheng Jiaxin Technology Service Co to undertake popular science display, achievement transformation, academic exchanges and academician services.

"Our mission is to assist academicians and experts to convert scientific research papers and achievements into products," said Wang Hang, general manager of Shanghai Donghao Lansheng Jiaxin Technology Service Co.

The company has selected 66 key projects from 396 scientific achievements, and more than 50 enterprises have shown interest in the projects.



A visitor experiences the Gaia 4.0 all-round physical environment sensor platform, which provides simulated driverless testing for automobile companies, in the Pilotd Automotive (Shanghai) exhibition hall at the 4th Scientific Technology Fair in Jiading last month. — Li Huacheng



• Future chefs put their skills to the test

Students experience what it's like to be a chef at Yingyuan Restaurant on December 17 as part of a chef skill competition in Yingyuan Community, which offers both a dining feast and special experience. A launch ceremony for an experience station for students in Jiading was held at the restaurant, aiming to promote a series of future activities. — Qin Jian

River chiefs monitor the health of waterways

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MORE than 140 work stations for river chiefs have been set up. All villages with five or more rivers are required to establish stations as soon as possible to solve water pollution problems at grassroot communities.

"As long as we receive a message from our WeChat work group, we will rush to the scene within one hour, clean it up within two hours, take a photo and reply to the group after completion," river cleaner Lu Fuliang said.

The WeChat work group consists of river management departments, river chief work stations and third-party cleaning service suppliers.

In addition to daily maintenance work, the river chief work station of Lianyi Village has established a joint meeting process involving the administration of water, construction, agriculture and maintenance companies to achieve a delayering management structure.

"The efficiency of the river management and pollution reduction has been greatly improved," said Chen Ximing, head of the river chief workstation at Lianyi Village.

"In the past, when it rained, the river would become stinking. Now it is cleaned every day, so the river is cleaner and the smell has gone.

In the district, more than 1,640 residents are involved in river management.

There is at least one river chief for each river or lake, and a volunteer monitors waters every 2 kilometers.

Customs helps crab paste debut in HK

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A CRAB paste produced in Shanghai made its debut in five-star hotels such as the Mandarin Oriental and The Peninsula in Hong Kong, thanks to the support of Jiading Customs.

"Smooth customs clearance and export gives us full confidence in the expansion of overseas market," said Li Qincheng, from Jiading-based Shanghai Chenglonghang Food Co, after the first batch of 160 kilograms of products landed in Hong Kong.

The company is a famous crab product manufacturer in Shanghai and a time-honored brand restaurant chain.

In order to bring its products overseas, Li asked Jiading Customs about food export policy and regulations.

"The time was tight. If we missed the opportunities this year, the crab paste would

have to wait for a sales window next year," Li explained.

Aware of this, Jiading Customs launched a coordination team to learn about the requirements for imported crab products in Hong Kong and provide one-on-one guidance.

"We organized customs officers dealing with animals and plants to communicate with the company and got to know the source of the crab paste and the quality of the original place of inspection, ensuring the quality and safety," said Teng Minghua, section chief of Jiading Customs first inspection center.

"We also inspected the first batch of exported crab paste for heavy metals, pesticides and veterinary drug residue to ensure product quality."

In order to help the company enter the Hong Kong market faster, Teng and his

colleagues visited Shanghai Chenglonghang and produced relevant certificates.

"From a rough idea in early October to completing the export in early November, the service speed of the customs in Shanghai was really fast. It saved us a lot of time and management costs," Li said.

The third batch of 4,000 products for export had finished manufacturing and landed in Hong Kong at the beginning of this month.

"The case of Shanghai Chenglonghang is just one example, and we will upgrade the regional business environment by providing highly-efficient and quality services," Teng said.

At the end of November, Jiading Customs had used online and offline channels to accurately answer and coordinate solutions to almost 35 customs affairs, benefiting more than 50 enterprises.