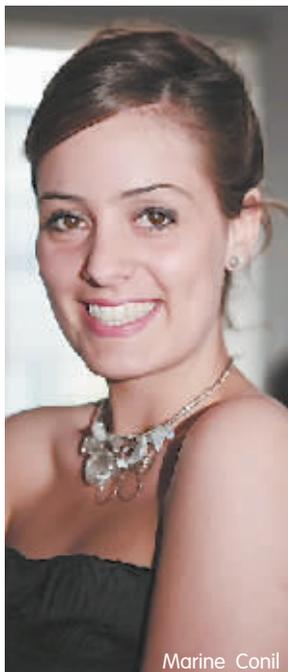


New Town with high-level internationalization

One of the important functions the Changjiang New Town will perform is to attract a group of companies, organizations, and first-rate universities and scientific institutions to settle in industrial parks and communities that will be built to international standards. It will be a town of the future, where high-end medical, educational, cultural, and sports resources gather.

On July 20, our reporters interviewed several expats living in Wuhan about their suggestions for this new construction.



Marine Conil



Kotani Hisano



Penelope Joquarry

Creating a unique key area

By Jessie Fan

"I would like to see Changjiang New Town integrate modern logistic and finance industries, and become one of Wuhan's famous brands," said Kotani Hisano, Chief Representative of Japan External Trade Organization Wuhan.

He pointed out that the proposed Changjiang New Town has plenty of water resources like the Yangtze River and Fuhe River, as well as convenient transportation networks like the Beijing-Guangzhou Railway, Shanghai-Wuhan-Chengdu Railway, and the Third Ring Road. It's also close to the Tianhe Airport and Yangluo Port. He said, "Based on the development of the finance industry, other industries like big data will help the New Town become a key area, spreading its strong influence to surrounding cities like Nanchang, Zhengzhou, and Changsha."

Developing international communities

By Zhu Yan

Changjiang New Town plans to build international communities. Marine Conil, Chairperson of Women of Wuhan, suggested that by improving health services, safety, and entertainment, living conditions would improve.

Conil said she thought that many types of infrastructure should be built into the New Town, including an international hospital, international schools, and police stations adapted to help people from other countries.

Conil also made suggestions on the construction of the public transport facilities in the New Town. "We need signage in English, English-speaking collaborators, and smooth transportation to connect the main workplaces, and bicycle paths." She thinks that to build entertainment areas similar to Wuhan Tiandi is also important.

Bringing in recreational cultural industries

By Hu Xinyi

"The more cultural projects a city has, the more attractive it is. I suggest that Changjiang New Town should import more cultural industries to make the city more appealing," said Penelope Joquarry, Deputy General Manager of Wuhan Wanda Dragone Entertainment Co., Ltd.

Joquarry feels that people are attracted to cultural facilities such as galleries and cinemas. "For instance, I will travel across the whole city to see an art exhibition in the Wuhan Recreative Capital, because every time I go there, I'm drawn into the cultural atmosphere, and I always look forward to my next visit."

"The energy-saving and environmentally-friendly companies are quite fashionable, and I think the Changjiang New Town should bring in these kinds of industries."

Locally developed Citroën new model to ship to Europe

By Hu Jingxian

After 1,095 days of research and development, the first Tianyi SUV (CS Aircross) rolled off the assembly line at the Fourth Factory of Citroën in Chengdu on July 19. This new model, the first Citroën vehicle developed in China, will be available in Europe and other international markets in a year.

The Citroën Chengdu factory has two workshops that are 100% automated with robots. When all of the more than 500 robots are in full swing, there will be one vehicle rolling off the assembly line every 60 seconds.

The motor engines that are manufactured by the Citroën Wuhan plant have started their journey to be exported to Europe from the Yangluo Port this month.

SAIC-GM Wuhan factory's 1,000,000th vehicle produced

By Zhang Zhi

An Equinox SUV rolled off the assembly line at the Shanghai GM Wuhan Factory (located in Jinkou, Jiangxia District) on June 18, marking the one millionth vehicle manufactured in the factory. The record was made only 30 months after the first automobile body sheet was welded.

Wuhan is unique for being home to as many as nine passenger vehicle factories, manufacturing automobiles of six brands from China, France, Japan and the U.S.

Zhuankou constructing new general hospital

By Han Wei

The Asian Hospital, standing at the intersection of Taizihu North Road and Jiangcheng Avenue, is to be put into operation at the end of 2017. It will have a rooftop landing field for rescue helicopters with the greatest launch weight in Central China.

Asian Hospital, covering an area of 240,000 square meters when finished, will serve as a high-class comprehensive medical technology center in the country, as well as an environmentally-friendly rehabilitation center. It will share medical technology with France's University of Bordeaux.