

Five candidates shortlisted for Changjiang New Town planning

By Xia Qiong



The solicitation and due diligence work for the overall conceptual planning for the Wuhan Changjiang New Town, as well as urban design proposals for the starting area have been completed. Five proposals were unveiled on the shortlist on January 8.

Wuhan Changjiang New Town Administration Committee and the Wuhan Land Resources and Planning Bureau jointly launched a solicitation for an overall conceptual planning for the Wuhan Changjiang New Town on September 28, 2017, attracting 78 design institutes from home and abroad of which 30 submitted entries.

Five selected candidates all

presented a grand blueprint such as shaping Changjiang New Town after the model of Xiong'an New Area, constructing a regional new hub, re-building a multi-dimensional traffic system, constructing a future city that better serves the development of its inhabitants or setting up an ecological city forest ring-belt.

During the next stage, the five selected design institutes will join hands with Wuhan Planning and Design Institute to integrate the highlights of each program and formulate the overall planning scheme of the Changjiang New Town.

On November 17, 2017, Wuhan Changjiang New Town

Administration Committee and Wuhan Land Resources and Planning Bureau launched another international solicitation for urban design consulting proposals of the starting area of Wuhan Changjiang New Town resulting in 73 individual or joint teams from famous institutes submitting proposals. Five were singled out for the shortlist. Their proposals all attached great importance to the harmonious development between humans and environment. In February two winners will be selected to complete the urban design of the starting area of Wuhan Changjiang New Town before the end of March this year.

SAIC-GM Wuhan Branch achieves annual output of 705,542 vehicles

By Li Jinyou

SAIC-GM Wuhan Branch reached an annual output of 705,542 vehicles in 2017, becoming the second Wuhan automobile enterprise to hit 700,000 after Dongfeng Honda, said Wuhan Economy and Information Technology Commission on January 10.

The first phase of SAIC-GM Wuhan Branch was

completed and the plant was put into operation on January 28, 2015. The 500,000th vehicle of SAIC-GM Wuhan Branch came off the assembly line on September 7, 2016. The second phase of SAIC-GM Wuhan Branch was completed and put into operation on April 7, 2017. The one millionth vehicle rolled off the line on

July 18, 2017. As of the end of 2017, 1.37 million vehicles were produced in the company's Wuhan branch.

Wuhan's automobile industry is second to none in Central China, with the output value being sixth in the country. The automobile industry has been Wuhan's No.1 pillar industry for seven straight years.

HGTECH innovation base to be established

By Li Jia

The construction of Huagong Tech (HGTECH) innovation base in Optics Valley started January 8. The base will focus on building the largest high-precision laser intelligent manufacturing industry in China.

With the rapid development of 3C electronics and other industries, 42% of the world's mobile phones will use flexible OLED panels by 2019. A 0.1 mm thick, ultra-thin screen processed by traditional means is easily ruptured or cracked. The high-precision laser technology can gather pulse energy in a very short time, producing a mobile phone's screen as easy as cutting a piece of tofu. HGTECH has now mastered the technology.

Ma Xinqiang, chairman of HGTECH, mentioned that they set up its R&D center in Silicon Valley of the U.S. early last year. The HGTECH innovation base in Optics Valley will interact closely with its R&D centers in Silicon Valley and Toronto, so as to contribute to the development of new display panels, mobile terminals and other emerging industries in Wuhan. It is working jointly with the National Memory Base, Wuhan China Star Optoelectronics Technology Company, Wuhan Tianma Microelectronics Company, Lenovo Wuhan base, and Foxconn Company, to shape a "chips-displaying-intelligent terminal" equipment manufacturing industrial cluster.

Brand offices of Dongfeng Peugeot & Citroën come home

By Li Jinyou

The Dongfeng Peugeot Citroën Automobile Company (DPCA) announced the movement of its brand departments of Peugeot and Citroën to Wuhan on January 15, as part of the company's endeavor to enhance quick response and decision making and further improve communication and decision-making efficiency in the marketing areas.

DPCA focuses on the production and sales of Peugeot and Citroën automobiles, and previously their brand offices had been based in Beijing and Shanghai respectively.