A new jewel rising from Tangshan Bay area

By Raymond Zhou

Workers at a construction site in Caofeidian, Tangshan, Hebei province.

New port to boast “most eco-friendly community ever built”

One turns outside Wang Zhongqiang’s office and finds a light peeking out. Located right in the middle of the town of Caofeidian, it is as if you were in one of those “green industrial and residential” projects in Chinese cities. This is not by chance. This is the remnant from the old Caofei- dian, an area which has been turned into a model village and a dynamically developing town. Caofeidian is at the heart of a process of reclamation of land from the sea, being reclaimed by Mother Nature herself: a 1,862 sq km area of Tangshan Bay.

As executive vice president of Tangshan Development Group Co., Ltd, a company that has been assigned the task of developing this area, Wang Zhongqiang manages both the building of the port and the first phase of the administrative government of Hebei officially approved the administrative establishment of Caofeidian new district yesterday.

“People associate Tangshan Bay with heavy pollution. But obviously he knew that it was one of those “garden cities” typically created in northern China,” he says. “We do not copy others blindly. We always adapt others’ success to our own circumstances.”

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every weekend a fleet of 40 trucks makes their way toward the big cities.

“We are in a unique position. The image of a coal instead of coke and the use of new coal into the furnace has been replaced with conceptual recycling,” said Xu.

The first phase of Shou- gang’s Caofeidian facility will start production on Oct 18. A blast furnace was igniting the day we visited.

“For us, it is testing,” explained Xu. “When it goes into regular mode, we won’t see the fire, and in production we’ll rank as No. 5 in the whole country and among the top five in the world.”

We put in overtime to master the skills of operating new equipment.

The investment of their family farm.

Zhao Yong is a 47-year-old man from Tangshan, who harbored the dream of becoming a teacher. “I was always believed teaching was a noble profession and I have the qualities to be a good teacher. But now that I am an official I can also be good for the public. As long as that purpose is not lost, people will support me.”

“If we go now with talk to any one in the street, they will be confident about the future of Tangshan,” he said.

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