Zhongguancun leads nation in innovation

By ZHAO SHIJUN

Science parks play a key role in improving the national innovative strength, said Lin Fusheng, mayor of Haidian district. “This is also something that the Haidian Science Park, the most important part of Zhongguancun Science Park, expects to show to the world,” said Lin.

In March last year, Zhongguancun Science Park gained approval by the State Council to be developed into a world-class national innovation model park.

The Haidian Science Park (HSP), the most successful and influential of Zhongguancun’s many industrial areas and parks, will become the model and core area of this innovation model park.

The program to develop the innovation model park will be crucial to the success of Zhongguancun’s overall mission to strengthen the entire nation’s innovative capacity.

“Our role is to demonstrate to the whole nation on how to transform our innovation capacity into industrial strength,” Lin said. “We should make full use of the advantages of our high technology, excellent entrepreneurs and favorable policies to build a nationa lly and internationally recognized park.”

Haidian authorities see it as a great opportunity for the development of the whole district and are excited about implementing the program.

A leadership team of top officials of the Haidian district has been established to look after the operations of the innovation model park and the core area in Haidan.

Recent development

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In the future, Lin said, the local government would continue to work to develop the innovation model park.

“Preferential policies is not our only offering,” said the mayor. “Our tasks will include proposing a strategic development plan, continuing to improve infrastructure and services, deepening financial reforms, strengthening international cooperation and promoting closer ties among enterprises, universities and research institutions.”

Lin also hopes to improve basic services. For example, he said that the time taken for approving business startups will be shortened by at least 50 percent.

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