

Access easier between cultural landmarks

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VISITORS to Qiuxiapu Garden, a cultural landmark in Jiading District, have been able to directly enter Jiading Museum through a third exit in the garden since this month.

"It used to take us around 20 minutes to walk from Qiuxiapu Garden to Jiading Museum as the two places were separated by a wall. But now it only takes one minute, saving a lot of time and effort!" local writer Lou Yaofu said.

He visited Qiuxiapu Garden and Jiading Museum by following signs in

the garden. Visitors need to make reservations online, have their temperatures and travel and health QR codes checked before entering both venues.

"When you enter one place, you can check in two scenic spots, so you can enjoy the scenery in the garden and learn about humanity and history in the museum, which is very meaningful," a resident surnamed Lu said.

Qiuxiapu Garden has a history of over 500 years. Its cultural resources will be integrated with Jiading Museum to meet the increasing demand

of residents for culture, history and tourism, according to the museum's Yuan Yijun.

At present, visitors can only go one-way from Qiuxiapu Garden to Jiading Museum. Residents need to confirm that they have completed the reservation and ticket checked before entering the museum from the garden.

Trial operation periods are underway from February 15 to May 15, and September 30 to November 30.

Qiuxiapu Garden was built in the middle of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). The interior design and

naming of scenic spots still retain the elements of the Ming Dynasty.

It was a private garden belonging to Gong Hong, then minister of construction. It was occupied during a subsequent war and handed over to the Wang family who encouraged people to give names to around 20 scenic spots within, and subsequently named the garden "Qiuxiapu."

The garden now covers 30 hectares and consists of four major scenic areas — Peach Blossom Pool (桃花潭), Ningxia Pavilion (凝霞阁), Qingjing Pond (清镜塘) and City God Temple (城隍庙).

AI system monitors garbage sorting

Yang Yujie and Tom Qian

AN AI monitoring system now covers all garbage sorting venues in Beiguan Village.

Any violations will be automatically reported to a command center in the village. And the center will assign people to the site and manage it according to rules and regulations.

The AI system is part of the village's intelligent system network and a new digital village governance model completed at Malu Town where Beiguan Village locates.

Beiguan Village covers an area of 2.67 square kilometers, and permanent residents account for only around 30 percent of the population. The other 70 percent come from other parts of China.

The digital village governance model was started at the end of 2020. About 260 AI monitors have been installed across the village. The system also monitors car parking, fire fighting, COVID-19 prevention and rivers.



An AI system monitors one garbage-sorting spot in Beiguan Village. — Yang Yujie



Seedlings of hope

Some 60,000 fruit and vegetable seedlings have been planted in the Shanghai Wells Seed Co in Jiading. To increase the survival rate and overall yield, the farm has carried out a variety of measures, such as installing plastic sheeting and using sodium light and diesel heaters. More than 40 fruit and vegetable varieties grow there, including cucumbers, tomatoes, corn and strawberries. It has become one of the largest fruit and vegetable farms in Jiading. — Wang Jiajun

Residents relocate from West Gate

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JIADING authorities are relocating close to 1,300 households from the district's West Gate area.

The families are moving to an area east of Huancheng River, south of Lianqi River, west of Huiyi Highway and north of Qinghe Road. The relocation, designed in six stages, is expected to be completed in April 2023.

The West Gate historical area is one of Jiading New Town's key focuses during the 14th Five-Year Plan period from 2021 to 2025. Cultural landmarks and historical buildings will remain, district

officials said.

Office buildings, resorts and residential buildings will be built, making the area more livable for local residents and more pleasant for visitors.

To fully realize the "fair and open" principle, the relocation work office will have set up opinion boxes and bulletin boards for residents. Compensation notices will be published in a timely manner to protect residents' rights.

An evaluation and supervision group made up of relocated residents, community workers and representatives of public housing tenants has been created.

Boon to district health facilities

Yin Qinjin and Tom Qian

THE relocation of Xuhang Town Health Service Center, from Kaiyuan Road to Qiyuan Road, has been completed in readiness and plans to start operating in the second half of the year.

With 99 beds, the center has been expanded to five times the area of the original, which only had 16 beds. All the lights, desks, chairs and elevators have been installed.

The center will accelerate the development of traditional Chinese medicine in its role as a community hospital affiliated to Shanghai Traditional Chinese Medicine University.

The expansion of Waigang Town Health Service Center also has been completed, ready to serve nearly 100,000 residents nearby.

Its area has been increased from over 200 square meters to 133,000 square meters, and it plans to invite experts from Ruijin and Changzheng hospitals to provide health services for locals.

The Wantai branch of Anqing Town Health Service Center is slated to be put into operation by year end, servicing 60,000 residents. With 80 beds, the center will be completed in May.

So far, there are 141 health service institutions in Jiading, including 22 community health service centers.