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1. Design of Australia pavilion opens for bid

World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 4/3/2007

The design of the Australia pavilion for World Expo 2010 Shanghai is now open for bids from architects, Alexander Downer, Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs said during his meeting with top Expo officials on April 2, 2007.

Downer also confirmed the location of the Australia pavilion near the theme pavilion in the Expo Site.

Zhong Yanqun, full-time deputy director of the World Expo 2010 Shanghai Executive Committee, told Downer she hoped Australia would appoint a commissioner-general for the World Expo and sign the participation contract soon. The organizer will hand over the land for the construction of the pavilion in November.

For the full story, please visit:

<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/expoenglish/news/sen/userobject1ai40625.html>

2. City to make docks shipshape for Expo

Shanghai Daily Online 3/28/2007

The city will renovate eight ferry docks along the Huangpu River to gear up for the massive visiting passenger volume during the 2010 World Expo.

Shanghai port administrators said on March 27, the refurbishment plan, which is scheduled to start later this year, will cover existing passenger docks in Lujiazui, Shiliupu and the Northern Bund, Wujing, Wusong, Dongchang Road, Qichangzhan and Ningguo Road.

Sixty ferries will run between these ports and the three waterway entrances of the expo site. These will carry about five to ten percent of the expo's total visitor volume, according to the Shanghai Port Administrative Bureau.

Bureau officials are in talks with the maritime authority to design better routes and ensure all ferries can arrive at the expo site within one hour.

The renovation is scheduled to be completed by 2009.

For the full story, please visit:

http://www.shanghaidaily.com/sp/article/2007/200703/20070328/article_310604.htm

3. Solar energy used in new tunnel

World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 3/24/2007

Shanghai is raising the bar for a clean and green city - with a little help from the sun.

Solar energy will be used for illumination for a new tunnel across the Huangpu River, which will be in operation by 2010. The tunnel light system will be the first of its kind on China's mainland, project engineers said on March 23.

The Xizang Road S. Tunnel is being built to streamline traffic flow for the World Expo in 2010. Located in the center of the 5.28-square-kilometer Expo site between the Nanpu and Lupu bridges, the tunnel will span 2.67 kilometers and link Xizang Road S. on the west of the Huangpu River with Pudong Road S. on the river's eastern bank.

"The purpose of using solar energy is energy conservation ... and to advocate energy conservation for the world fair," said Pan Guoqing, an engineer of Shanghai No. 2 Municipal Engineering Company, the project contractor.

In a preliminary plan, about 250 square meters of solar-reception membranes, or panels, will be paved atop the two tunnel entrances to absorb the sun's energy and transfer it into power for interior illumination. Solar power may account for less than 10 percent of the tunnel's power consumption, with the rest coming from conventional electricity supplies.

Major construction on the tunnel will start in the middle of this year, but full details of the solar project haven't been decided, engineers said. The Shanghai government is covering all operation expenses for the tunnel, including the solar power section.

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<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/expoenglish/news/sen/userobject1ai40488.html>

4. Expo to recruit company, city participants

World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 3/20/2007

World Expo 2010 Shanghai is seeking enterprises and cities interested in exhibiting their technologies and achievements in company pavilions and the "Best Practices Region."

The recruitment of company participants will be launching in April 2007 and the organizer has allocated two thirds of all the company pavilions to renowned domestic or local enterprises.

Among the global partners of World Expo 2010, China Telecom, China Mobile, Bank of Communications, Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation Group (SAIC) and General Motors Corporation (GM) have all indicated their intention to participate in this category.

The "Best Practices Region," a special highlight of World Expo 2010 Shanghai, will have a theme of "Sustainable Development and Ecological City".

20 to 30 cities around the world are expected to take part in the "Best Practices Region."

So far, 123 attendees have signed up for the event. The land for countries and international organizations will be available until June 2009.

For the full story, please visit:

<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/expoenglish/news/sen/userobject1ai40372.html>

5. Organizer promises to be tough on IPR protection

World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 3/20/2007

The organizer of World Expo 2010 Shanghai will restrict the taking of photos and shooting of videos in the exhibition halls to protect the intellectual property rights of Expo participants.

The proposed restrictions were released in a recently published protection guide based on IPR regulations in China, which were especially formulated for World Expo participants.

Visitors will not be allowed to videotape, make recordings or take photos without the permission of the organizers and participants during any of the exhibitions, forums or public performances.

As well as setting up warning signs in front of the exhibition halls, the organizers have issued a guide of ten further measures to be taken to emphasize the importance of IPR protection and inform the public of their responsibility to respect the rights of the participants.

The guide is being passed along to all Expo participants and detailed regulations are expected to be published later this year.

For the full story, please visit:

<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/expoenglish/news/sen/userobject1ai40368.html>

6. Pavilions, tunnels on agenda in busy year

World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 3/13/2007

Shanghai plans to start the construction of at least two tunnels across the Huangpu River to the World Expo site.

"We will have more infrastructure projects this year than for many previous years," Shanghai Vice Mayor Yang Xiong said in a government meeting on March 12.

The city wants to invest a total of 69.2 billion yuan (US\$8.65 billion) into 58 key urban construction projects this year. Last year, it invested 64.2 billion yuan into 48 projects.

More than half of this year's funds will be for infrastructure, including the Xinjian Road Tunnel, the Renmin Road Tunnel, several new Metro lines and 100-plus stations.

It also plans to build a huge underground vehicle tunnel below Zhongshan Road E1 in the Bund.

Eight expo-related projects with a combined investment of 22.1 billion yuan will begin this year within the expo site, including the public activity center and the Chinese and performance pavilions.

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