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1. 'Rainbow' crossing at Shanghai Expo site

Shanghai Daily Online 7/4/2007

WORLD Expo Shanghai is planning to decorate the elevated pedestrian road in the Expo site into a "rainbow" of colorful shelters, which can protect visitors from sunshine and rain, Shanghai Morning Post reported.

The four-kilometer "rainbow" will have a spraying system which can reuse the water from the Huangpu River to cool the air, an official with the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination said.

Visitors will feel like they are in air-conditioned rooms when walking on the road.

Different colors of the "rainbow" can guide visitors to exhibition zones of different continents inside the site.

Experts are discussing the material, structure and colors of the "rainbow" road.

For the full story, please visit:

http://www.shanghaidaily.com/sp/article/2007/200707/20070704/article_322090.htm

2. Work on shipyard base must quicken

World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 6/15/2007

Shanghai should accelerate the construction of the Changxing shipyard base to better prepare for the World Expo 2010 Shanghai, Mayor Han Zheng said on June 14 during a visit to the Shanghai-based Jiangnan Changxing Shipyard, a subsidiary of the China State Shipbuilding Corp.

China State Shipbuilding Corp, established in 1999, is an extra-large conglomerate and state-authorized investment institution directly administered by the central government of China.

"The construction of the Changxing shipyard base is part of a national strategy. We should have a sense of urgency in carrying out the project," said Han.

A world-class shipyard base is taking shape on Changxing Island.

The first phase of the project is in full swing. Some production lines have started operation and buyers have ordered 54 ships to extend the shipyard's work schedule to 2011.

The Jiangnan Shipyard, which was formerly located in the World Expo Site, will move to the new shipyard.

For the full story, please visit:

<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/expoenglish/news/sen/userobject1ai42266.html>

3. City yet to approve 'green maps' plan

World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 6/12/2007

Friends of Nature, an environmental protection organization, plans to create "green maps" of several sections of Shanghai that include the locations of cycling lanes and grade water quality in different parts of the city.

The project hasn't been approved yet by the city government, but does have the support of Wendy Brawer, the founding director of American-based Green Map System, who gave a lecture to organization members on June 11.

Brawer said green maps can promote people's awareness of the importance of protecting the environment and can encourage them to make environmentally friendly decisions, such as riding a bike to work instead of driving or taking a cab.

The maps are also expected to list the variety of plants in different parts of the city, location of solar energy sites, drinking water sources and major pollutants.

If the project is approved, the maps will be distributed free.

For the full story, please visit:

<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/expoenglish/news/sen/userobject1ai42174.html>

4. Organizers kick off pavilion constructions

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World Expo Shanghai organizers today kicked off the first batch of pavilion construction in part of the World Expo Site. The pavilions will serve as models for the construction of other pavilions and infrastructures for World Expo 2010.

Organizers said they hoped that the first batch of the pavilions when built will set the standard for both participants and builders when selecting construction materials and checking their budgets.

The area under construction has almost all the elements involved in building on the site, ranging from pavilions and elevated pedestrian ways to landscaping and toilet installation.

Most of the pavilions in the Expo Site will be torn down after the Expo is over. Organizers said that they would choose environmental-friendly and reusable materials.

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<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/expoenglish/news/sen/userobject1ai41719.html>

5. Expo hunt begins for world's Urban Best Practices

World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 5/15/2007

Shanghai began the process to select best practices that will showcase their urban innovation at the World Expo 2010 site on May 14.

The chosen Urban Best Practices will be displayed in a specific area, with the opportunity to show their achievements on an international stage.

Zhou Hanmin, deputy director of the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination, said Shanghai has earmarked a 15-hectare-area within the Puxi-side of the Expo site, for the Urban Best Practices Area -- a place for exhibiting Best Practices such as urban architecture, real landscapes and design concepts, etc.

Cities around the world can now submit their projects for consideration either by themselves or as a joint project with international organizations or companies. A Shanghai International Selection Committee will help propose and select the best examples for the Urban Best Practices Area.

Selected cases will be announced late this year. The bureau will be in charge of merging all the selected best practices within the area in a harmonious way, Zhou said.

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