The “Learn from Lei Feng Day” in Caoyang Community in aid for auctions were also hosted on and glass repair. Charity examination, gold cleaning property maintenance, physical education lectures, and promoted volunteerism of such kind of industrial enterprises was at its peak in 1980s. However, rapid industrial development of more than 30 years also caused environmental pollution. From 1987 to 1997, effective measures were introduced for environmental governance in the area and Taopu started to rebuild and reinvent itself as an urban industrial zone. Taopu area features a greenland covering an area of 1 million square meters. According to Zhou Minhao, director of Putuo District, the concepts of “green” and “intelligence” will be fully incorporated into the construction of the Taopu Science and Technology Smart City.

An artist’s rendition of Taopu Science and Technology Smart City

The construction of Taopu greenland is inspired by the Central Park in New York. It will also take ideas from traditional Chinese cultures such as painting, calligraphy, dance and tai chi. The sidewalk, boulevard, square and bridge will continue to form an elegant frame in the greenland. Visitors will also be able to access the water edge for poetic landscape and light-hearted activities.

It is not only a beautiful garden, but also an ecological system as well. It will serve as an urban “green lung.” The greenland will also become a public venue for cultural exchanges, creative bazaar, and arts and sports events. It will develop into a harmonious blend between human being and nature.

Taopu Science and Technology Smart City is expected to have a population of 29,000 people. It has a total construction area of 4.28 million square meters. Construction will be completed in 2022. The area will be transformed with key functions involving commerce, scientific and technological research and development, and ecological greenland. It will incubate a batch of high-tech industries in the city, helping to build Shanghai into a science and technology center.

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Taopu in Putuo District was among the first batch of chemical industrial parks to come up in Shanghai in 1954. Since then, the city has enjoyed enormous economic growth but the park has also posed environmental problems. The transformation and upgrading of Taopu began in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Today, according to the new development plans of Putuo District, Taopu will be transformed into a new landmark in northwest Shanghai.

Taopu has accelerated its land reserves plots. By the end of last year, around 1,500 mu (233 hectares) lands have been stored, which accounts for 40 percent of the goal in the area. The construction of Taopu Science and Technology Smart City has already started with a series of projects covering science, education and entrepreneurship.

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Community marks ‘Lei Feng Day’

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A SERIES of activities was held at Caoyang Community to mark the annual “Learn from Lei Feng Day” on March 5. On the 300-meter pedestrian street, volunteers from 31 companies and 1,000 residents offered a variety of services, stage performances and creative hand-painted volunteer maps.

Lei is a young Chinese soldier in the 1960s, known for his selflessly service to others. The activities held in Caoyang Community on March 5 were aimed to learn from him conveyed warmth to passers-by and promoted volunteerism in the area.

More than 40 volunteer services were presented including healthcare and legal consultations, education lectures, property maintenance, physical examination, gold cleaning and glass repair. Charity auctions were also hosted on that day. All the proceeds went to a charity fund set up by Caoyang Community in aid for needy students of the area.

Hosting activities to mark the “Learn from Lei Feng Day” on March 5 has been a tradition at Caoyang Community for over a decade. Some of the volunteers were honored this year.

Many passers-by stopped by to watch performances on the stage. Original Lei Feng-themed performances were done by local company workers. A mini-drama “It Is A Little Bit Difficult” artistically recreated heartwarming stories and scenes of good people and good deeds.

A total of 11 elderly people, the oldest of whom at 83 years old, spent more than half a month preparing for the drama. The Lark Bird volunteer group, which was founded in 2005, has also become a volunteer service brand of the area. More and more government officials participate in the volunteer activities to support local people and families.

More “Learning from Lei Feng” activities were held throughout Putuo District on March 5. Nearly 100 veteran physicians from 32 local hospitals including Huadong Hospital, Huashan Hospital and Ruijin Hospital gathered at the Baiyuan Changzheng Shopping Mall to provide health care consultation.

The Communist Youth League of Putuo District also hosted charity parties with bazaars and auctions for the young people. More than 5,000 yuan (US$724) was raised at the bazaar. The proceeds will be spent to aid poor students and disabled families.

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