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First Steel Column Installed at Shanghai Disneyland's Zootopia-themed Land

In Disney tradition, thousands of Cast Members, Imagineers and partners signed the column to commemorate installation

Shanghai, June 8, 2020 – Development of Judy and Nick's new home in Shanghai today reached an exciting milestone, as the first steel column of the Zootopia-themed land was installed – marking commencement of vertical construction at Shanghai Disneyland's newest themed land. In longstanding Disney tradition, prior to installation, this first steel column was signed by leaders and representatives from the resort, the Administrative Commission of Shanghai International Resort, Shanghai Shendi Group, and Walt Disney Imagineering, which is responsible for the design and development of the new themed land.



The first steel column was installed this morning, filled with thousands of Cast Members' and Imagineers' signatures



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“Today’s Zootopia construction milestone brings us another step closer to the beloved Zootopia story and characters coming to life in Shanghai,” said Joe Schott, President and General Manager, Shanghai Disney Resort. “We are always looking for new ways to delight and entertain our guests here in Shanghai with unique Disney storytelling and magical experiences. The steel column installed today is an integral part of our new land which is sure to offer incredible adventures to our guests for years to come. We have every confidence in our continued success and we are looking forward to creating even more excitement and bringing many more unique Disney stories to our guests.”



Joe Schott, President and General Manager, Shanghai Disney Resort (first from left); Tim Warzecha, Executive Project Manager, Walt Disney Imagineering Shanghai (first from right); Yang Jinsong, Chairman, Shanghai Shendi Group (second from left) and Li Guirong, Executive Deputy Director General, Administrative Commission of Shanghai International Resort (second from right) gathered to mark the historic occasion by signing the first steel column of Zootopia-themed land.



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Shanghai Disney Resort Cast Members and Imagineers signed their names on the first steel column

Since the commencement of main construction on the Zootopia-themed land in December 2019, the land has already witnessed several important milestones, including the commencement and completion of piling work earlier this year, which strengthens the foundations of the buildings that will line the streets of the Zootopia-themed land. With piling work now complete, this latest update to the Zootopia-themed land's construction story is an exciting sign that the new land is getting closer and closer to the day when guests from near and far can experience the global premiere.



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As the first-ever Zootopia-themed land at any Disney park, and the eighth themed land at Shanghai Disneyland, the new land upon completion guests will fully immerse themselves in the mammalian metropolis of Zootopia with new entertainment, merchandise, food and beverage offerings and a new major attraction that seamlessly blends Disney's storytelling and state of the art technologies to bring this fan-favorite movie and its characters to life.

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