

RUC to open new campus in Tongzhou

Renmin University of China (RUC), one of the country's best universities, has started building a new campus in Beijing's Tongzhou District, where a new government center is under construction.

Construction of the new campus started Monday at Tongzhou's Lucheng Township, one day before the university's 80th anniversary.

Covering an area of 111 hectares, the campus will be home to 22,000 students after its planned completion in 2025.

No fences will be built. Facilities at the campus, including the sports field and the gymnasium, will be open to the public.

RUC will be the only national-level key university in the capital's subsidiary administrative center, according to RUC.

Beijing is shifting some local administrative functions out of the city center and into Tongzhou to address congestion and pollution.

There are also plans to relocate non-capital functions to suburban and neighboring areas like Tianjin and Hebei.

As one of the relocation measures, some universities have built new campuses in outskirts like Shunyi, Daxing and Fangshan districts, and moved some of their faculty and students there.