

Industrial park leads way for others

By Wang Chao and Andrew Moody (China Daily, 2014/03/24)

A Chinese firm is seeing the seeds of an ambitious project begin to sprout

The Versace sunglasses seem to be an almost permanent fixture on Lu Qixin's face. This particular day when he takes them off, to have his photo taken, the imprint of the frames on his skin is almost as clear as his eyes, nose and mouth.

Lu, 47, is the deputy director of Eastern Industrial Park, 30 kilometers from the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, and today he is our chauffeur and guide on a tour of the park.



Employees at a plant at Eastern Industrial Park in Addis Ababa. There are 11 buildings covering 110,000 square meters and a waste – water processing plant in the park. [Photo/China Daily]

Lu is the younger brother of Lu Qiyuan, director of the park and also head of a private company, Qiyuan Group, in Jiangsu province, whose principal business is equipment molding.

As the younger Lu drives us hither and thither, barely speaking a word, the message comes through that Qiyuan Group Co Ltd, the company that runs the park, is, just like Lu's glasses, here to stay.