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Accelerate cross border e-commerce platform building Nantong guides foreign trade companies in expanding online markets

By Liu Lu

‘There will be a cross border e-commerce training tomorrow. Please remember to participate on time.’ On 19 May, person in charge of municipal foreign trade center and his colleagues came to the companies in the center, and informed them one by

one. ‘We just held cross border e-commerce ‘9610’ mode training conference together with electronic port. The purpose is to cultivate Nantong major cross border e-commerce companies, expand 9610 export, and reduce the cost caused by the epidemic at max degree.’

Epidemic is spreading overseas, brought large influence on many companies which are involved in cross border e-commerce work in Nantong. Municipal commerce departments, foreign trade center, electronic port have acted to guide the companies in further understand-

ing of cross border e-commerce by policy promotion and professional trainings; did after epidemic tracing and analysis to help companies develop cross border e-commerce work with cross border e-commerce integrated platform building, help foreign trade companies consume capacity and reduce stock.

Foreign companies in Nantong

Hanwha SolarOne Qidong company ‘replaced workers with machines’

Half labour, double capacity



By Huang Hai

On 29 April, in the workshop of Hanwha SolarOne (Qidong) company, the arms of string welders were precise and flexible. The director of the workshop Liu Ying said that robot operation ensured quality, reduced labor work, and increased capacity.

In 2010, world top 500 company Hanwha group purchased Lin Yang new energy and entered photovoltaic industry. In 2015, Hanwha SolarOne invested 100 million U.S. dollars to do technological alteration to plant No.7, brought in automatic solar cell modules production line, replaced workers with machines, the number of employees of the company was reduced from 12000 to 5000, and production cost was reduced from 49 cents per watt to 39 cents per watt. Liu Yanhong told the reporter, ‘compared with 5 years ago when I first came here, the most obvious change is that the number of workers is reduced, most of the production procedures are done by robots.’

In 2019, Hanwha SolarOne invested 130 million U.S. dollars to do technological alteration to battery and component workshops. In the present the company’s total capital is 10 billion Yuan. There are 3200 employees.

Although this year there has been COVID-19 epidemic, Hanwha SolarOne has been producing in full capacity. Board chairman Jin Enzhi told the reporter that the company has leading photovoltaic manufacture, research and development technology, has formed a complete industrial from battery units, components to photovoltaic power generation system. It is one of the largest ten photovoltaic component manufacturer in the world. In 2019, the taxable sales of the company were 3.83 billion Yuan.



On 20 May, witnessed by parents, friends, relatives and more than 60 thousand online friends, 50 couples in Rugao held a group wedding.

Photo by Xu Congjun

Nantong and Toyohashi helped each other in epidemic control

By Lu Zhaoxin

On 19 May, mayor of Nantong Wang Hui and mayor of Toyohashi Sahara Koichi shared experiences in epidemic control, prevention and treatment by video conference, and discussed about further communication and cooperation.

Wang Hui said that al-

though Nantong and Toyohashi were very far from each other, the bonding of sister cities made them closer and more intimate. In the last 33 years, they have had detailed and effective communication events in fields such as trade, technology, culture, education and medicine. People of the two cit-

ies become friends. When Nantong was in the most dangerous situation of epidemic control, Toyohashi helped us and provided goods. After epidemic break happened in Toyohashi, Nantong donated medical goods such as masks and protective clothing.

Sahara Koichi represented

Toyohashi citizens to thank for the medical goods donated by Nantong, and introduced briefly the relevant conditions of epidemic in Toyohashi. He expected more communication and interaction of the two cities in fields such as economy, medicine and citizens, more friendship and more cooperation.



Tonghai harbour container work section taken on 19 May. In the last few days, the container section of the harbour has been busy. In April, the container throughput of Nantong harbor is 175.7 thousand standard containers, there is a 56.7% increase. Photo by Xu Congjun

Hai’an Chen Jin completed the 81st weight marathon at doorstep

By Jiang Jianhua

At 5 am on 17 May, at Chuangkou village, Dagong town, Hai’an, after a brief start ceremony, farmer Chen Jin took up 20 kg iron vest and started his 81st weight marathon.

It is a ‘competition’ of the smallest scale and lowest grade since he started to participate in marathons. The race track is the concrete road around the village. One round is about 2.05 km. He needs to run 21 rounds to complete a ‘full marathon’. 16 years ago, an accidental chance, Chen Jin got to know ‘marathon’ and fell in love with the sport. At the beginning, he was misunderstood by neighbors for his action of running around the village. In the last



16 years, Chen Jin participated competitions everywhere, in Beijing, Shanghai, Xiamen...wherever there was marathon competition, he would try in every way, sometimes he even harvested three acres of rice in advance for that.

Due to the ‘craziness’, Chen Jin attracted attention from media. After he became Beijing Olympic Games torch bearer as an ordinary farmer in 2008, he went to CCTV sports famous people award ceremony and got 2010 sports spirit award (nomination), later, he won honors such as ‘Jiangsu sports master’, ‘national sports advanced individual’.

Chen Jin said that due to the epidemic, domestic and foreign marathon competitions were suspended. However, as long as conditions permit, he will complete the following 19 marathons, ‘100 weight marathons before the opening of Beijing winter Olympics is my life dream!’