

Nantongreport

Foreign friends visited Nantong

By Lu Zhaoxin

From 17 to 18 April, 2021 ‘Discover Jiangsu’ first event was held in Nantong. More than 20 foreign friends from countries including Spain, Argentina, Russia and South Africa came to first city of modern China - Nantong, to feel the culture of Nantong and experience the development of China.

Birds were singing, flowers were blooming and there were lush plants at Yangtze River side of Wushan area in Nantong. Once got off the bus, the foreigners were attracted by the beautiful scene in the front. Some people took out mobile photos to take photos and record videos; some stood on plank road by the Yangtze River, watched the river and listened to the wind and sirens... ‘It’s so splendid.’ Andrew John Owen from South Africa cannot help praising. He has always lived in Nanjing. It was his first time to see the wide and splendid Yangtze River.

Entering Nantong Museum, Roya from Iran

stopped before Nantong intangible cultural heritage booth, watched the successors presenting making procedure.

Rugao puppet art dates back to Han Dynasty and Tang Dynasty. In 2007, it was listed in provincial intangible cultural heritage list. Foreign friends’ eyes were glued to *Jianghai puppet culture* performed by Rugao puppet art troupe. Seeing one puppet wrote a large ‘Shou’ character, Jacky was surprised. After learning some skills, he tried to control a puppet to write ‘Jiang’ which is one character of Jiangsu.

On 2021 ‘Discover Jiangsu’ - come to first city of modern China - Nantong’ event opening ceremony, Flores Baena Alicia from Mexico was awarded blue calico and *Symbol of Jiangsu* Zhang Jian volume. She is studying in Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics and has stayed in Jiangsu for two years. It was her first time to participate ‘Discover Jiangsu’ event. The Nantong trip interested her in traditional culture of Nantong and China.



Consul general of Spain in Shanghai Carmen Fontes visited Nantong for the first time also. After watching Zhang Jian’s

deeds exhibition at Nantong Museum, and Dasheng plant history gallery at Dasheng group, she was impressed by the famous patriotic entrepreneur

Zhang Jian. It is learnt that ‘Discover Jiangsu’ is a brand visit and experience event held by Jiangsu information office. Its aim is to discover the beauty and charm of Jiangsu in the view of foreigners who stay in Jiangsu, and promote Jiangsu to the world with the help of these ‘common ambassadors’.

Shanghai Renji Hospital Nantong division nameplate unveiled

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- It is expected to be in operation at the end of the year.

By Ye Guo

On 18 April, Renji hospital affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of medicine Nantong division’s nameplate was unveiled. It is expected to be in operation at the end of the year.

After completion, ‘general cooperation and entrusted management’ will be implemented, and management system will be the

same as that in Shanghai hospital. After five to ten years of operation and development, it will be a first class in Jiangsu and leading in middle Jiangsu grade 3A hospital, and become an important regional medical center in Yangtze River delta area.

The total floor area of the hospital is 412 thousand square meters. There will be 2600 beds , 4400 parking lots and a roof apron.



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By Zhang Jian

On 23 April, ‘Zhang Jian’s hometown, poetry and painting of Haimen’ cultural tourism industry investment promotion conference was held at Haimen. Two Zhang Jian cultural tour lines were introduced to domestic travelers. And Zhang Jian historical and cultural timeline plan was published.

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and cultural timeline plan and Zhang Jian cultural tour lines were published. Zhang Jian historical and cultural timeline uses his footprints in Haimen as a guide, starts from Qinglong harbour old port cultural tourism area, goes northward to Dasheng third plant, Zhang Jian’s hometown Changle, Yudong ancient town salt transport river, Zhengyu Tongdong revolution museum, Haimen harbour new area Zhang Jian Reclamation and Pastoral

park and other major stations, which are important carriers of promoting Zhang Jian’s spirit and patriotism. Zhang Jian cultural tour lines are classified as fine line and research line, for citizens to travel in Nantong and teenagers’ research education. National 4A scenic spot Zhang Jian cultural tourism area located at Zhang Jian’s hometown Changle ancient town includes several scenic spots such Zhang Jian memorial hall and Yisheng arts park. Tourists can get to know the legendary life of Zhang Jian and the source of his patriotic spirit.

On the day, ‘a visit to Zhang Jian’s hometown’ Yangtze River delta media and major tourism agencies representatives visiting (experience) event was held at the same time. Chief Editors and senior journalists from close to 20 major media of the state, Jiangsu province and Yangtze River delta gathered in Haimen.

Briefly

By Li Bo

Free open days at 8 scenic spots

The reporter learnt from municipal culture, radio and tourism bureau that this year 8 scenic spots in Nantong have free open days. The number of total free open days is 28.

Chongchuan night economy started

By You Lian

At about 19:00 on 16 April, Holland street night market was open. At the same time, ‘the third South Street carnival’ series event was started at Dinggujiao. Besides, Xiyang bridge night market was also started.