

Nantong report

Jiangsu (Nantong) – Spain, Portugal, and Italy cooperation and exchange conference held

By Li Tong

On 28 March, Jiangsu (Nantong) - Spain, Portugal, and Italy cooperation and exchange conference was held by Nantong government and Jiangsu foreign affairs office together at Nantong. Wu Xinming, Secretary of CPC Nantong Committee, Sun Yi, director of Jiangsu foreign affairs office, Luis Antonio Calvo Casta-

no, consul general of Spain in Shanghai, Sílvia Inácio, consul general of Portugal in Shanghai, Bao Wen, board member of China- Italy chamber of commerce and president of its Jiangsu branch, attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches.

Wu Xinming said that Nantong has cooperated with Spain, Portugal and Italy in a lot of fields including economic development, industrial

park building, cultural exchange, and achieved obvious effects. He hoped that the event could become a new start, cooperation in fields including industrial investment and international trade would be deepened further, cultural exchange including intangible cultural heritage communication and art exhibition and performance would be increased, to solidify the development of international sister city relationship, and build

new bridges of friendship and cooperation.

Luis Calvo, Sílvia Inácio, and Bao Wen all expressed optimism about the investment environment of Nantong. They hoped that by platforms including cooperation and exchange conference, they could have more communication and create more cooperation opportunities in fields including bilateral trade and investment.

Briefly

First batch of 18 shared parks and greenbelts open

By Jiang Jiaojiao

On 28 March, the first batch of 18 shared parks and greenbelts were open in Nantong.

The parks and greenbelts short-listed this time including Tang Zha park, Cao Ding memorial park, Binjiang sports park, Nantong innovation district Zilang Park, Tongzhou district Shushihe park, Haimen district Donghai green gallery, Rudong youth park, are popular places where citizens visit and enjoy the scenery.

Ship 'Xin Tai Ping's direct route to Japan

By Wu Xiaoyun

'Uuw——', as a loud siren sounded, at 9 am 25 March, ship 'Xin Tai Ping' berthed at Lvsi start up port Jiangsu Hutong container berth. The ship planned to load cargo in Lvsi start up port and go to Japan directly, which marked the official opening of the 1st container international route of Tongzhou bay new estuary Lvsi start up port.

The opening of route to Japan will provide new logistics transport route choice for container foreign trade transport in Lvsi, middle Jiangsu and north Jiangsu areas, help enterprises reduce logistics transport integrated cost effectively.



The Story of Nantong launched

By Zhang Xinfang

On 29 March, *The Story of Nantong* release ceremony was held at Rugao convergence media center.

In the past 3 years, cyberspace administration of CPC Nantong Committee has been working on international online communication, to tell the stories of Nantong well and promote positive energy online. After *The Story of Zhang Jian* published in 2021 got good reviews domestically and internationally, in 2022, they worked on the series continuously, and composed a book *The Story of Nantong*. By comic + Chinese and English essays, it tells the past, present and future of Nantong to domestic and overseas friends.

Hai'an Dagong pear flower festival attracted various tourists

Looking for flowers deep in pear orchard



By Zhao Yongjin

On 26 March, the 10th Ha'an rural tourism festival and 13th Dagong town pear flower festival was open at ten thousand mu pear orchard in Yubei village. Tourists came for flowers, walked deep in the pear orchard.

By flower appreciation avenue, a foreign lady was painting with her children. Jin Shancun, Secretary of CPC Committee of Dagong town, said that a xiangxian in the town invested 15 million yuan, was developing 'Hao Xiang Le' village tour and ecological agriculture project, would include ar-

reas including orchard production, parent-child activity, lotus appreciation, fishing, harvest and accommodation.

Looking to the east at Yuba village site, in the two artificial lakes, water front platforms and other facilities have been built. It is not far from the date of opening.

Tongzhou bay demonstration district investment promotion group went to 5 cities in Europe

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On 25 March, Tongzhou bay demonstration district investment promotion group which consisted of 6 people completed the trip and returned with achievements. In 7 days, the investment promotion group went to 5 cities, visited 12 target enterprises intensively and

reached a series of cooperation intention.

The investment promotion group went to places including Paris, Strasbourg in France and Frankfurt, Erfurt, Hamburg in Germany, carried out communication about industries including high end equipment manufacture, new energy, electrical components, vocational education, ports and

logistics. At the same time, they visited famous enterprises and organizations including world leading metallurgical equipment manufacture industry giant SMS Siemag, Frank group, Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG, Sino group, SOCOMEC which has 100 years history in France, Rudolf Scharping group, promoted and introduced the industrial development condition and business environment of Tongzhou bay, looked for opportunities to cooperate with European enterprises.

The trip to Europe is the first overseas investment promotion of Tongzhou bay in the past 3 years. After they returned home, the investment promotion group would further sort the information of the projects, implement list management, to ensure the application and settlement of investment promotion achievements.

Wu Xinming met Neil Bush, board chairman of Atlas (the United States) renewable energy, and his party

By Zhu Wenjun

On 28 March, Wu Xinming, secretary of CPC Nantong Committee, met Neil Bush, board chairman of Atlas (the United States) renewable energy, Robert Piconi, board chairman and CEO of EV and their party. They had in-depth communication in cooperation in fields including ecology and environmental protection and new energy industry.

Wu Xinming welcomed the arrival of Neil Bush and his party, and introduced the social and economic development condition of Nantong in detail. Wu Xinming said that new energy industry was one of the major industrial clusters of Nantong, wind power,

photovoltaic, and energy storage industries had formed a respective scale. 100MWh gravity energy storage project will be supported fully.

Neil Bush said, driven by Atlas, China Tianying and EV, enterprise listed in the United States, reached comprehensive strategic cooperation, brought gravity energy storage technology which was advanced in the world into China first. He hoped that the project could be a model, to encourage more enterprises to have cooperation.

The first 100MWh gravity energy storage model project in the world and global gravity energy storage equipment manufacture center settled in Rudong of our city. In the present the project is in progress in order. The roof is expected to be completed in July.

Nantong talent day established

On Grain Rain every year



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By Zhang Ye

On 30 March, Nantong decided to confirm every Grain Rain (about 20 April of solar calendar) as 'Nantong talent day'.

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solar calendar.

Ma Rushan, Director of education, science, culture and health department of the Standing Committee of National People's Congress of Nantong, said that 'joining the nice meaning of 'rain nurtures grains, full of vitality' and the festival special for talents, is to send invitations to talents on Grain Rain, to promote progress and growth of talents and Nantong together.'

'Nantong has very good regional location, talent policies and government services.' in September 2018, Chen Dakai started KOKA (Nantong)life sciences Co., Ltd., which works on research and development of cardiac valve intervention instruments. After it settled in Nantong, KOKA (Nantong) built the largest cardiac valve manufacture center in China, and developed the first cardiac valve tectorial membrane production line in China. Chen Dakai said, 'establishment of 'Nantong talent day' is very good! I hope that it has Nantong characters and stands out over the state.'

Construction of the largest FPSO project in the world was started in Qidong

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 31 March, main hull structure of P-82 FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Offloading) contracted by Qidong COSCO shipping and marine engineering was started in Qidong. It is the largest FPSO project in the world up to now.

The FPSO is the 10th of the 12 FPSO plan for operation of Petrobras oilfields. The main structure of the project is 360 m long, 60 m wide, 34.3 m deep. The steel structure of the hull weighs over 80 thousand tons. The design oil storage capacity is 1.6 million barrels.

The production capacity reaches 225 thousand barrels of oil and 12 million cubic meters of natural gas per day.

FPSO, as major equipment of marine oil development, is an integrated large offshore production facility with manufacture, processing, storage, transport, living and power supply functions. It is called 'offshore oil and gas processing plant'. Compared with other types of oil production platforms, FPSO has advantages including strong wind and wave resistance, suitable for large variety of water depth, large oil storage and unloading capacity, transferable, and reusable.

