

# Nantong report

## 2023 China Nantong Jianghai International Culture and Tourism Festival open

Will hold close to 100 featured events

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By Zhu Wenjun

On 27 April night, 2023 China Nantong Jianghai International Culture and Tourism Festival was open at Nantong Grand Theatre.

Jianghai International Culture and Tourism Festival is an annual culture and tourism feast of Nantong. It has been held 20 times successfully. It has become a well-known festival brand which integrates culture and tourism resources of the city, promotes regional culture and tourism cooperation, and stimulates culture and tourism consumption vitality.

On the opening ceremony, Nantong and well-known domestic OTA online platforms including the Paper and Amap, and overseas culture and tourism official organizations and institutions including HIS international travel agency in Japan, Mw Tours media company in Australia signed Nantong culture and tourism promotion and Nantong inbound tourism market expansion multilateral strategic cooperation agreement.

From April to December, close to one hundred featured culture and tourism events will be held in Nantong, to present rich culture and tourism resources and development achievements fully.

## From 28 April to 31 August Free ride of Nantong Metro after 20:00

By Jiang Jiaojiao

To boost consumption, Nantong rail transit launched ‘travel in summer night - free ride on underground railway’ event. The event is after 20:00 until end of operation, from 28 April to 31 August every day.

All passengers who entered the gates after 20:00 can enjoy free ride on metro, without limit on mileage and time. The regulations of the event include: passengers with citizen card, the 3rd generation of social security card, Jiangsu T-Union, Tong Tong You card, and Re Xue card can enjoy 0 fee for the trip when swiping the card. When passengers using physical counting card and souvenir ticket swipe cards to travel, no number of rides will be deducted from the card. Passenger using ‘Nantong Metro’ App can enjoy 0 fee when scanning code to ride. Passengers who do not have smart mobile phone or need help, can ask staff of the stations for assistance, enter from station special passage. Passengers who do not have physical cards, can download ‘Nantong Metro’ App, add value or enable password free payment, and then scan code to travel for free.

Nantong rail transit reminded passengers that those who entered the gate before 20:00, would be charged as usual when exiting the station. Passengers that enter the gate after 20:00, do not need to pay ticket fee when exiting the station.

## China-Laos fertilizer special train operation

The total length is 3469 km

By Xu Congjun

On 25 April, cargo train loaded with 70 TEU of fertilizer set off from Nanjing freight center Hai’an freight station, to its destination in Luang Prabang, Laos. It marked the start of operation of the 1st Jiangsu China-Laos railway (Hai’an — Luang Prabang) international freight fertilizer special train.

The batch of fertilizer will leave the border at Mohan railway port in Yunnan province. The total length is 3469 km. It will reach Luang Prabang, Laos in the end.



China-Laos fertilizer special train set out from Hai'an.Photo by Xu Congjun



## Picture book *a man, a city* shortlisted in China Good Books

By Shi Ying and Wang Yi

On 23 April, ‘National reading conference - 2022 China Good Books Festival’ was broadcast on CCTV-1. Historical biographies picture book *a man, a city* launched by Nantong Daily and Jiangsu Feng Huang children’s press was shortlisted in 2022 ‘China Good Books’.

## A journey of ten thousand miles, motherland takes us home

Nantong residents in Sudan experienced ‘Chinese style evacuation’



By He Jiayu

‘Arrived in Jeddah.’ at 3:30 pm 27 April, 10:30 am 27 April local time, warship which Chen Xian and compatriots were on arrived at Jeddah port of Saudi Arabia. Once there was a signal on the mobile phone, he sent a message to report safety to our reporter.

Chen Xian has a plant at SOBA industrial park in Khartoum, capital of Sudan. It manufactures bags for cotton packaging. After Sudan armed conflict occurred, there was constant sound of gunfire in Khartoum, the plant suspended production. After withdrawing to relatively safe Sudan port, Chen Xian did not plan to return home at first, planned to stay in Sudan port for some time, and return to Khartoum when the situation was stable, ‘all airports in Sudan were closed. If I return to motherland, it will be difficult to come back.’ however, hearing that Chinese enterprises were robbed in the industrial park, he decided to leave.

There is a time difference of 6 hours between Sudan and China. At 4:30 pm of the previous day (10:30 local time), when the reporter contacted Chen Xian, who was waiting for evacuation at Sudan port, he was waiting for Customs clearance procedure, ‘We are sure to leave Sudan safely today. I will plan for the next step after arriving at Saudi Arabia.’ As expected, at 4 pm local time, cars arranged by Chinese side carried more than 300 people including Chen Xian to the port. There, two Chinese warships were waiting for them.

‘The moment I got on the warship, I was relieved, everyone was happy.’ at 6 pm local time, the warships left the port, crossed the Red Sea, heading for Saudi Arabia, ‘Dinner and today’s breakfast were both good, and there was places to rest. I really feel the power of our motherland.’

## Briefly Nantong Zhiyun football team achieved a good start



On 26 April, Castillo, who scored a goal, celebrated the victory with home fans. On the day, Nantong Zhiyun beat Henan by a score of 1:0 in the first home game of Chinese Super League.

Photo by Li Bo

## Eaton (China) and Jiangsu Ryan founded a joint venture

By Zhao Yongjin

On 24 April, opening ceremony of joint venture establishment of Eaton (China) Investment Co., Ltd. and Jiangsu Ryan Electrical Stock Co., Ltd. was held in Hai’an.

Eaton is a global intelligent power management company. It has a development history of 112 years. Its business is over more than 170 countries in the world. Eaton electrical, as its largest business segment, covers a series of complete solutions including medium and low voltage distribution, industrial control, and key power quality. It is one of the four large international enterprises in medium and low voltage electrical industry in the world. Ryan electrical is rooted in Hai’an. It is a high and new technology enterprise which works on power transmission and transformation equipment manufacture.

Integration of manufacture, research and development abilities of Ryan Electrical and global sales network of Eaton, can provide complete set of electrical solutions for clients in China and in the world.

## The first newly-built polar exploration cruise ship this year ‘Ocean Albatross’ delivered

By Peng Junjun and Wu Xiaoyun

At about 9 o’clock 25 April, the first newly-built polar exploration cruise ship this year ‘Ocean Albatross’ set off from Nantong Haimen China Merchants Industry port successfully. It will be delivered directly to American shipowner (Sunstone).

The ship is the 6th ship of China Merchants Industry polar exploration cruise project. The design length is 104.4 m, width is 18.4 m. The design speed is no less than 15.5 knots. The progressiveness and uniqueness are both leading in the world. The ship is installed with advanced electric propulsion and control system. It has unique technological advantages in aspects including ship form design, interior renovation, noise level and energy consumption. The ship was built according to latest polar parameter standards. Extreme high standard level and environmental protection requirements can ensure the ship’s capability of travelling in high latitude regions and smooth travel over the world. It has unique commercial prospect in high end market segments.



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