

Nantong report

301 new tidal parking spaces increased in Nantong urban area

By Jiang Jiaojiao

From 1st February, there will be 13 new tidal car parks in Chongchuan District, which provide 301 tidal shared parking spaces.

Xue Fei, the director of Vehicle Order Department of Chongchuan Urban Management Bureau, said that for the problems of difficulty in parking in old residential areas near Chongchuan District government such as Xintaoyuan, Qingnian road Community, Shenyuan road Community, and Xinjian road Community, the CPC Committee of the district and district government offered 30

parking spaces as tidal spaces and painted them with eye-catching blue lines. From 6 pm to 8:15 am on the next morning in weekdays, in public holidays and weekends, they are free to use for nearby residents.

In the car park of Hefeng Building north to Chongchuan District Administrative Service Center, 50 tidal spaces were added. There are 150 parking spaces in the car park in total. In the day it mainly meets the parking needs of people who come for administrative affairs, at night empty spaces are offered for share, to alleviate the difficulty of parking at night for residents of nearby communities.

International flight from Nantong to Nha Trang of Vietnam resumed

By Li Hui

At 4 pm on 2nd February, flight VJ5403 flown by Vietjet Air took off from Nantong Xingdong International Airport successfully. The return trip from Nantong to Nha Trang of Vietnam is resumed. It is the first recovered international flight in Nantong Airport after 3 years.

The direct flight from Nantong to Nha Trang which was recovered

this time uses Airbus 321, who has 230 seats. The scheduled dates are 2, 7, 12, 16, 21 and 26 of February, and 1, 6, 11, 15, 20, 25, and 29 of March.

Nha Trang is a coastal city in the middle south part of Vietnam. It is a popular international tourism destination as its rustic beaches and good diving environment. It has attracted a lot of tourists from Southeast Asia. Nha Trang Bay is one of the most beautiful bays in the world.

Villagers of Xilin Village, Haimen, Nantong ‘Explore the world after the Chinese New Year’

From Xinhua News Agency

There are more than 3500 registered people in Linxi Village, Haimen District, Nantong. By Dieshiqiao International Home Textile City, more than 600 people have gone overseas to do business. On 5th February, the reporter discovered during the visit that the villagers who do business all over the world were returning to the village as the Spring Festival was coming.

Yu Liping went overseas for work together with his father when he was 19 years old. He has been working overseas for 30 years. This year he came home alone to accompany his parents in the Chinese New Year. His wife and children are still in Johannesburg, South Africa.

‘If there is work to do, I will not come back.’ 67-year-old Cai Yunsong is one of the earliest batch of overseas pioneers in the village. This year only he ‘stays behind’.

His son was running a factory in Ethiopia. His wife, daughter and son-in-law are doing home textile business in Romania. Cai Yunsong said that in the past it took a few months to deliver a letter from home, but now the communication is very convenient. All 8 people of the family are in a wechat group. On the New Year’s Eve, they can make online calls and send red envelopes, ‘even if spending the Spring Festival alone, I won’t feel lonely.’

Since the 1990s, villagers of Linxi Village have carried bed sheets and pillowcases to the world. They did not speak foreign languages, and bargained with a calculator. Their footprints are scattered over more than 40 countries and areas in the world.

Yu Liping, who does warehousing wholesale in South Africa, went to Yiwu small commodity market recently, hoping to find more competitive products, to prepare for entering Mexico market after the Chinese New Year.



Busy port

On 2nd February, work was in progress in order at Suzhong International Container Terminal of Rugao Port. In January, the container throughput of the port reached 53.221 thousand TEU. There is an increase of 32.96%.Photo by Wu Shujian and Xue Feng

Nantong panda twins received a new year gift

By Wang Ying

On 5th February, Nantong Forest Safari Park received a pair of panda dough sculptures tailored for panda siblings ‘Xinghui’ and ‘Xingfan’ from Luo Bin, a representative successor of Nantong intangible cultural heritage.

Opening the packaging of the exquisite gift box, two cute panda dough sculptures were in sight. With round heads and chubby bodies, they were charmingly naive and adorable. Once the keeper held them out, they attracted a crowd of visitors in the park.

‘We drove here from Shanghai today, to see the two star cubs. We thought the younger one “Xingfan” was playing hide and seek and would not have a chance to see it, but seeing the vivid panda dough sculptures was like seeing real pandas.’ Cao’s family did not see ‘Xingfan’ in the cold wind and was going to leave, the two panda



dough sculptures held out by the keeper surprised him. He said that they were really true to life. ‘It can be considered that the wish was fulfilled.’

Luo Bin, born in Nantong in 1968, has learnt dough sculpture making from his grandfather since he was a child. In 2013, Luo Bin was awarded ‘representa-

tive successor of Nantong intangible cultural heritage - dough sculpture’. ‘I like pandas very much. A few days ago when I came to Nantong Forest Safari Park and saw the panda siblings “Xinghui” and “Xingfan”, I thought them very cute. After I went home, with references of pictures, I made the two panda dough sculptures.’

Briefly

Nantong Festive-Lantern Art Exhibition open

By Yang Zhenxiao

On 6th February, 2024 Nantong Festive-Lantern Art Exhibition opened at the special exhibition hall of Nantong Eminent Figures Museum and 53 Art Museum simultaneously. More than 70 works were exhibited.

The Festive-Lantern Art has a history of nearly two thousand years. Nantong Festive-Lantern art mainly makes small lanterns of birds, animals, fish and insects. The exhibition will last until 10th March.

International students experienced payment in China

By Jiang Xiaodong, Gu Ling and Ji Yanan

On 1st February, several banking institutions went to Nantong Vocational University to teach, and let more than 20 international students in the school experience Chinese payment.

At the end of last September, Joseph from Namibia came to Nantong Vocational University to learn the application technologies of internet of things. At the start, he was still used to withdrawing cash from the banks, and paying by cash. ‘When I took out cash, many people were surprised. They even told me that they had not seen cash for a long time.’

Hearing that many international students praised the convenience of Chinese payment, Joseph would like to have a try. With the help from teachers of the school of International Education, he praised when he tried Alipay for the first time. ‘It’s powerful and safe enough.’

62 Nantong enterprises participated in Heimtextil

By Wu Xiaoyun

A few days ago, the 62 Nantong textile and fabric enterprises which participated in the 2024 Heimtextil which opened on 9th January returned with a full load.

As a professional home textile exhibition with relatively large scale and influence in the world, Heimtextil has always been a major fair for Nantong enterprises. The total area of the fair is 280 thousand square meters. Over 2800 exhibitors from more than 60 countries participated in the fair.

The Nantong enterprises which participated include Nantong Sailin Textile Co., Ltd. and Nantong Aomian Textile Co., Ltd. The exhibits cover various types including home textile, household goods, fabric and accessories. During the fair, by face-to-face communication, a lot of foreign enterprises reached cooperation intentions with Nantong enterprises.

The reporter learnt from municipal bureau of commerce that including the Heimtextil, in the first quarter, Nantong has organized five major international fairs such as Uzbeki-

stan International Construction Exhibition, the Makers • Apparel Show in Japan, Vietnam International Trade Fair for Apparel, Textiles and Textile Technologies and Asia Pacific Maritime 2024 in Singapore. Up to now in total 121 companies have signed up to participate.

Apart from that, Nantong will continue to carry out ‘Nantong Export Brand’ event. Uzbekistan International Construction Exhibition and the ‘Nantong Export Brand’ event at Asia Pacific Maritime are in active preparation.

