

Nantong report

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On 27th February, the 25th Uzbekistan International Construction Exhibition (UzBuild) opened at Uzexpocentre, Tashkent. As the first exhibition of '2024 Nantong Export Brand Overseas Trip', Nantong organized in total 11 high-quality enterprises to participate.

UzBuild is the construction materials and interior decoration exhibition of the largest scale and highest level in Uzbekistan. It covers hardware tools, interior decoration, kitchen and bathroom supplies, construction materials, HVAC, construction supporting facilities, and construction machinery etc. It attracted many professional purchasers from Central Asia countries. During the expo, many economic and trade magazines, mass media and TV stations all promoted and reported the expo widely. The total area of the expo is about 15 thousand square meters. More than 400 exhibitors from more than 20 countries including Russia, Turkey and Germany participated. Chinese participating enterprises account for about one fourth. The number of visitors from Uzbekistan and nearby countries exceeded 10 thousand.

At present, China has become the largest trade partner of Uzbekistan. The products of participating

enterprises such as Jiangsu Toua, Nantong Qiande, Jiangsu Flint, Gao Le Bo electrical appliances, and Jiangsu Mengjini were popular among the attending visitors. By face-to-face communication at the expo, a batch of Central Asia traders and enterprises reached preliminary cooperation intentions with Nantong enterprises.

At the expo, Nantong Bureau of Commerce organized a China and Uzbekistan enterprises matchmaking event, invited the minister of Uzbekistan Economic Council to deliver a speech and visit the booths of Nantong enterprises, which improved the effect of participation and brand influence of Nantong delegation. Nantong International Chamber of Commerce and Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export signed a co-operation agreement. Representatives of more than 30 Uzbekistan purchasers participated in the event, and had further communication with the exhibitors.

During the exhibition, Nantong Bureau of Commerce organized enterprises to research on markets and local enterprises. Nantong Bureau of Commerce also visited Tashkent Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to get to know the local policies about import and export promotion and investment attraction, visited logistics and railway transport enterprises in Uzbekistan, and discussed the feasibility of opening of Central Asia Railway express.



Briefly

China-Indonesia Seminar on Collaborative Training of Maritime Talents

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 5th March, China(Nantong)-Indonesia(Jakarta) Seminar on Collaborative Training of Maritime Talents was held at Jiangsu Shipping College. In the conference, 'China (Nantong)-Indonesia(Jakarta) Maritime Talents Training Base' and 'China(Nantong) -Indonesia(Jakarta) Zhenghe Cultural Exchange Center' unveiled nameplates.

At the event, the representatives visited education facilities and equipment including the 360-degree visual full-mission maritime simulator, Large Ship Engine Simulation Training Center, Water Safety Skills Training Center, Urban Rail Transit Integrated Training Base, Maritime Culture Center, and Port Operation Training Room on site.

The two parties took the seminar as an opportunity, further deepened inter-school cooperation in maritime education, to build an international teaching team together, and cultivate international transport talents collaboratively.

Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area went to Shanghai for multinational companies attraction

By Si Zhanwei

On 2nd March, Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area went to Shanghai to participate in the Shanghai Summit on Global Business Dialogue between Multinational Companies and Chinese Enterprise Leaders, promoted investment and business environment on the spot, and signed a strategic cooperation intention with Brice Valley Entrepreneur Elite (International) Club.

In the past 40 years since Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area was founded, more than 2000 above scale enterprises have been founded, including more than 900 foreign invested enterprises, and more than 80 Fortune Global 500 companies. The total investment is more than 30 billion U.S. dollars. Over the past few years, a batch of famous multinational companies such as Merck, Lanxess and Symrise from Germany, Devro from Britain, Hirschmann from Austria, Cargill from America, Toray and DAIO from Japan came to NETDA to establish headquarters of China region and keep increasing investment.

Free medical services



On 1st March, international students from Nantong University provided free medical services such as blood pressure measurement and health consultation for citizens. Photo by Xu Congjun

Dutch high-tech ship new materials project settled in Haimen

By Huang Tianling

Recently, the Dutch high-tech ship interior decoration new materials manufacturing project whose total investment is about 10 million euros was signed successfully. It settled in D&J (Nantong) Intelligent Manufacturing Park at Haimen Economic and Technological Development Zone.

The Netherlands is a world shipbuilding industry power. Its advanced shipbuilding technologies and high-quality materials research have always attracted global attention. Herculan Asia, as the Asian company of Herculan, the famous

Dutch company in the world, is the first enterprise which introduced Polyurethane ship flooring to China officially. The company established the first independent construction team in China, and served in many major projects built by China Merchants Group subsidiaries including Haimen Base, Yizheng shipyard and Weihai shipyard. Their clients also include projects of several shipyards under China State Shipbuilding Corporation and Fujian Shipbuilding Industry Group.

D&J (Nantong) Intelligent Manufacturing Park project was invested and built by DNE industry under DNE Group. The total invest-

ment of the project is 1 billion yuan. It covers an area of 146.7 mu.

Herculan Asia high-tech ship interior decoration new materials manufacturing project is the first project settled in D&J (Nantong) Intelligent Manufacturing Park. 1500 square meters of single storey factory will be rented. The new wholly foreign-owned polyurethane ship green and environmental friendly new materials Haimen Base will introduce more advanced material technologies from the Netherlands, to reduce the cost of materials, and serve the cruise liners in the Yangtze River delta area, high-end passenger rollers, roll-on/roll-off ships and high-end marine engineering projects.

Overseas Chinese sent wishes to hometown

By He Jiayu

Slovenian Chinese Wang Huiqin

I was born in Nantong, and now live in Slovenia. I work on art teaching and creation. In 2023, at Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, my Little Oma theme exhibition was held successfully; in June, I returned to my homeland, 'Keyboard links the world' exhibition was closed successfully; the short animation made from Little Oma's trip around the world won 'Best Short Film Award' at Slovenia Film Festival;

as a bridge connecting China and Slovenia culture, the stories of Liu Songling, Alma Karlin and me were promoted by Silu Monsoon.

Recently, I assisted the embassy in completing the building of China Slovenia Friendship Monument(a proportional replica of Elaborate Equatorial Armillary Sphere), and participated in the unveiling and ribbon cutting! Last year, my illustrations and animations were invited to participate in Frankfurt Book Fair in Germany. Just now, I was informed to participate in 2024 Bologna Book Fair in Italy as one of the 12 painters



Wang Huiqin

representing Slovenia!

In the new year, I will continue to use art as the medium, increase the cultural exchange with overseas Chinese



Liu Yuanjuan

associations of my hometown, by online and offline diversified channels, spread the voice of Nantong, and be a bridge builder of China

and Slovenia cultural exchange.

Overseas Chinese in Germany Liu Yuanjuan

Nantong is my hometown. No matter how far and longer I go, the inherent concern and attachment to my hometown is always in my bones and blood.

In 2024 Jiachen dragon year, as a descendant of the dragon, my homesickness grew stronger. We miss our relatives and friends in hometown, and miss the familiar scenery and culture.

We will promote Nantong actively,

tell the stories of Nantong well, spread the voice of Nantong, and be 'spokespeople' of the hometown; we will grow strong overseas, and provide suggestions and ideas for the development of Nantong, be the 'think tank' of the building of our hometown; we will also play the role as bridges, to promote the cooperation and exchange between Nantong and Germany in multiple fields, be 'promoters' of the development of the hometown, and make unique contributions of overseas Chinese to the promotion of Nantong's new practice of Chinese-style modernization.