

Nantong report

Ambassadors of Portuguese-speaking countries to China came to Nantong for promotion and exchanges

By He Jiayu

On 4th June, Jiangsu(Nantong) — Portuguese-speaking Countries Economic and Trade Cooperation Promotion Conference was held. Ji Xianzheng, the general secretary of the Permanent Secretariat of the China Portugal Forum (Macau), H.E. Maria Gustava, Ambassador of Mozambique to China, Paulo Jorge Nascimento, Ambassador of Portugal to China, Loro Horta, Ambassador of Timor-Leste, etc. attended the event.

In the past few years, Nantong has actively carried out friendly cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries, and established good cooperative relationships in many fields including infrastructure con-

struction, tourism, and cultural exchange. Nantong and Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil, Rudong County and Boa Vista, Cape Verde became international sister cities. In countries including Angola, Brazil, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau, a lot of engineering projects and China's foreign aid projects have been built. Macau and Portuguese-speaking countries have invested 71 projects in Nantong and the actual foreign investment used was 410 million US dollars.

At the promotion conference, ambassadors of Portuguese-speaking countries including Mozambique, Portugal, and Timor-Leste made on-site theme promotion. Countries such as Angola and Brazil made online video promotion.

Yanda Heavy Industries and Shell Group signed a new framework cooperation agreement

By Huang Tianling

Recently, Ms. Hilary Mercer, the acting vice president of project and operation department of Fortune Global 500 enterprise Shell Group, and her delegation visited Yanda (Haimen) Heavy Equipment Manufacturing Co., Ltd., to witness the signing of a new framework cooperation agreement between Shell Group and Yanda Heavy Industries.

Shell Group is the largest oil company in the world. It is a major oil, natural gas and petrochemical manufacturer in the world. It is also the largest motor fuel and lu-

bricant retailer in the world. Yanda (Haimen) Heavy Equipment Manufacturing Co., Ltd. is the modular manufacturer and designer under Yanda Group. In 2012, Yanda Heavy Industries became the first enterprise in the world which signed a ten-year module construction agreement with Shell.

According to the new corporate framework cooperation agreement signed this time, both parties will carry out detailed cooperation in aspects such as new energy modular construction, and design and construction of high value-added top modules of offshore platforms.

1000 Hello electric bikes placed in Nantong

By Si Zhanwei

A few days ago, the first batch of 1000 Hello electric bikes were deployed in the urban area of Nantong. At the current stage, the operation scope covers Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area and Nantong Suxitong Science and Technology Industrial Park, providing a new choice for residents to travel in a green and low-carbon way.

The batch of Hello electric bikes placed this time are of the latest

model of M38 shared moped. It is the highest configuration product on the production line. 5000 electric bikes are planned to be placed, covering 983 locations. The first batch of 1000 electric bikes have been completed. The electric bike uses high-performance lithium iron phosphate battery, which ensures safe power usage. The theoretical endurance can reach 90km. It is equipped with a smart helmet, to ensure the safety of riding; and equipped with an LCD dashboard, which provides better user experiences.

Green cycling



On 4th June, more than 40 Nantong volunteers carried out green cycling activity, to promote environmental protection.Photo by Qian Xianhua



‘Present’ Hengli to the world

By Huang Yanming

On 31st May, 2024 SHOW JIANGSU photography project came to Tongzhou. Reporters and professional photographers from

29 international mainstream media including *Russian Gazette*, *Télam*, and *Avesta* focused on Hengli (Nantong) Industrial Park, and recorded the new prospect of high-quality development in Tongzhou from the perspec-

tive of foreign media.

The total investment of Hengli (Nantong) Industrial Park is 50 billion yuan. Its foundation was laid in Tongzhou in November 2011. Up to now, about 35 billion yuan has been

invested for Hengli (Nantong) Industrial Park phase 1, 2 and 3. The production capacity of polyester spinning has reached 2.1 million tons/year. The production capacity of textured yarn has reached 800,000 tons/year.

‘SHOW JIANGSU’ photography project came to Qidong

By Huang Hai

On 31st May, 2024 ‘SHOW JIANGSU’ photography project came to Qidong.

Arriving at the exhibition hall of Jiangsu Dongcheng Power Tools Co., Ltd., Paul Alex Mathiason, a reporter from *Listin Diario*, a Dominican newspaper, listened to the simultaneous interpretation, looked at the patent certificates all over the wall, and various types of new products. Paul was surprised that an enterprise of such scale was in a small town. ‘I just tried their products. I think they are very light, convenient and easy to use. The experience and

usage sense are both very good,’ Paul said, ‘I thought it was just a small company, did not expect that it is such a world-class enterprise. I hope that by this activity, good products can be brought to my country.’

‘Large scale dredged harbour was built innovatively. Ships can berth at the hinterland of the project by branch channels, which not only saves the construction cost of the port of the industrial project, but also forms a natural safe haven’... wearing headphones, and listening to the interpretation, Oscar Alberto Morales Avendaño, a reporter and host from Nicaragua TV 8, set up a tripod, recorded the scenes of Lvsi Port with a mobile phone, and re-



corded a video in which he appeared. He said that cargo ships from places all over the world berth

and transport here. In addition, artificial intelligence and port work are integrated well here, showing the development trend of future ports.

‘It’s really a very beautiful place.’ Zajera Svetlana, a news analyst from *Russian Gazette*, came to Qitang City, and could not stop praising the buildings and scenes here. ‘It was as if I saw Tang Dynasty, very fantastic.’ Zajera Svetlana also changed into Chinese ancient costume, and walked among the Tang style buildings. Palaces, inns, restaurants, tea houses, pawnshops, and residential houses, make people feel like travelling back to the prosperous Tang Dynasty thousands of years ago.

17 Rudong enterprises joined the cross-border e-commerce platform

By Xu Shuying

On 28th May, a giant cargo ship Sinotrans Limited set off from Port of Shanghai to the west coast of the Red Sea in the northeast of Africa. Among the cargo on the ship, 36 new energy vehicles were from Nantong Yaojunfeng New Energy Technology Co., Ltd. It was the third batch of cargo delivered to Africa since the enterprise entered the global exhibition hall of Djibouti International Free Trade Zone with the help from Djimart, a cross-border e-commerce platform. Up to now, 17 Rudong enterprises have completed online registration on Djimart. The ‘Rudong Zone’ in the global exhibition hall of the Free Trade Zone will be opened in Djibouti within this

year.

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International Free Trade Zone was developed and built by China Merchants Group and Djibouti Ports & Free Zones Authority together. It was opened on 5th July 2018. Djimart cross-border e-commerce platform is a Chinese B2B platform which cooperates officially with Djibouti International Free Trade Zone.

‘Last year the total bilateral trade between China and Africa exceeded 280 billion U.S. dollars. Djibouti, as a major trade window of East Africa, can reach about 500 million people in Africa. Their demand for clothing, food, housing and transport is the direction of our product choice.’ Liu Lei, the board chairman of Move International, the operator of Djimart cross-border e-commerce platform, introduced.

‘FamilyMart’ came to Nantong

The first batch of 5 stores will open in the end of June

By Si Zhanwei

Recently, an international well-known convenience store brand — FamilyMart has signed and settled in Nantong officially. The first batch of 5 stores will open together in the end of June. The locations of the stores have been confirmed.

The first batch of FamilyMart stores to be opened are South Street Store, Rengang Road Store, Huarun Center Store, INCITY Store, and Beihaoqiao Store. At the same time, FamilyMart will also accelerate its establishment in Zilang Technology City of the Innovation District and various counties (cities, districts). It is expected that more than 30 stores will open in Nantong within one year.

The FamilyMart settled in Nantong this time is the fifth generation of store newly launched. It integrates ‘five meals in one day’ scene which are breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, supper and midnight snack. It operates 24 hours a day, and provides online delivery services.