

Nantong report

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By He Jiayu

To make it convenient for foreigners to come to Nantong, from now on, special visa convenience services for Nantong enterprises to invite foreign business professionals to visit Nantong for a short period of time will be provided. The special visa is for foreign business professionals who frequently come to Nantong for commercial and trade activities and play positive roles in Nantong's foreign economic and trade cooperation and their spouses and children. Relevant enterprises can sort out their needs for applying for visas to China for foreign business professionals and their spouses and children who they plan to invite to Nantong for a five-year multiple-entry visa with a stay period of 180 days, and apply to Nantong Foreign Affairs Office.

After complete and standard ap-

plication materials are received, within 3 working days, Nantong Foreign Affairs Office will complete the preliminary review, and submit to Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu Provincial People's Government for approval. Within 3 to 5 working days, Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu will issue an invitation letter for multiple entries in five years with a stay period of 180 days. Foreigners can bring relevant materials including the invitation letter to Chinese embassies and consulates general abroad to apply for visas. The service is free. Enterprises in need can submit applications to room 308, the Complex of Nantong Administrative Center, No.6 Shiji Avenue, Chongchuan District. If there is any enquiry, they can consult by phone or email. The phone number of the Department of Foreign Affairs Management of the municipal Foreign Affairs Office is 0513-85099959. The email address is wsgl.wb@nantong.gov.cn.

2025 Nantong Marathon started registration

By Li Bo

2025 Nantong Marathon is tentatively scheduled to be held at 7:30 am on 23rd March. The total number of participants is 30,000. Among them, the registration limit of marathon (42.195km) is 5,000; the registration limit of half marathon (21.0975km) is 10,000; the registration limit of fun run (about 6.5km) is 15,000. People can register from now until 0:00 on 12th February. When the applicants for the mara-

thon and half marathon events exceed the registration limit, the qualification for participation will be determined by drawing lots. Players can log in to the official website/official WeChat account to register during the open registration period. In the 2025 Nantong Marathon, the registration fee for the marathon is 150 yuan per person; the registration fee for the half marathon is 120 yuan per person, and the registration fee for the fun run is 80 yuan per person.

Experiencing folklore



On 12th January, 14 Indonesian students came to Tangzha Ancient Town to experience the making of intangible cultural heritage items, including paper cutting and palm fiber weaving.Photo by Gao Yang



Lantern festival

On the evening of 14th January, the first Spring Festival Lantern Festival lighting ceremony was held at Langshan Scenic Spot. More than 10 sets of creative lantern groups were designed for the lantern festival. There are also performances such as Iron Flower and wind and fire wheels on site. The event will last until 16th February.Photo by Xu Congjun

The new building of Nantong Children's Library opened

By Yang Zhenxiao

At noon on 17th January, the new building of Nantong Children's Library located at No.2, Chongwen Road, Chongchuan District officially opened to public. The area of the new building has been expanded to 5,400 square meters. The net area reached 4,000 square meters. The number of reading seats increased to 500. The collection capacity has been expanded to 500,000 volumes. The design of the hall is based on marine elements, combining with the image of finless porpoise, to build a fairytale reading space with the theme of ocean stories. According to the reading needs of different age groups of juveniles and children, the new library has 3 reading areas and 10 functional spaces. The toddler's lending area includes a theme book display area, a special reading area, a parent-child reading room, a children's picture



book library, and an immersive experience area. The children's lending area includes a multi-functional reading room and a children's reading area. The youth reading area includes a youth learning area, a youth reading area, and an intelligent bookshelf borrowing and returning area.

Apart from that, the library has innovatively created a visual smart library, achieving intelligent and automated processes for shelving, borrowing, inventory, and sorting of books. Readers can simply 'order' through their mobile phones to obtain the books they need.

Briefly

7 sets of wind turbines transported from Nantong to Nigeria

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 14th January, a Singaporean general cargo ship 'DA KANG' fully loaded with 7 domestic wind turbines set out slowly from the Tongyang Wharf of Lvsi Starting Port Area for Nigeria. 471 wind turbine components weighing 6,189 tons were loaded on 'DA KANG' this time. At present, the routes of Lvsi Starting Port Area can reach 40 countries and regions over six continents.

Nantong Metro will extend the operating hours from 20th January to 16th February

By Jiang Jiaojiao

From 20th January to 16th February, the operating hours of Nantong Metro Line 1 and 2 will be extended by 30 minutes. The departure time of the last train from the first and last stations is adjusted to 22:30. During the extended period, the interval between trains is about 15 minutes. Nantong Rail Transit will adjust flexibly according to the actual conditions. Nantong Rail Transit also worked together with calligraphy enthusiasts to write 'Fu' characters at the stations, to send New Year greetings to passengers. From now to 28th February, people can get 5 free travel coupons after they register 'Haotongxing' App. Using 'Haotongxing' App to travel, they can enjoy a discount of 5% on daily rides.

Cherry price has dropped

By Yan Chunhua

Recently, the reporter learnt from Nantong Agricultural and Sideline Products Logistics Center that the price of 5 jin J-grade cherries is between 120 and 130 yuan per box; 150 to 160 yuan per box for 2J grade; 180 to 190 yuan for 3J grade; and 200 to 220 yuan per box for 4J grade. The business owners introduced that Santana variety of cherries is the most common type. Regina and Kordia varieties also gradually appear in consumers' sight. Among them, Kordia variety is known for its large size and sweet taste, especially the 3J grade Kordia cherry.

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that, the optimization of transportation methods has also reduced the cost. As the largest importer of Chilean cherries, in the past few years, China has implemented a series of facilitation measures for the import of Chilean cherries.