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Shanghai-Suzhou-Nantong Yangtze River highway and railway bridge open officially



By Zhu Beining

Shanghai-Suzhou-Nantong Yangtze River highway and Railway Bridge was open officially at 10 on 1 July. It is a ‘three in one’ cross river way which consists of highway, passenger and cargo line railway and high speed railway. Shanghai-Suzhou-Nantong railway was also open on the day. Shanghai-Suzhou-Nantong highway and Railway Bridge is the key point and control project of Shanghai-Suzhou-Nantong railway. It was initi-

ated and led by China State Railway Group Co., Ltd., designed by China Railway Major Bridge Reconnaissance and Design Institute and built by China Railway Major Bridge Engineering Group. The construction lasted 6 years and 4 months. It is learnt that the highway and railway joint part is 6993 m long. It has two floors. Upper floor is two way six lane Xitong highway. Bottom floor includes four railway lines. Among them, two lines are Shanghai-Suzhou-Nan-

tong railway which is open this time, the other two lines are reserved for Tongsujiayong railway cross river passage. Vice chief engineer of construction department of the bridge Yan Zhigang introduced that it is the 1st highway and railway dual use cable stayed bridge with over 1000 m span in the world. It used a lot of new materials, new structures, new facilities and new crafts, created many world records. It is learnt that the

bridge’s operation will connect highway net on the two sides of the Yangtze River effectively, ease the transport pressure of Su Tong Yangtze River Highway Bridge and Ji-angyin Yangtze River Bridge. Shanghai-Suzhou-Nantong railway is 143 km long. It starts at Nantong, Jiangsu in the north, crosses the Yangtze River, passes Zhangjiagang, Changshu and Taicang in Suzhou, and ends at Jiading district of Shanghai. The shortest travel time between Nantong to Shanghai by train is reduced from 3.5 hours to 1 hour and 6 minutes.

Tongzhou bay Jiangsu new estuary in actual construction stage, will be open next year

By Zhu Wenjun

On 29 June, Lvsi harbour ‘2+2’ port project, Tongyang line Tonglv canal section channel improvement project, Tongzhou bay new estuary phase 1 project were started at the same time. It is a sign that Tongzhou bay Jiangsu new estuary project has entered actual construction stage. According to the plan, it will be open and operated by the end of next year. Nantong used ‘large Tongzhou Bay’ idea to integrate harbour resources, confirmed Lvsi harbour as the start port of Tongzhou bay new estuary. Lvsi harbour ‘2+2’ port project includes 4 100 thousand tons general berths (2 of them with container function) and supporting land facilities, the total investment is 4.6 billion Yuan, it is estimated to be built and operated in the end of next year and the new estuary harbour will be open; Tongyang line Tonglv canal channel improvement project will be built according to grade three channel standard, the total investment is 2.8 billion Yuan, it will be able to serve new estuary major projects shipping by the end of next year; Tongzhou bay new estuary phase 1 project has a total investment of 1.08 billion Yuan, after completion it will be a transport passage for 100 to 200 thousand tons containers and bulk cargo of the main harbour, it will be completed in next September.

Foreign companies in Nantong

Basilea Pharmaceutica: provide better innovative medicine

By Chen Jing

Basilea Pharmaceutica China Ltd. is located in Haimen economic and technological development zone. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Basilea Pharmaceutica Ltd. (Basilea) in Switzerland. BPC has 3000m2 of chemistry lab space and 800m2 of analytical lab space. Based on experienced high quality professionals and first class research and development facilities, it participated in research and development of all bacterial infection, fungus infection and anti-cancer innovative drugs from the headquarters, and became an essential part of new drug research and development of the headquarters. Talking about the company’s growth and development, the person in charge Zhou You said that Haimen government established green channel to help in the company’s settlement, such as company registration and land purchase, it usually takes half a year, but with the support of Haimen government, everything was completed in only one to two months. In the present, the company’s research and development center has about 60 researchers whose average age is 36. Among them, more than 70% have master degrees. Influx of talents created power and energy like running water for the company’s development. Although research and development of innovative medicine is a time consuming, costly and risky progress, the target ‘provide better innovative medicine for severe patients’ has not been changed. The bacterial infection and fungus infection innovative drugs whose research and development were participated by the Chinese subsidiary participated are sold in over 100 countries in the world. Since Basilea Pharmaceutica settled in Haimen, the headquarters introduced the successful experiences in Nantong Haimen many times to attract more Swiss pharmaceutical companies to settle in Nantong.

Leng Bingchuan invited to speak in Nantong

By Feng Qirong

On 22 June, famous artist of Nantong origin, doctor of art of University of Barcelona in Spain Leng Bingchuan was invited back to his hometown Nantong, met teachers and students of school of arts of Nantong University, and held an art and idea collision with a ‘focus and temptation’ theme talk. On the day, major teachers, new talents, doctors, young teachers and master student representatives of school of arts participated in communication and discussion. In interactive part, Leng Bingchuan shared his new works during the epidemic period. The new works will be published officially in the English version of album of the month. To reward his hometown, Leng Bingchuan presented some of his new works to the teachers and students of school of arts for the first time.

Nantong canoeing players conquered Qiongzhou Strait

By Zhou Zhaohui

On 26 June, after 3 hours and 23 minutes, Nantong canoeing players Gu Chengang and Luan Yanyan’s double boat which set out from Baishamen park at Haikou, Hainan, arrived at Hai’an harbour of Guangdong province successfully! The 1st attempt of Nantong players to conquer Qiongzhou Strait was successful. Qiongzhou strait is the channel between Qiongzhou Island and Leizhou Peninsula. The narrowest part is only 18 km in terms of linear distance. In total 7 players participated. The eldest is 51 years old and the youngest is only 25 years old. On 25 June morning, after they arrived at Haik-



ou, they started adaptive training immediately. ‘At 6:15 am on 26 June, we rowed 6 canoes (one of them is a double boat), set out from a beach near Baishamen park, Haikou, Hainan province; at 9:38 am, the 1st canoe arrived at the beach near Hai’an harbour, Xuwen

county, Zhanjiang, Guangdong province. Apart from Gu Chengang and Luan Yanyan, Qianfeng and Bao Simeng also crossed the strait successfully. The other three people had to give up because when they reached two thirds of the strait, the wind and current were too powerful.