

Nantong report

Nantong won 8 awards of Jiangsu Wenhua Award

By Zhang Jian

On 24 October, the 5th Jiangsu Wenhua Award awarding ceremony was held at Jiangsu grand theatre. Nantong won 8 awards, which broke the record in history. Drama *where azalea bloom* which is about the stories of Hai'an teachers who support education in Ninglang won the highest honor of stage performance group team – Wenhua grand award. Song *you are a national hero*, conjuring *Plum-blossom in Three Movements*, acrobatics *chase dreams in the sky* –

men and women's climbing pole won excellent program awards. Man He, He Tingting and Chen Yangyang won performance awards. There was also excellent organization award won by Nantong. Jiangsu Wenhua Award is the highest honor in provincial professional art field approved by Jiangsu government. It includes two categories: Wenhua grand award and Wenhua award. Wenhua grand award is the highest honor of stage art group award, Wenhua award includes single awards such as Wenhua excellent drama award.

Overseas Chinese media group visited Nantong

By He Jiayu

On 28 October, 2021 overseas Chinese media Jiangsu interview and tour event came to Nantong. Representatives of more than 10 Chinese media from countries and areas including Italy, Russia, America, Egypt, and

Germany interviewed at industrial parks and museums in Nantong, learnt the economic and social development conditions of Nantong and its connection with the grand canal. Overseas Chinese media Jiangsu interview and tour has been held for three years.

Half marathon



On 24 October, 2021 Nantong the 2nd 'Bank of Nanjing cup' Zilang park half marathon was held at Zilang park in Nantong innovation district. Close to 2000 marathon lovers from countries including China, Japan, America, Britain, South Africa and Singapore participated the event.

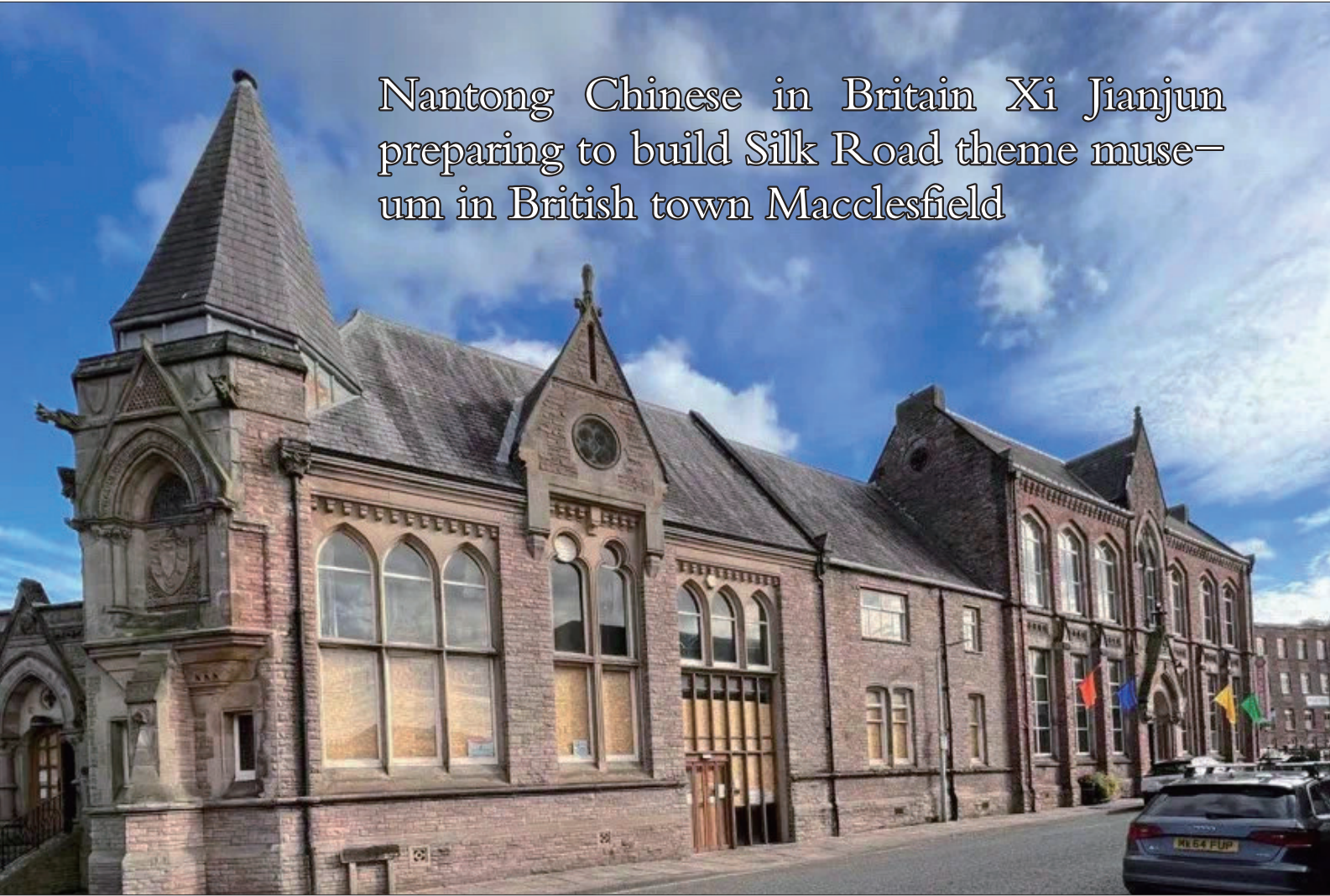
Photo by Li Bo

349 foreign talents recruited in Nantong in the first three quarters of the year

By Wang Weili

In the first three quarters of the year, in total 349 foreign high end talents and professional talents were recruited in Nantong, there is an increase of 102%. 2021 annual 300 foreign talents and professional talents attracted

high quality development work target has been completed three months in advance. Up to end of September, there are in total 1299 foreign talents with valid work permits for foreigners in China in Nantong, which is ranked the second in Jiangsu.



Nantong Chinese in Britain Xi Jianjun preparing to build Silk Road theme museum in British town Macclesfield

The old library to be converted to the museum

Tell the stories of the Silk Road well, promote Chinese and western communication

By Ding Weicheng

In ancient times, the Silk Road is the longest, most lasting and most influential trade route in the world. Nowadays the Silk Road is not only a cultural relic, but also a new name card to present national image to other countries. Chinese artist Xi Jianjun who was born in Nantong, is currently in British town Macclesfield, preparing to build a museum whose theme is the Silk Road. On 19 October, Silk Road museum English website was online. Since he migrated to Britain in the 1980s, Xi

Jianjun has been working on collecting Ming and Qing export porcelains, and invested a lot to collect and sort large amount of relevant documents and physical data. A few years ago, in an occasional chance, Xi Jianjun returned to China and visited Nantong Museum. He noticed that Dasheng Cotton Mills founded by Zhang Jian introduced modern looms manufactured in Manchester in Britain in 1895, and the tag on the machine 'Made in Manchester' is in Nantong Museum. Coincidentally, Manchester is where Xi Jianjun goes often, which attracted him.



Xi Jianjun (left)

After ideal location was confirmed, Xi Jianjun and his partners selected carefully, bought an old library in Macclesfield, to convert it to the Silk Road Museum. Xi Jianjun introduced that the total investment of the museum is 18 million Yuan, its floor area is 1500 square meters, now it is in interior renovation

stage. It is expected to be open officially in Spring Festival next year. Silk Road museum includes two major parts, which are 'onshore Silk Road' and 'offshore Silk Road', and multiple exhibition halls. Xi Jianjun told the reporter that in the next stage he would visit and investigate in countries such as Italy, Holland, and Turkey, if conditions are suitable, there will be one museum about the Silk Road in these major towns on the Silk Road in history in the future. 'I hope that I can introduce Nantong, tell the stories of Nantong well, and present the image of Nantong through a window like this.' Xi Jianjun said.



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