

Nantong report

The first session of the second Nantong entrepreneurs’ association members conference held

Nantong residents’ footprints over more than 120 countries and areas

By Zhu Wenjun, Liu Lu and Lu Zhaoxin

On 14 September, Nantong entrepreneurs’ representatives in places including Africa, south America and Europe, flew back to Nantong from places all over the world, like a group of migratory birds, to participate the first session of the second Nantong entrepreneurs’ association members conference. Vice president of Jiangsu federation of industry and commerce and board chairman of Jiangsu Zongyi group Zan Shengda was elected as the new president of Nantong entrepreneurs’ association.

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to fields including mining development, clothing, mechanics and electricity, real estate, construction, and environmental protection, has been playing more and more important role in world economic stage. In the present, Nantong residents’ footprints are over more than 120 countries and areas. The number of people exceeded 100 thousand, ranked the 1st in Jiangsu.

Since it was founded in May 2017, Nantong entrepreneurs’ association has become the

most integrated and largest chamber of commerce organization with largest cover area and most Nantong entrepreneurs in our city. Up to now, 71 Nantong chambers of commerce have been founded in other countries, including 8 provincial level chambers of commerce and 27 municipal level chambers of commerce.

‘Nantong’s home textile and construction are famous overseas.’ Lu Jianfei, executive vice president of Jiangsu cham-

ber of commerce in Angola, whose hometown is Changle, Haimen, said that although many people never came to Nantong before, but they heard about it, ‘hometown of new overseas Chinese’ and ‘hometown of construction’ are both important brands for Nantong to go international.

As the new elected president of overseas chamber of commerce of Nantong entrepreneurs’ association, Chen Hui said that the chamber of commerce would further improve the cohesion and relationship of Nantong entrepreneurs abroad, work together to develop business, create more active and positive Nantong entrepreneur’s image in the world, tell Chinese stories and Nantong stories well.

8-year-old boy with one arm likes challenging ‘impossible things’

By You Lian

8-year-old boy with one arm Ben Yuechen was born in Hai’an. He has congenital left-arm disability, has no left hand or left forearm. To let him grow up optimistically, his parents encouraged and accompanied him to do sports. Rope skipping, rock climbing, cycling...Yuechen tried all of them, and is practicing badminton now. After he grows up, he wants to join Paralympic team, and become a champion in competitions representing his motherland.

Since early August, 8-year-old one armed boy Ben Yuechen’s inspiring story has always been popular online.

His mother Cai Xiumei said that Australian Nick Vujicic’s story encouraged her a lot, ‘he has no limbs, but became a famous orator.’ Cai Xiumei thought it a miracle that her son came to this world, and he was unique.

On 18 August, Ben Yuechen came to Nantong accompanied by his parents again. Disabled sportsman Lv Guangyao tutored him in badminton on the spot. Became deaf as asthma treatment in childhood, Lv Guangyao has practiced badminton since childhood. When he was 14 years old, he entered Jiangsu disabled person’s federation badminton training team, and had achievements in domestic and even international competitions in the past few years. Lv Guangyao said that everyone had a dream of championship, he would do his best to help Yuechen realize his dream.



Beach volleyball competition

On 16 September, at the site of 2022 national beach volleyball tour match (Qidong station), athletes were competing fiercely. The match was held at Qidong blue sea and silver sand scenic spot. 61 teams from places all over the state participated the competition.

Photo by Xu Peiqin

RCEP policy bonus fully released

Total number of certificates issued in Nantong in the first half of the year led in China

By Zhu Beining and Liu Lu

On 16 September, Nantong council for the promotion of international trade published the latest statistics: from January to August, Nantong issued 18991 RCEP preferential certificates of origin, the amount of money was 591 million U.S. dollars, the number of certificates accounts for 56% and the amount of money accounts for 43% of that of Jiangsu.

It means that since *Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership* (RCEP) took ef-

fect, the number of RCEP certificates of origin in Nantong and the amount of money per month have been leading in Jiangsu trade promotion system for continuous 8 months. The total number of certificates is ranked the 1st in cities with districts in China.

From January to August, the number of RCEP preferential certificates of origin to Japan issued by Nantong is 18740, which accounts for 56.7% of the total number of certificates to Japan in Jiangsu, the preferential goods value is about 583 million U.S. dollars, which accounts for

43.5% of that of Jiangsu. The absolute advantage in number of certificates to Japan, realized the leading role of Nantong’s RCEP certificates of origin data in Jiangsu.

Nantong Dongrun Fashion Co., Ltd., whose 70% of products are exported to Japan, became one of the enterprises which enjoyed bonus effect. ‘The procurement costs of Japanese clients are also increasing. They are very active about reducing tax using RCEP, some even calculated tax rate of the future more than 10 years in advance and provided us.’ vice general manager Tang Yongrong said.

Wu Xinming met president of Merck China Allan Gabor and his party

Promoted more works to flourish and achieve in Nantong

By Li Tong

On 15 September afternoon, deputy secretary of CPC Nantong Committee and mayor of Nantong Wu Xinming met president of Merck China Allan Gabor and his party, carried out in depth communication about further cooperation.

Wu Xinming said that in 2014 Merck group chose to invest Nantong, as the result of a very unique vision. While they were helping in local economic and social development, they realized self improvement and expansion. He hoped that Merck group could make Nantong an important base of development in China, continue in depth cooperation, increase investment, and promote more works to flourish and achieve in Nantong.

Allan Gabor said that Merck group was very optimistic about the prospects of the enterprise’s

development in Nantong. In the present, Merck pharmaceutical Nantong base phase 3 project is planning to expand production and introduce new product. A batch of new projects will also be on life science sector. He hoped that CPC Nantong Committee and Nantong government could provide more care and support, to consolidate Merck group’s confidence of in depth work in Nantong.

Merck group was founded in 1668. It is a leading technological enterprise in the world. It focuses on three business segments which are medicine and health, life science and electronic technology. Up to now, Merck pharmaceutical, Merck life science have invested and founded 3 business entities in Nantong economic and technological development area. Merck Nantong base has become the second largest medicine production center of Merck in the world. In 2021, the output value of the base exceeded 2.1 billion Yuan.

Rail transit line No.1 cultural products appeared for the first time

Nantong underground railway APP online

By Jiang Jiaojiao

On 19 September, Nantong urban rail transit cultural products launch and Nantong underground railway APP release conference was held. Nantong underground railway cultural products appeared for the first time.

At the event, 3 ticket and card gift boxes with both collective value and aesthetic value which were collector’s edition, hardcover edition and fashion edition of line No.1, underground railway cute

mascots with a sense of science and technology ‘Hao Hao’ and ‘Tong Tong’ appeared for the first time, and interesting cultural and creative products including limited canvas bags and limited ceramic coasters were launched.

On the day, Nantong underground railway APP was online at the same time. Opening the APP, you can see five highlight functions which are urban payment, members’ account, transport service, intelligent customer service and cultural products online shopping mall.

