

# Nantong report

## Shanghai metropolitan area spatial collaborative planning implementation promotion meeting held

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On 27 September morning, Shanghai metropolitan area spatial collaborative planning implementation promotion meeting was held by video conference. Parallel sessions of the meeting were arranged in Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang and relevant cities and districts.

Shanghai metropolitan area building is a ‘chorus’ of Shanghai and nearby cities including Suzhou, Wuxi, Changzhou, Nantong, Jiaxing, Ningbo, Zhoushan and Huzhou. It is mutual hinterland with Nanjing, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Wuxi, Changzhou and Ningbo metropolitan area, and they promote each other.

Secretary of CPC Nantong Committee Wang Hui said during the speech that, Nantong would use this as an opportunity, work on cooperating with Shanghai and integration with south Jiangsu, accelerate the building and promote in depth the development of the Yangtze River delta integration model city, try to make ‘north to Shanghai’ to ‘north Shanghai’.

## Construction of Jiangsu section of Beiyanjiang high speed railway started

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There will be another new main artery for ‘Jiangsu on the rail’. On 28 September morning, CPC Jiangsu Committee, Jiangsu government and China State Railway Group held Beiyanjiang high speed railway Jiangsu section mobilization conference. Beiyanjiang high speed railway Jiangsu section construction was started.

Beiyanjiang high speed railway is the main channel of high speed railway along the Yangtze River of ‘eight

vertical and eight horizontal’ national medium and long term national railway network plan. It connects Shanghai, Jiangsu and Anhui. Its design speed is 350 km per hour. The length of Jiangsu section is 365 km. It passes 11 stations. After it is completed, it will be more convenient and faster to travel from Yangzhou, Taizhou and Nantong areas to places including Shanghai and Nanjing. There will be new channel for Sichuan, Chongqing, Hubei, Anhui and Jiangsu areas to Shanghai and passengers flow from middle west area to Eastern China area.

## 2022 Jianghai International Culture and Tourism Festival open

By Zhang Jian and Li Tong

27 September is World Tourism Day. On the night, 2022 China Nantong Jianghai International Culture and Tourism Festival was open at Nantong grand theatre.

China Nantong Jianghai International Culture and Tourism Festival has been held for 20 batches continuously. The festival will

launch culture and tourism integrated events including ‘travel in Nantong every day’ and ‘double 11’ culture and tourism shopping carnival.

From the start of the year, Nantong has built 2 provincial level tourism model districts, 4 provincial level tourism resorts, 13 scenic spots with national 4A grade and above. Overall layout of regional tourism is basically in place.



## A lot of fishery harvest

On 28 September, at the port of Qidong Lvsi fishing port, workers were unloading marine products. It is fishing season now. A lot of marine products such as Largehead hairtail, yellow croaker, pomfret, and swimming crab, enriched citizens’ shopping baskets. Photo by Ding Chuanbin

New project which was planned to be launched in Southeast Asia, settled in Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area in the end ——

## Why Autoliv worked with Nantong for the second time

By Chen Ke

On 26 September, Autoliv phase 2 project whose total investment was no less than 100 million U.S. dollars went into operation successfully.

Autoliv is the largest automobile safety system and accessories manufacturer in the world, leading in fields especially air bag production in the world. In 2013, the established multinational enterprise planned to invest in Nantong Economic and Technological Development Area, established Autoliv (China) Automotive Safety System Co., Ltd., which sells automobile air bags.

As the production capacity keeps increasing, Autoliv’s headquarters in Sweden planned to invest and build new projects in Southeast Asia as early as 2019. However, influenced by the epidemic, uncertainties increased and the project was progressed slowly. At that time, Autoliv Nantong plant was producing at full capacity, production capacity needed to be expanded urgently.

Grabbing the opportunity, investment promotion team of investment promotion department of Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area and regional director of Autoliv China contacted, and followed up quickly.

‘To win the opponent in

‘PK’, we faced a rather large challenge.’ director of investment promotion department of Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area Yang Jie said that in the aspect of global strategy, Nantong plant was not the first choice of Autoliv’s headquarters in Sweden. ‘In terms of cost including human resources and land, Southeast Area has more advantages. And Southeast area projects evaluation and comparison had already been started.’

However, Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area did not give up easily. Knowing that the owner paid attention to the progress speed and efficiency of the project, to cater with the demands of production capacity increase, Nantong Economic and Technological Development Area said soon that: they could ensure the land of the project, provide new land areas near the plant of phase 1, and assist the project’s promotion and implementation with full strength.

In fact, another project was preparing to settle on that piece of new land. Nantong Economic and Technological Development area discussed with the project party at fast pace, chose another land for them, to ensure that the new land area would belong to Autoliv Nantong plant phase 2 project.

Efficient work style, and sincerity in doing what is said, won the ‘hearts’ of Autoliv headquarters. In the end of February that year, the board of Autoliv Sweden agreed that the new project would settle in Nantong. On 20 April that year the agreement was signed. After 10 days, relevant investment increase procedures were completed.

Efficiency continues.

‘After preliminary preparation, we had ‘five certificates together’ including land planning, project planning and construction permit in the end of August.’ Xiang Ruiqi, general manager of Autoliv (China) Automotive Safety System Co., Ltd. was impressed by this.

There is another reason for ‘second time cooperation’. Xiang Ruiqi said frankly, that was the complete industrial chain of Nantong Economic and Technological Development Area. ‘There are excellent upstream and downstream industrial chains here, which provide great convenience for enterprise’s development.’ he explained with an example that, the raw materials of production of the enterprise, could be obtained from enterprises located in Nantong Economic and Technological Development Area including Toray. Only this item, could save a lot of costs including logistics and time.

Nantong congratulated opening of horizon festival in sister city Gimje of Korea

From foreign affairs office

On 29 September evening, horizon festival was open in Gimje of Korea, our sister city. Wu Xinming, deputy secretary of CPC Nantong Committee and mayor of Nantong, sent congratulations by video.

In the video, Wu Xinming expressed congratulation to Gimje, representing Nantong government and 7.73 million Nantong citizens.

The theme of horizon festival is farming culture. It is held in every harvest season in autumn.

10 enterprises won national awards and subsidy fund

By Liu Lu

Recently, Jiangsu department of finance and Industry and Information Technology department of Jiangsu released 2022 national small and medium enterprises development project (to support the high quality development of the 3rd batch of major ‘small giant’ enterprises) fund budget. 10 national special, professional, and new ‘small giant’ enterprises of our city including Jiangsu Welm Technology Co., Ltd., Dongcai new materials, NTEC new technology, and Sunshine graphite won the batch of awards and subsidy funds.