## Nantong report

# Permanent resident population of Nantong in the end of 2022 was 7.7435 million

By Tang Jiamei and Lu Zhaoxin

On 25 February, the reporter learnt from municipal bureau of statistics that in the end of 2022, the permanent resident population of Nantong was 7.7435 million, there is an increase of 10.5 thousand compared with that

of previous year. The permanent resident population size is ranked the 4th in Jiangsu.

According to statistics, population development of our city has three characters: 'further expansion of net inflow', 'further manifestation of population aggregation effect in downtown area' and 'steady increase in urbanization rate'.

# China Vietnam (Nantong) friendly exchange meeting held

By He Jiayu

On 24 February, China Vietnam (Nantong) friendly exchange meeting was held in Hai'an.

In the past few years, Jiangsu and Vietnam have a lot of cooperation achievements in fields including sister cities building, economy, trade and

culture. Nantong and Vietnam are highly complementary in economy, have great cooperation potential, have mutual benefit in the long term in many fields. The opening of Hai' an ASEAN international train, made active contributions to supporting the economic and trade interaction and cultural exchange between the two places.

intercontinental all cargo aircraft route

### Successful first flight of 'Leipzig – Nantong'

By Li Hui

At 16:28 on 2 March, a B747 all cargo aircraft whose flight number was Y87432 loaded with cargo including automobile parts, landed at Nantong Xingdong international airport smoothly, after about 10 hours of flying over close to 9000 km. Nantong airport welcomed the arrival of the cargo aircraft with 'water gate ceremony', highest honor in civil aviation, which marked the official opening of Nantong airport 'Leipzig - Nantong' intercontinental all cargo air route. The opening of the route also broke two records of Nantong airport — the first scheduled intercontinental cargo route, the first Boeing 747 widebody aircraft support.

It is learnt that the route is flown by Transmile Air Services which mainly operates international cargo routes. There are one to two flights every week. Among the cargo in the first flight, there are parts of laptop, gear steering machine, control panel, conveyor. The weight of import and export cargo is 115 tons. The value is over 30 million yuan. The export cargo are mainly from important industrial parks and integrated free trade zones in China.

In the past 3 years, 8 international all cargo routes of Nantong airport international cargo transport have been open, reaching 10 overseas destinations including Hanoi, Inchon, Tokyo, Osaka and Singapore. In total 22 thousand tons of goods have been transported.





### The 600th LNG ship reached Yang Kou Port

China National Petroleum
Corporation Jiangsu LNG receiving
terminal has received and unloaded in total 50
million tons of natural gas

By Yang Xinming

At 5 pm 26 February, Maltese ship 'Bonito' which was loaded with 158 thou-

sand cubic meters of natural gas berthed at Yang Kou Port LNG port. After receiving and unloading work was started, natural gas which was from far away was transported to large storage tanks of China National Petroleum Corporation Jiangsu LNG receiving terminal on Yangguang island. After gasified, it will be transported for use in the Yangtze River delta.

It is the 600th ship of LNG received by China Na-

tional Petroleum Corporation Jiangsu LNG receiving terminal since the first ship berthed successfully in May 2011. Up to now, it has received and unloaded 50 million tons of natural gas from 25 countries in the world and transported 70 billion cubic meters of natural gas, which can supply 100 million families for 3.8 years.



#### Testing machines

On 28 February, workers were testing the port machine products at Zhenhua heavy industries Nantong base. It is learnt that on 15 February, Zhenhua heavy industries products went to Mongolia. Up to now, products of Shanghai Zhenhua heavy industries have entered 106 countries and areas in the world.

Photo by Xu Congjun

#### 70 million euros

### Tri Star Group purchased assets and business under Prophete

By Zhao Yongjin

n 3 March, Tri Star group whose headquarters are located at Nantong Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone announced that they concluded an acquisition agreement on 2 March, to purchase all the assets of Prophete in Germany and its subsidiary enterprise Cycle Union (P&C group) at 70 million euros, and accelerate the expansion in global micro lithium battery moped industry.

P&C group is a famous lithium battery mini commuter, electric bicycle, electric scooter and various types of sports equip-

ment manufacture and sale enterprise in Europe. It has many brands including hundred years old brand Prophete, e.bikemanufaktur, VSF fahrradmanufaktur, and KRE-IDLER. The major manufacture base of P&C group is located at North Rhine-Westphalia, a state of developed economy in Germany. It has more than 500 employees. The annual sales are over 180 million euros. It is leading in the industry in Germany. The products are sold in top 5 chain supermarkets in Germany. The merger and acquisition case is the largest in European mini electric moped industry in the past few years. In the first round, there were more than ten international consortia. At last, Tri Star group stood out with its global integration ability.

Tri Star group is a large international enterprise based in Nantong. Last month, it was shortlisted in the 13th Jiangsu transnational corporation regional headquarters and functional institutions and enterprises. The group has over 300 thousand square meters of plants and more than 2600 employees in Europe, North America, and Asia. It is a finance/home security equipment designer and manufacturer leading in the world

By this acquisition, Tri Star group will enter global mini commuter manufacture and sale industry at a fast face, and realize industrial upgrading further.



35 wild milu deer appeared at Xiao Yang Kou

By Zhao Yejia and Feng Zhiming

A few days ago, a group of wild milu deer appeared at Rudong Xiao Yang Koutourism resort wetland, playing and looking for food. In the past few years, figures of wild milu deer have appeared several times in Rudong, but the number was mostly one or two. Miludeer group of such large scale was the first time. According to observation, there are 35 deer in this group, 34 males and 1 female.

According to workers of Dafeng milu deer national nature reserve, the milu deer discovered in Rudong this time was released from Dafeng reserve. Milu deer is national protected animal at the national level. Since 1986, Dafeng reserve has brought in 39 milu deer, after introduced breed and expanded group, behavior remodeling, and reintroduction three development stages, the population has reached more than 7000. Among them, more than 3000 are wild population.