

Nantong report

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On 3 August, Nantong postdoctoral career development exchange conference was held at Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area.

At present, there are 123 organizations in Nantong with postdoctoral stations, covering every county (city, district), covering local advantageous industries including marine engineering and shipbuilding,

high end home textile, new materials, and bio- medicine. In the first half of the year, 74 postdoctoral people were recruited. In the present the number of postdoctoral staff has exceeded 260. In the past few years, over 50 postdocs have got national and provincial financial support, the economic benefit achieved by postdoctoral research projects is close to 500 million yuan. There have been obvious industrial radiation driving effect.

Delegation of Tarapaca Region and Iquique of Chile visited Nantong

By He Jiayu

On 2 August, Li Ling, deputy mayor of Nantong met delegation of Tarapaca Region and Iquique of Chile and the party who came to visit Nantong. Both parties had in depth communication in cooperation in fields including free trade zone building, technological innovation, sister city communication.

China and Chile have mutual comprehensive strategic partnership. Since Nantong signed memo of building sister city relationship with Iquique in 2019, they have kept close relationship. Up to 2022, in total 37 Chilean enterprises have settled and invested in

Nantong, the actual used accumulated foreign investment was 36 million dollars. Iquique is also an important gathering place of Nantong entrepreneurs. Since 1990s, Nantong entrepreneurs have gone to Chile, to do import and export trade of mainly department store and home textile.

Both parties expressed that they hoped that by this visit, they could promote friendship, enhance international cooperation in economy, trade and industries; promote sister cities interaction, and built a mutual beneficial co-operation platform; promote cultural exchange, enhance cultural understanding and integration, and promote mutual understanding and affinity between peoples of the two countries.

11 ‘mythical birds’ appeared in Nantong at the same time

By Peng Junjun

On 31 July, 11 Chinese crested terns appeared at Nantong Coastal Wetland at the same time. It was the 4th consecutive year that the ‘mythical bird’ was observed in Nantong.

Chinese crested tern, also called *Sterna bergii*, as it is very rare and its traces are mysterious, is hailed as ‘mythical bird’. Its global population is of only about 200. It is class I National Protected Wild Species. Since it was discovered, it has always been evaluated as ‘critically endangered’ by International Union for Conservation of Nature. After the bird’s breeding in uninhabited islands near the coast of Zhejiang and Fujian, it will migrate to Jiaozhou

bay of Qingdao for nurturing and growing. After November, it will go to Southeast Asia to spend the winter. According to the introduction of bird research team of Zhejiang Museum of Natural History, in the next one month, they will go to the north one after another.

Nantong is the only place with Chinese crested tern record in Jiangsu. Nantong coastal wetland has ample food resources and little human interference, and its ecological environment has been improved. It is an important stop in the migration of the ‘mythical bird’.

Data shows that biodiversity resources of Nantong are getting richer, there are more than 420 species of birds, which accounts for 90% of that in Jiangsu, and 30% of bird species in China.



Busy freight transport in Nantong Port

A few days ago, global shipping authoritative media *Lloyd's List* published 2022 top 100 container ports in the world. 27 Chinese ports are shortlisted. Nantong Port is ranked the 84th. The rank rose by 7 places compared with that of last year. The photo is the busy scene of Nantong Port.

Photo by Xu Congjun

Nantong rescue force went to aid Zhuozhou, Hebei



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By Yu Huijuan

In the past few days, there has been extreme heavy rain in several places in Beijing and Hebei, which affected some houses and residents were trapped. Nantong rescue force responded at once, went to Zhuozhou, Hebei for emergent rescue.

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teams of 126 people and 36 inflatable boats of Jiangsu set out to aid Zhuozhou, Hebei one after another since 1 August. Among them, 2 members are from Blue Sky Star rescue team of Nantong Economic&Technological Development Area, 2 are from Blue Sky rescue team of Tongzhou district, 5 are from Nantong Blue Sky rescue team. In total 2 cars of 9 people brought equip-

ment and gathered at the headquarters of Nantong Blue Sky Star rescue team.

‘We arrived at the disaster area at 3 am on 2 August. At 5 am we started to evacuate affected people to safe areas. At 10:30 am two boats of Nantong team had transferred about 60 people.’ Zhang Yiou, member of Nantong Blue Sky rescue team said.

Briefly

The second Nantong Beer Carnival open

By Liu Lu

From 4 to 13 August, 2023 the 2nd Nantong Beer Carnival would be held at Zilang Park, whose theme is beer plus music. Elements such as food, cultural creative product, fine performances would be integrated to create a new landmark of Nantong summer night consumption.

At the site of the beer carnival, multiple elements such as international alcohol brand and characteristic food are integrated. There are eight areas which are brand alcohol tasting area, food and cultural creative product market, main stage performance area, street art area, fashion clock in area, talent night market, automobile life + , and Youxiang - home. Theme events including German band performance and light and water show will be held.

10 Nantong enterprises on ‘2022 Jiangsu top 50 enterprises in clothing industry’ list

By Liu Lu

On 2 August, Jiangsu clothing association published ‘2022 Jiangsu top 50 enterprises in clothing industry’ list. 10 Nantong enterprises are shortlisted.

Textile industry is the most recognizable and most influential pillar industry and enriching industry in Nantong. Clothing is an essential part of it. In 2022, ‘high end textile cluster’ built by Nantong, Suzhou and Wuxi together was evaluated as national advanced manufacturing industry cluster successfully. Above scale clothing enterprises in Nantong realized an operation revenue of 20.04 billion yuan, ranking the 3rd in Jiangsu.