

Nantong report

2023 China Nantong – Germany Economic and Trade Exchange Conference held in Berlin

By Shi Weipan

From 11 to 14 August local time, Wu Xinming, secretary of CPC Nantong Committee led a team to Germany for economic and trade investment promotion and cooperation exchange event, to promote cooperation with Germany all round and comprehensively. On 14 August morning, 2023 China Nantong - Germany Economic and Trade Exchange Conference was held in Berlin. Guests from industries and business community of Germany including Volker Friedrich, general manager of Federal Association for Economic Development and Foreign Trade; Dominik Risse, head of LANXESS Urethane Systems Business Unit; Torsten Vahrenkamp, founder of Ficon-

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TEC; Michael Boss, project director for international affairs of Automotive Berlin- Brandenburg Association of Automotive Suppliers; Liu Chenchao, general manager of Sirui group; Hubert Kumbo, co-founder of

Brunswick group; Dai Jun, board chairman of RoboTechnik Intelligent Technology Co., LTD; German Small and Medium Enterprises Center, Century 3, and Sinolytics attended the event. Wu Xinming hoped that more Ger-

man enterprises could come to Nantong to manufacture, do research and develop, and achieve mutual benefits with Nantong, sharing the dividends of opportunity and creating a better future together. The participating guests also watched the propaganda video of Nantong, listened to the introduction of investment environment of Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area, and carried out in depth exchange and interaction about relevant cooperation items. While in Germany, Wu Xinming also met Du Chunguo, Consul General of Consulate General of China in Dusseldorf and Ms. Andrew Heidegger, person in charge of Asia Pacific region of German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, visited well-known enterprises including Symrise, Easun tech, and Merck group.

Nantong ⇌ Zhengzhou all cargo flight course open

By Li Hui

At about 16 o'clock on 10 August, an Air Central Boeing 737-800 all cargo plane reached Nantong airport, which marked the official opening of Nantong ⇌ Zhengzhou all cargo flight route, which provided a new channel of cargo air transport in the Yangtze River delta area. There will be 3 flights per week for the flight course according to plan, later it will be increased to 6 flights per week. On 10 August, about 18 tons of cargo arrived, which was fresh aquatic products imported from Manila; about 18.6 tons of cargo left, which was mainly automobile parts manufactured in Nantong and nearby areas. After fast unloading of workers, 636 boxes of fresh aquatic products were loaded to trucks, and transported to Shanghai Jiangyang Aquatic Products Wholesale Trading Market. Ms. Li, who was doing aquatic product wholesale business in Shanghai, said that in the past when they imported this type of aquatic products, they had to go to ports in places such as Nanjing and Zhengzhou, as the transport by land took long time, the loss rate of fresh aquatic products was relatively large. After the new flight course was open at Nantong airport, transport time was reduced to a large extent.

‘China in children’s chorushina’ international youth cultural exchange and experience activity open

By Lu Wei

On 15 August, 2023 ‘China in children’s chorushina’ international youth cultural exchange and experience activity opening ceremony was held in Tongzhou Experimental Primary School. The event was started with song and dance *China in children’s cho-*

rushina. Students from Run Ying Shu Yuan in Spain performed *recitation of Tang poetry*. Students from Tongzhou Experimental Primary School and overseas Chinese school performed program *draw the Chinese dream*. On the day, several schools of Nantong signed agreements with sister Chinese schools. At the opening ceremony, a congrat-

ulatory letter from Carlos Velázquez, mayor of Toledo, Spain was received. ‘I am grateful that Nantong government gave the students a warm welcome.’ mayor Carlos said in the congratulatory letter, that cultural exchange like this would make the relationship between the two cities and the two countries more close and the interaction would be more frequent.



Foreign passenger lost a handbag An uncle from the airport picked it up and returned

By Li Hui

At about 1 am, 14 August, Mr. Zan, person in charge of a textile enterprise in Nantong, went to the airport to pick up Saudi Arabia client and interpreter who came to Nantong plant for visit and communication. On the way to the hotel, the client found out that the handbag with his passport and cash inside was missing. Mr. Zan returned to the airport with the client at once to look for it. At the same time, after the

flight arrived, Qin Xueliang, who works in property management of the airport found a white handbag on the trolley at No.2 arrival exit, while putting trolleys in various places in order. Qin handed it to public security of the airport at once according to procedure. Chen Lei, on duty police officer of the police station of the terminal and Qin opened the handbag, found out that there was a lot of yuan and foreign cash, and two passports and one boarding pass. Chen Lei, with the assistance of big data, found the contact of Ms.

Yang, the interpreter whose name was on the boarding pass, and dialed the number... At the other end of the phone, Mr. Zan and the client were driving to the airport to look for it. Heard that the handbag was found, they were relaxed finally. At about 1:50 am, they came to the police station of the terminal and got the missing handbag. The foreign passenger said, ‘getting such enthusiastic help in a foreign country, let me feel the sincerity and friendship of Nantong people.’

400 million U.S. dollars Xiehang New Energy global headquarters project settled in Nantong

By Shi Weipan

On 15 August local time, the signing ceremony of Xiehang New Energy global headquarters project whose investment was 400 million U.S. dollars, which would settle in Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area, was held in Istanbul, Turkey. The investor of the project, Chen Solar in Turkey, is the largest solar energy module manufacturing plant in Europe and the Mid-

dle East area. The company invested 1 GW efficient photovoltaic module project in Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area in 2022. In the present the project has already been in operation. Based on that, Chen Solar decided to invest 400 million U.S. dollars, to build Xiehang New Energy global headquarters project in Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area, to build 5 GW advanced efficient photovoltaic battery, 5 GW efficient photovoltaic module and commercial satellite solar wing manufacturing base.

The 2nd Nantong Beer Carnival was closed successfully Over 160 thousand people attended



By Liu Lu

On 13 August, the 2nd Nantong Beer Carnival was closed at Zilang Park. In the ten days, in total over 160 thousand people participated. There are several domestic and foreign beer brands in Qingdao beer area and lakeside international beer area; a few foreign bands went on the stage in turns, performed with passion, and brought the atmo-

sphere to a climax on the site; a lot of people gathered in characteristic market, people shared and passed happiness... According to statistics of Nantong Bureau of Commerce, in total over 160 people participated the beer carnival. 679 people reached employment intention in talent night market area, 526 batches of customer information was collected in auto show area, and 11 cars were ordered on the spot, in total 124 groups of purchase intentions were achieved in property exhibition area.

2023 ‘a journey to find roots in China’ summer camp Nantong camp open 37 ethnic Chinese teenagers looked for the root of the descendants of Yan and Huang emperors

By He Jiayu

On 17 August, 2023 ‘a journey to find roots in China’ summer camp Nantong camp was open. 37 ethnic Chinese teenagers from Canada, Japan, the Philippines, and Germany gathered in Nantong, to look for the root of the descendants of Yan and Huang emperors. For years, Nantong has held ‘Embrace China’ summer camps and winter camps continuously, let close to ten thousand overseas Chinese teenagers from more than ten countries including the United States, Australia and Thailand experience the charm of Chinese culture and local

characters of Nantong by offline and online ways. Wang Ruofei, who was born in China and grew up in Canada, participated ‘the journey to find roots’ for the first time. He likes Chinese martial arts, and is very interested in the taijiquan project in the trip. ‘I hope that I can know more about the rich culture of our motherland, and make many friends and establish a profound friendship.’ Matsukuma Miyuki, a camp member from Japan, came to Nantong for the first time. She said that she would cherish the ten days here, to improve Chinese, and learn traditional Chinese culture, and experience the unique cultural and regional customs of Nantong.

Briefly

Celebrating birthday for panda siblings

By Xu Congjun

On 12 August, ‘Xing Hui’ and ‘Xing Fan’, the brother and sister twin pandas of Nantong Forest Safari Park celebrated their 7th birthday. The zoo prepared fruits including dragon fruit and apple and a special ‘birthday cake’ made with

bamboo shoot and bamboo. Beach volleyball competition was held

By Xu Peiqin

On 17 August, Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour 2023 - China Qidong Futures was started at Bihai Silver Sand of Evergrande Venice Resort. The competition attracted 40 teams from more than 10 countries and areas to participate.

