

Nantong report

CIMC Safeway Technologies listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange

By Li Tong

On 11th October, CIMC Safeway Technologies Co., Ltd. was listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. CIMC Safeway Technologies was founded in 2003. It is a leading enterprise of equipment panel of CIMC. It is also a global chemical logistics equipment manufacturer and full life cycle service provider which integrates design, research, development, manufacture, and sales of tank con-

tainers, and with the largest scale, most complete types and series, and advanced technologies in the world. The company focuses on research, development, manufacture and sales of various types of tank containers for chemical fluid, liquefied gas, and powder products. At the same time, it provides after-market services of tank containers including maintenance, cleaning, renovation and alteration, and provides tailored tank container information services based on Internet of Things technologies.

Nantong cultivated local international enterprises AlphaESS global headquarters settled

By Xu Aiyin

On 10th October, the AlphaESS global headquarters base was completed and in operation in Nantong Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone. It is a successful case of cultivation of local international enterprise in Nantong. As a leading energy storage system supplier and energy management service provider in the industry, AlphaESS has settled in Tongzhou for more than 10 years. Several technologies have broken the monopoly in foreign

countries. Its business covers more than 90 countries and areas in the world. More than 100 thousand sets of energy storage systems have been installed. Nantong energy storage panel has formed an industrial chain of subdivision fields including household and commercial electrochemical energy storage systems, and mobile integrated charging and storage equipment. In the first half of the year, the output value of the new energy industry of Nantong increased by 10.4%, and it has become a powerful support to realize the next trillion.

SCANIA school-enterprise cooperative order class started

By Chen Jiayi

On 8th October, the 1st 'SCANIA school-enterprise cooperative order class' composed of 62 students was started at Rugao Secondary Specialized School. It was the first school-enterprise cooperative order class of SCANIA in Asia. SCANIA is one of the most famous heavy-duty vehicle manufacturers in the world. In May 2020, SCANIA's China manufacturing plant settled in Rugao Economic and Technological Development Area in the form of sole proprietorship. In July

2022, SCANIA and Rugao Secondary Specialized School signed a school-enterprise cooperation frame agreement. The 62 students of the 1st SCANIA school-enterprise cooperative order class were selected from Rugao Secondary Specialized School, and have gone through several steps including briefing, interview, and the schools evaluation and recommendation. Ruthger, CEO of SCANIA Asia said that next year the first batch of the students of the SCANIA class would graduate here, and they would become the first batch of professional blue-collar workers of SCANIA in Asia.

Setting out from Tongzhou Bay Start-up Port Wind turbines set off for Africa

By Wu Xiaoyun and Jiang Xinchun

On 12th October, Liberian general cargo ship 'DA DAN XIA' loaded with the first batch of wind turbines of the largest wind power project in Africa set out from Tongzhou Bay Lysy Start-up Port for Egypt. The wind turbines and other spare parts which were transported this time will be used in Power China Hua-

dong Engineering Corporation's Amunet onshore wind power project in Egypt. There are 780 pieces in total. The weight is 4954 tons, and the size is about 45570 cubic meters. The Amunet project is located in the Suez Region along the Red Sea in Egypt. The planned installed capacity is 500 MW. It is one of the largest new energy projects signed in Egypt in the last few years.



A Sea of Sunflowers

On 11th October, it was the best viewing season at the sunflower field in Junshan Mountain green field of Nantong Langshan Forest Park, which attracted many tourists to see the flowers and take photos.Photo by Xu Congjun

Li Weichong, a farmer from Qidong: ‘I am growing vegetables in South Africa.’

By Huang Hai

The Third 'Belt and Road' Forum for International Cooperation which was held from 17th to 18th October elated and inspired Li Weichong, a farmer of Lao Li Farm far away in South Africa. Have been in South Africa for 20 years, and taken the express train of the 'Belt and Road' Initiative, close to 20 people of Li's family have settled here. Li Weichong is from Lugang Village, Jinhai Town, Qidong. In 2003, he and his fourth brother, Li Jinchong, became the first batch of 'those who go abroad', and started to sell tofu in South Africa. Later they planted vegetables and started a farm. Since South Africa joined the 'Belt and Road' Initiative in 2015, Lao Li Farm has been famous in the local Chinese community. 'There was never enough to sell.' In 2003, Li Jinchong, who went to South Africa to make tofu before Li Weichong, did not get salary from his boss, so he asked for help from Li Weichong. In that April, Li Weichong went to the foreign country. The boss mortgaged the tofu shop to the two brothers. As the tofu made by them was delicious and of high quality, it was loved by the Chinese people and overseas Chinese. The brand 'Lao Li Tofu' was also recognized by customers in South Africa and nearby countries. In 2007, with the savings obtained from selling tofu, the two brothers bought the farm with 1.3 million South Africa Rands (equivalent to about 160 thousand U.S. dollars) from an elderly British couple. The farm covered an area of 208 acres. It is located at more than 50 km east to Johannesburg. Similar to the nearby South Afri-



Li Weichong and his employee.

can farms, the Li brothers' farm only grew corn, potato and sweet potato at first. However, staying in a foreign county, what they missed most was the 'Chinese delicacy'. The two brothers tried to plant some vegetables in front of and behind the house, apart from making tofu. The trial led to new discoveries: canola, Chinese cabbage, radish, towel gourd, eggplant...no matter what type of vegetable it is, as long as it was planted, it could grow. And then, the farm was getting 'sinicized' gradually, cucumber, eggplant, long bean, Chinese yam...were introduced. Now, the farm has in total more than 80 greenhouses, and more than 40 types of vegetables were planted, which made it the largest green vegetable base in South Africa, meeting the demand for the original material of food of local Chinese. As China and South Africa increased depth in cooperation and exchange, more and more Chinese have been doing business in South Africa. Hence, the demand exceeded supply for the vegetables of

the farm. The 3 stores of Lao Li Farm in the Chinatown were always crowded. During the period, the life of the Li's family was improved a lot because of the 'Belt and Road'. Close to 20 siblings came to 'dig gold' one after another. Many Chinese who have plants and restaurants in South Africa became long-term customers of Lao Li Farm. Lao Li Farm also became the major supplier of Chinese characteristic vegetables in various major cities of South Africa and nearby countries such as Lesotho and Botswana. Even Embassy of China in Johannesburg was 'attracted as a fan' successfully. September and October are in the spring of South Africa. It was a hive of activity planting and harvesting in Lao Li Farm. More than 40 workers from Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Kenya, and South Africa, together with the Li brothers, were busy working. The workers not only can plant vegetables, but also can speak Chinese. Over the years, the Li brothers lived in harmony with local people. 'To interact with hearts, then you can make good friends and true friends.' Li Weichong said.

Briefly

Bus lines from downtown area of Nantong to Zhangjiagang opened

By Peng Junjun

The reporter learnt from Nantong Bureau of Transport that the two intercity bus rapid transit lines opened on 14th October, which promoted the seamless connection between the downtown area of Nantong and Shanghai-Nanjing Riverside high-speed railway. The intercity bus rapid transit lines which opened this time include the Nantong Administrative Center to Zhangjiagang Station (line C1), and Nantong Bonsai Garden to Zhangjiagang Station (line C2). During the trial operation, there are no stations along the line, and 'point to point' transport has been realized. There will be one bus every 30 minutes. The frequency will be optimized and adjusted according to passenger flow conditions. The ticket price of the rapid transit bus of a single journey is 6 yuan per person.

Over 4.8 million tons of LNG received and unloaded in Nantong from January to September

By Wu Xiaoyun

In the first three quarters of 2023, the LNG receiving terminals in Nantong have received 11.32 million cubic meters and 4.847 million tons of liquid natural gas in total, and the size and volume increased 2.58% and 3.57% respectively. Following the quantity of usage of 25 cubic meters of natural gas per family per month, it can satisfy the demand for gas of 23 million families of a year.