

Nantong report

Guard the 'smiling angel', create a cultural tourism business card

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Based on multiple spacial nodes in the Binjiang area, Finless Porpoise Bay will build a Nantong Yangtze River ecological protection section whose core is finless porpoise culture, to promote the building of four major theme projects which are 'finless porpoises come by fate, finless porpoises travel in the Yangtze River, finless porpoise culture exhibition, protection and keeping of finless porpoises', build Nantong Binjiang Finless Porpoise culture and science popularization, research and tourism base, build a highly advanced ecological civilization system, and promote the upgrading and development of regional tourism.

By Tang Xiaofeng

As the Great Yangtze River Protection was implemented in depth, the ecological environment of the Nantong section of the Yangtze River has been improved continuously. The Yangtze finless porpoise, which was listed as endangered species in the past, appeared continuously, and played on the river near the foot of the Langshan Mountain. To present the achievements of the Great Yangtze River Protection and let citizens get closer to the finless porpoise, on 12th November, Nantong Finless Porpoise Bay Project was started.

The sixth China International Import Expo ended Multiple 'made in Nantong' exhibited

By Liu Lu and Wu Xiaoyun

On 10th October, the sixth China International Import Expo ended successfully. Guests from more than 150 countries, areas and international organizations and more than 3400 exhibitors participated. A number of exhibits from Nantong were exhibited together.

At the Honeywell booth in technical equipment exhibition area, innovation technologies and products of the enterprise in fields including aviation, intelligent building, smart factory, healthcare, energy storage and new energy vehicle were exhibited. The exhibits such as polyurethane coated wear-resistant gloves and high-performance cutting resistant protective gloves were all from Honeywell Safety Products (Nantong) Co., Ltd. The products are widely applied in domestic and foreign industrial fields including automobile,

electronics, shipbuilding, petrochemical industry, food processing and machining, to provide better protection for workers.

It was the first time that Toray from Japan participated in the China International Import Expo. In the expo, Toray arranged four themes which are new energy, environment, recycling and bio-based materials, medicine and healthcare. It is worth mentioning that the products exhibited such as automotive filter cartridges were all manufactured in the Nantong plant. Takahiro Yamamoto, the director of Toray Industries (China) Co., Ltd., introduced that Toray has already put four plants and one research institute in Nantong.

At the Tyson booth in food and agricultural products exhibition area, a full-time consumption scene gourmet experience area was built, which attracted many visitors to come to experience. The popular 'Ten Wings in a Bucket' series is from Tyson Nantong base.

Skills Competition



On 11th November, the international final of Internet of Things Competition of 2023 BRICS Skills Competition China Division was held in Nantong Vocational University. 96 participating teams from China, Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa had a grand competition. The picture shows the Chinese players in the competition. Photo by Xu Peiqin



Welcoming 'International Students' Day'

By Xu Peiqin

On 16th November, a theme event to welcome the 'International Students' Day' was held by Nantong Vocational University.

University students from China and countries along 'the Belt and Road' such as Namibia, Laos, Pakistan and Vietnam presented the characteristic culture of multiple countries and multiple nations by ways

such as singing, dancing, traditional clothes and characteristic art works exhibition.

It is the 10th anniversary of the proposal of 'the Belt and Road' Initiative joint building. In the past

few years, as the joint building of 'the Belt and Road' has been progressed and the interactions between countries have been increased, more and more foreign students came to China for studying.

Xiao Jinfeng, a teacher from Jiangsu Shipping College, participated in the whole process

'Xue Long 2' rescued a ship in distress

By Gao Yang

CTV reported on 13th November that 'Xue Long 2', which was carrying out the 40th South Pole expedition task of China, rescued a ship and its 4 crew members who called for help successfully in the sea area near Papua New Guinea on the evening of 11th November Beijing Time. In the 33-hour-long urgent rescue, Xiao Jinfeng, the mobile driver of 'Xue Long 2' and teacher of Jiangsu Shipping College, participated in the whole process.

At about 10:55 on 10th November Beijing time, 'Xue Long 2' travelled to the sea area near Papua New Guinea. The bridge duty officer found that people were waving clothes to call for help on a small boat. 'Xue Long 2' took measures to slow down and prepared to stop at once. After the conditions of the ship which called for help were confirmed further, 'Xue Long 2' made preparations for urgent rescue of injured people, and approached slowly. After communication, they got to know that the 4 people who called for help were fishermen from Papua New Guinea. They planned to go to their residence place in Kavieng from Emirau Island, but oil and storage batteries were used up on the way. They had been floating on the sea for 9 hours. The crew of 'Xue Long 2' sent water and food to the ship in distress at once, provided diesel, and charged their storage batteries fully.

'The local equatorial countercurrent is relatively rapid. If they did not meet 'Xue Long 2', their lives would be in real danger.' Xiao Jinfeng said that as he was



On 11th November, the expedition team transferred the ship which called for help onto 'Xue Long 2'. Photo from Xinhua News Agency

good in English, he was responsible for contact at the bridge. By emails, satellite phones and VHF-Radiotelephones (VHF), contact with Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centers (MRCC) of countries along the coast and local rescue teams was maintained.

'Xue Long 2' stopped by the ship which called for help successfully, and provided help as much as possible. However, an accident happened. The ship in distress was not able to start the engine. An engine failure was suspected. After discussion, the expedition team reported to local maritime rescue department, and suggested some rescue ships to be arranged.

Xiao Jinfeng told the reporter that the rescue ship sent by the local party was not able to arrive, then the expedition team fi-

nally decided to transfer the ship and the people in distress onto 'Xue Long 2', and transport them home.

At 23:00 on 11th November local time, the expedition team sent the ship and people in distress to sea areas near Kavieng of Papua New Guinea, and handed over to local relevant organizations. So far, the 33-hour-long rescue was completed successfully.

The 40th South Pole Science Expedition Team of China set off from Shanghai officially on 1st November, and planned to return in April 2024. The trip will last more than 5 months. As the mobile driver of 'Xue Long 2' polar scientific expedition icebreaker, Xiao Jinfeng, together with the other drivers, worked in shifts on the bridge for the safe trip, dodge and other tasks of 'Xue Long 2'.

Briefly

On 7th January 2024 New Year Stars Concert will be held

By Zhang Jian and Yang Zhenxiao

Mengzhan M6 + New Year Stars Concert will be held at Nantong Sports Conference and Exhibition Center on 7th January 2024. Li Ronghao, Li Keqin, Cai Jianya, Cheng Xiang, Yang Haowen, Meng Ran, and Cui Zhonghua, the 7 singers will bring a pop music feast.

The New Year Stars Concert will be named by Yanghe Brewery Joint-Stock, and hosted by Nantong Daily.

From 20th December CBA new season Jiangsu major competition arena will be in Nantong

By Li Bo

The reporter learnt from Jiangsu Dragons Kentier that from 20th December the Jiangsu major competition will be held in Nantong competition area, and 18 Home regular season competitions will be held.

Jiangsu Dragons Kentier has participated in the CBA league for 29 seasons. Most of the team members are young players. The average age is 23.06. The foreign players include Alpha Kaba from France and Jalen Riley from the U.S.

In this season, there are 26 home games for Jiangsu Dragons Kentier. After the home games in Danyang division are completed on 9th December, Jiangsu Dragons Kentier will come to Nantong competition area, for the rest 18 home regular season competitions.