

Nantong report

2023 Nantong Clothing Innovation and Development Conference held

By Yan Chunhua

On 7th December, 2023 Nantong Clothing Innovation and Development Conference opened.

In 2022, the ‘high-end textile cluster’ jointly built by Nantong, Suzhou and Wuxi was recognized as a national advanced manufacturing industry cluster. In the first 10 months of the year, 1463 above scale textile enterprises of Nantong have realized an output value of 169.3 billion yuan, and there is an increase of 18.4%.

As an important panel of textile industry, clothing industry plays an essential role in the high-quality economic and social development of the city.

The output value and export of clothing industry of Nantong has ranked among the top 3 in Jiangsu in a long term; 12 enterprises are among the top 50 enterprises in Jiangsu clothing industry; in 2022, the above scale enterprises in Nantong clothing industry realized an operation revenue of over 20 billion yuan, ranking the 3rd in Jiangsu.

Over 500 foreign talents introduced to Nantong this year

By Wang Weili

On 12th December, a foreign experts New Year party was held in Nantong.

In the past few years, Nantong has been promoting international technological exchange and cooperation, and made it more convenient for foreigners to apply for work permits in

China. It has been elected as ‘Amazing China — the Most Attractive City for Foreign Talents’ for continuous three years by Ministry of Science and Technology. This year, Nantong has introduced 576 foreign talents. There are close to 1500 foreign experts with valid work permits at present. Among them, the number of high-end talents exceeded 900.

Top ten most popular tourist attractions in Jiangsu scenic areas released

Hao River Scenic Spot included

By Jiang Jiaojiao

The reporter learnt from Nantong Hao River Scenic Spot Management Office that Hao River Scenic Spot was included among the first batch of top ten most popular tourist attractions of Jiangsu scenic areas.

The ten tourist attractions are Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum, Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum, Yuantouzhu, Slender West Lake Park, Mount Huaguoshan, Tiger Hill, Hao River, Yunlong Lake, Zhan Garden and the three palaces of Maoshan Mountain.

Hao River is the most complete retained ancient moat located in the central area of the city in China. Nearby many cultural historical relics from

Tang Dynasty to modern times have been kept, including several ‘the first in China’ which are the first public museum founded by Mr. Zhang Jian, a sage in Nantong — Nantong Museum, the first embroidery school in China — the Women Workers’ Training Institute (Shen Shou Embroidery Art Museum of China), the first new drama school in China — Linggong Society, the first batch of the city parks in China — the Five Parks, and rich intangible cultural heritage. The tourist attraction receives close to 7 million tourists per year. It is an open and round-the-city National AAAAAA Tourist Attraction and provincial level tourist attraction which integrates natural scenery and cultural landscape.

Free ride on Rail Transit Line No.1 and No.2 for 3 days

Attracted close to 800 thousand passengers

By Jiang Jiaojiao and Li Hui

Free ride from 8th to 10th December, made the traffic flow of Nantong underground railway to hit a historical high. According to statistics, during the trial ride period, the passenger flow of both lines was close to 800 thousand. The ‘cross shaped’ rail transit network built by

Rail Transit Line No.1 and No.2 together, allows citizens to cross urban districts to eat, shop, and meet friends within half an hour, expanding the ‘urban life circle’.

The total length of Line No.2 is 20.85 km. There are 17 stations in total. Among them, Hepingqiao Station and Wenfeng Station are the interchange stations of Line No.1 and No.2.



Fallen leaves cat

On 9th December, Ge Duo, a famous art blogger in Nantong, made a large ‘fallen leaves cat’ with fallen leaves of Chinese parasol trees at the street corner to the south of Nantong Museum, which attracted many citizens to take photos and share them.

Photo by Jiang Jianhua



Scan the QR code to watch the video

Post-1995 Nantong boy made 80 short videos

Pay respect to Nanyang patriotic overseas Chinese with videos



By Feng Qirong

While studying in Malaysia, Nantong boy Zhang Youwen did a meaningful thing — to spread the stories of Nanyang patriotic overseas Chinese by short videos. In the more than half a year, he completed the making of short videos of 80 patriotic overseas Chinese in total. After uploaded online, they were liked by local Chinese. A netizen said that he ‘was full of tears watching them’.

Different from his peers who like to shop, Zhang Youwen has loved to go to museums and listen to historical stories since he was a child. Among the many museums Zhang Youwen visited, Guangzhou Overseas Chinese Mu-

seum impressed him most. ‘In the museum, I got to know a lot of stories of patriotic overseas Chinese. I found out that most of the patriotic overseas Chinese are from British Malaya (the historical address of Malaysia and Singapore). Among them, one Nanyang overseas Chinese, Liang Lingguang, who is endowed with civil and martial virtues, has a tight bond with my hometown Rugao,’ Zhang Youwen said.

In 2021, after graduated from Wuhan University of Technology, Zhang Youwen was admitted to art and design major of UCSI University in Malaysia for a master course.

After arriving at Malaysia, Zhang Youwen has spent every weekend going to various types

of memorial venues in Malaysia. At each place, he took photos of relevant historical records carefully. The story contexts and figures of close to one hundred Nanyang patriotic overseas Chinese have become clearer in his mind. An idea was born in his mind: why not use his talent, to spread the glorious stories of Nanyang patriotic overseas Chinese by short videos?

To improve the attractiveness of the videos, he downloaded and watched a lot of black and white old films and documentaries, selected segments which match the stories of Nanyang patriotic overseas Chinese to process and edit, and added relevant subtitles and music.

Up to now, Zhang Youwen has uploaded the touching stories of 80 patriotic overseas Chinese by short videos on several new media platforms such as Tik Tok, Jinri Toutiao, and Xigua Video.

Recently, he started a new short video making plan — Chinese national heroes 3D animation series. On 15th November, he uploaded the first work of the series online. ‘In the future, I will consider to reproduce the stories of Nanyang patriotic overseas Chinese by 3D animation, to attract more 1990s and 2000s young people with the new and straight forward way.’

Briefly

Agarwood cultural exchange



On 14th December, a delegation viewed the manufacturing procedure of agarwood. From 8th to 14th December, invited by Nantong Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, Nantong People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, and Nantong Association For International Understanding ‘going to the Belt and Road’ inaugural event was held in Vietnam.

Photo by Guan Jianbing

‘Double 12’ Nantong Shopping Festival started

By Liu Lu and Wu Xiaoyun

On 11th December, Nantong Winter Shopping Festival and the third ‘Double 12’ Nantong Shopping Festival was started. A series of events will be carried out from December 2023 to the end of February 2024.

The events include: automobile sales promotion, 1000 yuan subsidy per car for purchase of cars less than 200 thousand yuan, and 4000 yuan subsidy per for purchase of cars above(or equal to) 200 thousand yuan; ‘Double 12’ House Purchase Festival, 15 million yuan of new citizen house purchasing consumption vouchers were issued, 50 thousand yuan for each voucher; events such as a fitness run around the lake for 5000 people and a New Year mountain climbing for 2000 people...

Nantong Airport has been open to air traffic for 30 years

The annual passenger throughput exceeded 3.5 million for the first time

By Li Hui

On 12th December morning, Wang Zuhong who was going to Zhuhai, became the No. 3.5 million passenger of Nantong Airport this year. It was the first time that the annual passenger throughput exceeded 3.5 million in the past 30 years since Nantong Airport opened to air traffic.

Wang Zuhong said, ‘I took planes from Shanghai since I started to do business in 1985. After Nantong Airport opened, I started to enjoy the convenience of taking planes at doorstep.’ He added, ‘flights and passengers in Nantong Airport have been increasing. In the future it will have better development definitely.’

Passenger throughput is a ma-

jor indicator to measure the level of an airport. In 2015, the annual passenger throughput of Nantong Airport exceeded 1 million for the first time; in 2017, the annual passenger throughput reached 2 million; in 2019, the annual passenger throughput exceeded 3 million, and reached 3.486 million; this year it exceeded 3.5 million, and is expected to reach 3.6 million.