

Nantong report

Nantong economy continues to recover and improve

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The production supply of Nantong is stable and increasing, the market demand continues to improve

By Tang Jiamei

Recently, Nantong Bureau of Statistics published the economic operation conditions of Nantong from January to November 2023. From January to November 2023, the produc-

tion supply of Nantong is stable and increasing, the market demand continues to improve, the transformation and upgrading have been promoted steadily, and the economy has kept a trend of recovering and improving.
In terms of industries, from January to November 2023, the industrial production of the city was generally stable. There is an increase of 8.6% in above scale industrial added value. Among the 34 major industry categories, 26 industries have kept increasing. The growth rate is 76.4%.
From January to November 2023, the consumption continued to recover. The realized total retail sales of consumer goods is 386.94 billion yuan, and there is an increase of 6.4%.

Nantong government and Southeast University signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement

By Li Tong

On 24th December 2023, the signing ceremony of the strategic cooperation framework agreement between Nantong government and Southeast University was held at the Binjiang Conference Center.
Both parties will focus on in-depth cooperation in serving the maritime power strategy, further integrat-

ing scientific and innovation resources, building cooperation carriers and projects such as the Institute for Advanced Ocean Study, and deepening industry, learning, administration and research cooperation, to accelerate the building of a highland of innovation talents introduction and cultivation.
During the period, the delegation from Southeast University also carried out on-site visits and research.

The entire Tongjing Avenue opened to traffic

By Jiang Jiaojiao

On 28th December 2023, Tongjing Avenue rapid transformation project (Jianghai Avenue – Qinzao Road) fully opened to traffic through the line.
‘The project was laid according to “main road plus auxiliary road” section. The design speed of the main road is 80 km/h. It has two ways and six lanes. Except the part under Nanjing-Qidong Railway which is on the

ground, the other parts are all in the form of viaducts.’ Huang Can, the person in charge of the project from Nantong Urban Construction Group introduced that the auxiliary road was changed from previous two ways two lanes to two ways four to six lanes, and the design speed is 50 km/h. By increasing the number of lanes of the auxiliary road, the design speed of the auxiliary road was increased, and the traffic flow would be increased further.

Official opening of Rail Transit Line No.2

By Jiang Jiaojiao

On 27th December 2023, Nantong Rail Transit Line 2 opening ceremony was held at the Sports Park Station. Nantong metro entered a ‘double line transfer era’.
In 2022, Rail Transit Line No.1 opened for operation. The accumulated passenger traffic volume is close to 22 million.
Line No.2’s construction was started on 26th October 2018. The line

is in an ‘L’ shape. It connects Chongchuan District and Tongzhou District. The total length is 20.85 km. There are 17 stations along the line in total. Among them, Hepingqiao Station and Wenfeng Station are interchanges to Line No.1. Line No.1 and No.2 form a ‘cross’ shape backbone line together. The total length is nearly 60 km. It connects major hub nodes including Nantong West Railway Station, Nantong East Railway Station and Nantong East Bus Station.



International virtuoso settled in Dongbuzhou Science Park

By Huang Tianling

‘I can learn to play the violin with the virtuoso. Such experience is so good...’ a few days ago, at the Master Violin Music Workshop by the Linglong Lake in Dongbuzhou Science Park in Haimen Linjiang New District, a violin performance charity class was started as scheduled. Wang Lijuan, an employee from an enterprise in Dongbuzhou Science Park, was able to play a simple musical piece *Happy New Year* slowly, after several times of guidance from the teacher.
The instructor who conducted the charity class is Klochko from Belarus. After he performed some famous violin pieces, he interacted

with every youth with not so fluent Chinese, tutored and guided them, and occasionally corrected positions and postures himself.
Klochko, 66-year-old, was born from a family of violin music. After he graduated with a master degree from the Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Russia, he worked at Belarusian State Academy of Music, and got a PHD from Belarusian State Academy of Music. He won a championship in Soviet Union National Concerto Champion at a young age. After graduating with a doctorate, he went to France, served as the first-chair violinist of Nice Philharmonic Orchestra, and started his tour around the world. This autumn, invited by Dongbuzhou (Nantong) Music and Art Exchange Co., LTD., he

came to Dongbuzhou Science Park.
‘The quiet and beautiful environment of Dongbuzhou Science Park attracted me. It feels like an art center,’ Klochko said. While practising violin, he conducted charity classes on evenings from Monday to Thursday, strengthening the communication and exchange with local residents. Now more than 40 local youths are learning violin with him. Dongbuzhou (Nantong) Music and Art Exchange Co., LTD. also provides violin learning and training for young people for free.
A virtuoso from Germany is also attracted by Dongbuzhou Science Park. Rainer Granzin, a German jazz pianist, composer, synthetic music producer, and permanent mentor of German Youth Orchestra, came to

China with his Chinese partner — Cheng Hongyu, a Guqin player in Germany and Distinguished Professor of Academy of Music of Southwest University. In the past few years, they have used music as media to convey the beauty of music and life to people. In the autumn of 2022, they were invited to Dongbuzhou. After experiencing the art atmosphere here, they did not hesitate to settle here.
‘The scenery is beautiful and the climate is comfortable, which gave me a lot of creative inspiration. It is something that large cities do not have,’ Rainer Granzin is deeply in love with Dongbuzhou. He organized several piano recitals by Linglong Lake, and shared the piano music *At Yangzi* composed by him.

Indian crew member had sudden abdominal pain Maritime department provided emergent rescue

By Wu Xiaoyun

At 14:30 on 19th December 2023, Nantong Rudong Maritime Department received from a shipping agency that on its Marshall Islands LNG ship ‘AAMIRA’, an Indian crew member had sudden abdominal pain, and needed to go ashore for medical treatment urgently. The ship was located about 60 nautical miles east to Yangkou Port. Influenced by the cold wave and strong wind, it could not berth at the LNG port.

After receiving the alarm, Nantong Rudong Maritime Department initiated the contingency plan immediately, and carried out rescue operation at once. ‘Yangkou Towboat 5’ stationed at Yangguang Island went in full speed, maritime workers boarded the ship for rescue. At the same time, assisting medical workers were consulted to provide remote guidance for emergency treatment, and coordinated the ambulance to go to the port on standby in advance.

After about 3 hours, ‘Yangkou Towboat 5’ docked with the foreign ship at about 5 nautical miles away from No.1 buoy of north entry channel of Yangkou Port, transferred the ill crew member successfully and returned at full speed. After appropriate emergency rescue treatment was applied, the abdominal pain of the crew member was alleviated to some extent. According to the follow-up, the sick patient has received surgery treatment from the hospital and his vital signs are currently stable.



‘Xin Hai Xun’ launched in Qidong

On 24th December 2023, the first 15000 cubic meters cabin dual-fuel powered trailing suction hopper dredger in China ‘Xin Hai Xun’ invested by CCCC Shanghai Dredging Co., Ltd. and built by Zhenhua Heavy Industries was launched officially in Qidong.

Photo by Xu Congjun

Charming ‘intangible cultural heritage’ attracted international students in Nantong

By Lu Chenghui

Tasting tea, making tea, listening to the opera, watching the dance... on 27th December 2023, ‘The Belt and Road - intangible cultural heritage tea talk’ Chinese and foreign cultural exchange event was held at Nantong North Cultural and Sports Center. More than 30 international

students in Nantong from ‘the Belt and Road’ countries such as Russia, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan watched the intangible cultural heritage exhibition and performances on the spot, experiencing the charm of traditional culture.
The first one on the stage was the tea art performance. ‘I know Chinese tea is delicious, but did not expect

there is such an amazing tea art performance.’ Peng Yuyan, a youth from Bangladesh, exclaimed.
The dance performance *a single needle and a piece of thread* centering around Nantong intangible cultural heritage Shen Embroidery, classic piece of Yue Opera *the Butterfly Lovers*, traditional martial art *Chen-style tai chi* etc. brought a visual feast.

‘I know there is a lot of wonderful traditional culture worth experiencing in Nantong. I hope that one day I can bring these crafts to my hometown.’ Having been in Nantong for 3 months, Angelina from Russia has experienced intangible cultural heritage projects such as making tea and tie-dye, falling in love with the beauty of blue and white.