

# Nantong report

## More than 400 Nantong enterprises invested 803 overseas projects

By Liu Lu and Yan Chunhua

On 29th March, the 30th anniversary of Nantong International Economic and Technological Cooperation Association theme conference was held. Experts of the industries and entrepreneurs gathered together, to help more Nantong enterprises enhance abilities, expand market and go global.

As one of the first batch of coastal open cities, Nantong has always attached great importance to foreign investment and cooperation, and promoted enterprises with strength to integrate international and domestic markets actively. Up to now, more than 400 Nantong enterprises have

invested 803 overseas projects, over more than 80 countries and areas in the world. The total amount of agreed investment by the Chinese side has exceeded 9 billion U.S. dollars. Among the 54 enterprises with foreign contracting and working cooperation qualifications, 6 enterprises were selected in 'American *Engineering News-Record* (ENR) the largest 250 international contractors in the world', which account for 60% of Jiangsu, and 6.2% of China. 11 construction companies with special qualifications have national foreign aid project qualifications, which account for more than half of Jiangsu, and ranked the top among prefecture-level cities in China.

## ‘China in children’s chorushina’ 2024 overseas promotion and exchange event published

By Wang Ying

On 2nd April, ‘China in children’s chorushina’ 2024 overseas promotion and exchange event and selected children’s poems, folk rhymes and songs overseas promotion ceremony was held at Tongzhou Cultural and Museum Center Theatre.

In 2023, Nantong held ‘China in children’s chorushina’ overseas promotion and exchange opening ceremony successfully. More than 1000 overseas Chinese youths and teenagers from more than 50 overseas Chinese schools in more than 10 countries over five continents in the world gathered online, spreading love with songs, and forging friendship with musical notes. This year Nantong will continue to collect ‘children’s poems, folk rhymes and songs’ works

and performances, adopting a communication method close to overseas Chinese teenagers, to promote the global expression of Chinese stories and Chinese voice.

The event also released the contents of 2024 ‘China in children’s chorushina’ overseas promotion and exchange event. The children’s poems, folk rhymes, and songs selected works overseas promotion ceremony was launched officially. Representatives of education departments from more than 10 countries including Hungary, Germany and France, close to 80 Chinese schools, and overseas Chinese organizations, as well as representatives of teachers and students from places including Beijing and Inner Mongolia started a new chapter of ‘China in children’s chorushina’ overseas promotion and exchange together through online platforms.

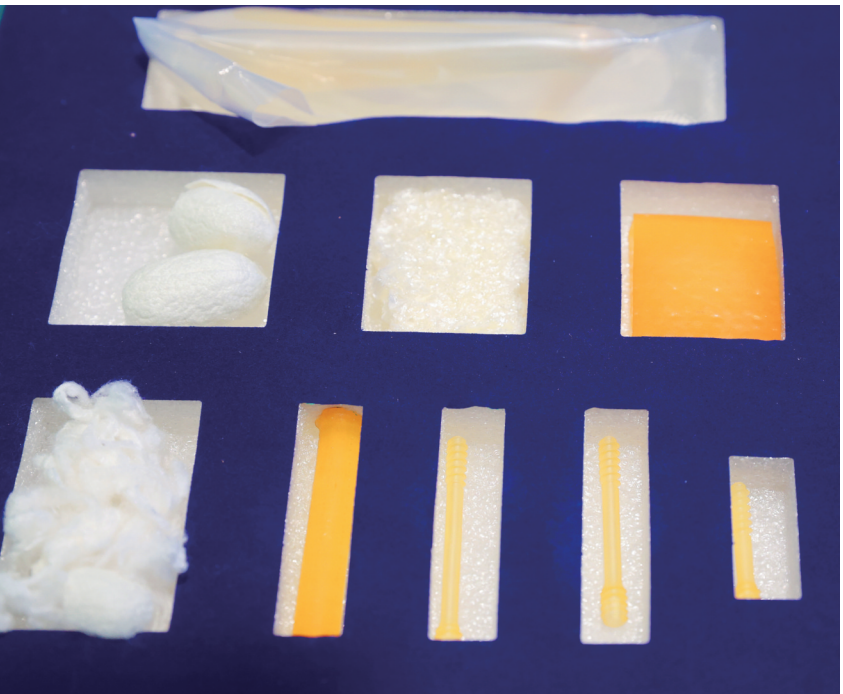
## Jointly researched and developed by Xinyuan Group ‘Silk protein bone screw’ is undergoing clinical trial

By Zhao Yongjin

On 2nd April, at the exhibition hall of Xinyuan Cocoon Silk Group Co., Ltd., Chu Chengping, the chairman of the board of the group, took out a screw of about 4 cm long gently from the showcase. What’s special is that the raw material for the screw is not steel, but silk. Its scientific name is ‘biological hollow bone screw’. Chu Chengping called it ‘silk protein bone screw’. This type of screw can be absorbed naturally by human bodies. Fractured pa-

tients do not need to take secondary surgeries after using it.

The achievement was researched and developed independently by Xinyuan group and Shanghai Institute of Microsystem and Information Technology of Chinese Academy of Sciences. It is the first in the world. It has advantages including degradable, excellent biocompatibility, and high mechanical performances. It can be applied in many biological and medical scenes such as orthopaedics and plastic surgeries. On 25th December 2023, the product entered a large-scale registered clinical trial in Xi’an.



## Experiencing the spring scenery



On 30th March, citizens were camping by the sea of rape flowers by the Yangtze River in Chongchuan District, experiencing the spring scenery.  
Photo by Xu Congjun

## Dozens of cute pets ‘moved in’ to big trees

Tree hole paintings decorate Wangshan Park



By Shen Jiaying

C hubby and naive lesser panda, commanding coiled dragon, capybara with a contented expression...in the past few days, many small animals ‘moved in’ to nearly 40 trees in Wangshan Park at Nantong Innovation District. These are all tree hole paintings made to cover the tree scars.

Wangshan Park is located to the northwest of Chongzhou Ave-



nue and Chaoyang Road. It covers an area of about 5.8 hectares. It is just one street next to Zilang Xintiandi and Zilang Technology City.

After trees suffer from pests and diseases, there will be tree holes of varying sizes. The traditional repair method is to use cement, lime or anti-corrosion paint to daub the tree holes, which is not so good-looking. Zhou Tian, an engineer of Nantong Zilang

Company Management Co., Ltd., told the reporter that on the basis of preliminary visit and design, the painters cleared the ulcers on the wounds of tree holes first, then did filling, surface polishing and waterproofing treatment to tree holes, in the end created paintings according to different tree hole shapes, using safe and environmental friendly acrylic paint, which does not cause harm to trees and looks more pleasing to the eye.

### Briefly

#### The second Nantong Zilang Music Festival held

By Zhang Jian and Yang Zhenxiao

From 30th to 31st March, the second Nantong Zilang Music Festival was held. 20 groups of domestic famous trendy bands and musicians including Pu Shu and New Pants, together with music fans on site, sang a spring music feast.

The music festival attracted close to 40 thousand music fans in total.

#### Nantong Airport started to implement summer and autumn flight plan

By You Lian

On 31st March, Nantong Airport started to implement summer and autumn flight plan. In the season change, there are in total 15 airlines flying 38 flights, connecting 36 domestic and foreign cities. The number of planned flights per week is about 930.

After the round of season change, 18 cities will have two or more flights per day, there will be 6 flights to Chengdu and Kunming per day; 4 to 5 flights to Beijing per day; and 4 flights per day to Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Changsha, which will make it convenient for public and business passengers to travel. Considering the travel demand of passengers in summer and autumn season, flights to Yantai and Nanning have been resumed, and flights such as Zhuhai ⇌ Nantong ⇌ Dalian were opened. Regional and international flights are increased to 3, 1 flight to Hong Kong per day, 3 flights to Macau per week, and 3 flights to Nha Trang every two weeks.

## From 2021 to 2023, 294 types of birds were recorded in Nantong

1 new record species in Jiangsu was discovered

By Peng Junjun

The reporter learnt from *Important habitats of wild animals along the Yangtze River and the coast of Nantong* published by Jiangsu Nantong Environmental Monitoring Center recently that: from 2021 to 2023, the recorded animals of Nantong include milu deer, sika deer, river deer, racoon dog, leopard cat, etc. 294 bird species belonging to 64 families and

23 orders were recorded.

Among the 294 recorded species of birds, there are 14 National Grade I Protected Animals, which are Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Chinese Black-headed Gull, Oriental White Stork, Black-faced Spoonbill, Chinese Crested Tern, etc. Among them there are 4 critically endangered species of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red List. There are 49 National Grade II Protect-

ed Animals, including Great Knot, Ruddy Turnstone, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Curlew, Tundra Swan, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Crested Goshawk, and Upland Buzzard, etc. 1 new record species of Jiangsu was discovered, which is Sea Cormorant.

Apart from birds, Nantong coastal wetlands are also habitats of national protected key wild animals such as milu deer, river deer, racoon dog, and leopard cat. The most common among them is milu deer.