

Nantong report

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By Tang Jiamei

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7.2% year-on-year. In terms of different industries, the added value of the primary industry is 6.95 billion yuan, and there is an increase of 1.4%; the added value of the secondary industry is 146.52 billion yuan, and there is an increase of 8.8%; the added value of the tertiary industry is 144.75 billion yuan, and there is an increase of 6.0%.

China-Ecuador Free Trade Agreement took effect
Nantong issued the first Certificate of Origin

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 1st May, China-Ecuador Free Trade Agreement took effect officially. On the day, Nantong Customs issued a China-Ecuador Free Trade Agreement Certificate of Origin to Best Nori (Nantong) Co., Ltd. for a batch of roast laver which would be exported to Ecuador. It was the first China-Ecuador Free Trade Agreement Certificate of Origin issued by Nantong Customs. With the Certificate of Ori-

gin, the export goods which were worth about 451 thousand yuan could have a tariff discount of about 13 thousand yuan. China-Ecuador Free Trade Agreement is the 20th free trade agreement signed by China with other countries. After the agreement took effect, tariffs were eliminated for about 60% of the tax items of China and Ecuador on the same day. Finally zero tariff products account for about 90% of the total tax items.

Transport capacity reached 9100 vehicles
The most environmental friendly roll-on/roll-off ship undocked

By Huang Jieying, Wang Junkai and Wu Xiaoyun

On 21st April, the new 9100 vehicles roll-on/roll-off ship built by China Merchants Industry Haimen base was undocked successfully. The ship is one of the new dual-fuel and zero-carbon-ready ‘Aurora class’ roll-on/roll-off series of China Merchants Industry Haimen base. It is also the second roll-on/roll-off ship undocked in Nantong this year. The ship is 199.9 m long. Its moulded length is 196.4 m and moulded

breadth is 37.6 m. The moulded depth is 14.53 m. The designed draft is 9.35 m. It has 14 decks. The transport capacity reached 9100 vehicles. The ship is equipped with 1 low speed dual-fuel engine and 3 dual-fuel power generators. It can use LNG and conventional fuels. The ship also obtained ‘ammonia fuel ready’ and ‘methanol fuel ready’ characters of class from DET NORSKE VERITAS (DNV). It is the first type of ship which can use carbon neutral fuel in pure car carrier field. It is the most environmental friendly car carrier in the world up to now.

Turning waste into treasure



22nd April is the World Earth Day. Nantong College of Science and Technology organized activities, to lead the students to turn waste and old items around them into exquisite artworks.Photo by Xu Peiqin



Nantong Marathon started

By Ye Guo, Li Tong, Li Bo and Peng Changqing

At 7 am on 21st April, Nantong Marathon was started. 25 thousand runners from all over the world released their passion on the track.

The competition’s full length is 42.195 km. There are 3 events: full marathon, half marathon and fun run. The number of participants reached 5000, 7000 and 13 thousand respectively. It attracted players from countries including America, Singapore, Japan, Brit-

ain, Afghanistan, Austria, Brazil, Russia, France, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, Venezuela, North Korea, Kenya, and Ethiopia and Hong Kong and Taiwan of China. More than 100 Taiwan residents formed teams to come to Nantong to participate.



China Austria ‘Dual System’ vocational training international cooperation project signed

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 22nd April, the China Austria ‘Dual System’ vocational training international cooperation project of Suxitong Park, Institute for Economic Promotion of the Austrian Economic Chambers and Nantong Industry & Trade Technician College was signed. ‘Dual System’ vocational training origins from Germany. It is an important cornerstone of manufacturing industry in Germany. The so called ‘Dual System’, ‘one’ refers to vocational schools, the other ‘one’ refers to enterprises. According to the agreement, the round of ‘dual system’ training is for multi-axis CNC processing major. The duration is 5 years. The ratio of the study time in the school and in the enterprises is about 4:6. Nantong Industry &



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Trade Technician College will cooperate with the Institute for Economic Promotion of Austria, utilize their respective resources and advantages in technical talents cultivation, and provide prior sup-

ports to enterprises of German speaking areas in Suxitong Park. Suxitong Park is the first industrial park in Nantong which introduced ‘dual system’ vocational training mode. In 2017, Suxitong Park, Institute for Economic Promotion of the Austrian Economic Chambers and Nantong Industry & Trade Technician College cooperated and signed Vocational Training Cooperation Framework Agreement. In the past 7 years, multi-axis CNC processing international class has been held successfully for 5 batches. In total nearly one hundred skilled workers have been cultivated, and high-standard professional talents have been delivered to high-end manufacturing enterprises. At present, Suxitong Park has attracted 10 hidden champion enterprises in German speaking areas to settle successfully. ‘Dual System’ cultivation mode is expected to be further promoted.

A smart restaurant in Chongchuan District started trial operation
The cooks are two robots

By Zhang Yuan

‘It’s my first time to eat dishes cooked by robots. I feel that the taste is about the same as those cooked by traditional chefs.’ Recently, ‘BETTERLIFE Shenghuo- You’ smart restaurant located at level 1 of Jinronghui of Yuanrong Business District at Chongchuan District started trial operation for nearby residents, which attracted many citizens to come to have a try. The reporter entered the smart restaurant, and saw 2 robot ‘cooks’ with a lot of technological elements through the glass of the kitchen. ‘We only need to put the prepared raw materials into the machine according to the recipe, and click the order of starting to cook, wait for 3 to 5 minutes, and the dish will be ready quickly. One machine can complete dishes for up to 5 people at one time,’ a worker on the spot introduced that by the intelligent system, proportions of ingredients including oil and salt were precisely controlled, which could ensure the taste and quality of dishes.