

Nantong report

Nantong Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum held in Tokyo

By Shi Weipan

On 11th June local time, “Yangtze River Delta Development Opportunities — Nantong ‘Hao Tong’” Nantong Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum was held in Tokyo. More than 120 guests participated in the forum.

Wu Xinming, Party Secretary of Nantong, said that from Jianzhen sailing to Japan from Nantong in the Tang Dynasty, to Mr. Zhang Jian going to Japan for learning and research and starting early modernization exploration in Nantong in the modern times, to the first Sino-Japanese joint venture in Jiangsu settling in Nantong after the Reform and Opening-up, to the mutual help and support between Nantong and its sister cities Toyohashi and Izumi in Japan during the co-

vid-19 pandemic, Nantong and Japan’s exchanges and interactions have a long history and are ever-lasting. Japan is an important trade partner and the second largest foreign investment source of Nantong. He hoped that exchanges could be strengthened in multiple fields, multiple channels and multiple levels, and more practical cooperation could be carried out in aspects including economic and trade exchange, industrial development, and cultural tourism, to contribute more to the promotion of the development of relationships between China and Japan.

Yūji Miyamoto, the former Japanese Ambassador to China, Acting President of Japan-China Friendship Center, and Chairman of Japan Asian Community Culture Cooperation Organization, said in his speech that Japan and Nantong have close economic

and trade interactions and broad cooperation space. Nantong’s location, service environment and development potential are deeply favoured by Japanese companies. The path of cooperation and development between Japan and Nantong is bound to become wider and broader.

Luo Xiaomei, Economic and Commercial Counselor of Chinese Embassy in Japan, said in her speech that they welcomed friends in the Japanese business community to use the forum as an opportunity, to increase mutual understanding and explore cooperation potential, and carry out more practical cooperation with Chinese companies to achieve mutual benefits. Embassy of China in Japan will continue to provide full support as always.

At the forum, people in charge of

Japan International Trade Promotion Association, Polyplastics, and Daio Paper Corporation delivered speeches one by one. 8 cooperative projects with enterprises and organizations such as Japan China Economic Relations and Trade Center and ITOCHU Corporation were signed on site.

Wu Xinming and the delegation also visited the headquarters of several well-known Japanese invested companies including Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Toray, and Towa Corporation, had in-depth communication with people in charge of the enterprises, promoted the investment environment, and talked about the acceleration of settlement of cooperative projects, to promote more fruitful achievements in economic and trade cooperation and cultural exchanges with Japan.

Wu Xinming led a delegation to America to carry out economic, trade and cultural exchanges

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From 5th to 8th June local time, Wu Xinming, Party Secretary of Nantong, led a delegation to carry out economic, trade and cultural exchanges in the United States.

Wu Xinming and the delegation met with representatives of Nantong entrepreneurs in America, and brought kind greetings from their hometown. He hoped that Nantong entrepreneurs in America could play the role as a bridge and link to promote local non-governmental exchanges between China and America, promote more Nantong entrepreneurs to return to Nantong for development and more Nantong talents to return to Nantong to start business, introduce more high-quality projects and high-end talents to settle in Nantong, and work together to build our hometown well.

Wu Xinming and the delegation went to the city hall of Sunnyvale, California, visited Mayor Larry Klein and former Mayor Tony Spitaleri, and carried out in-depth exchanges on strengthening the friendly cooperation between the cities.

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so visited Dai Fan, Director of California- China Climate Institute and Special advisor of California Governor Gavin Newsom, Zhou Nan, the former director of international department and chief scientist of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory of the United States Department of Energy, etc. They carried out in-depth exchanges on working together to tackle climate change, development of green energy, building of zero-carbon parks, etc., to promote discovery and cooperation in Nantong.

Wu Xinming and the delegation visited enterprises including ASC Therapeutics and the headquarters of Plug and Play in the Silicon Valley, held discussions with representatives from biotechnology enterprises in the Bay Area, Vista Robotics and high-tech companies in the Silicon Valley, and had in-depth exchanges on carrying out industrial integration and practical cooperation promotion.

While in the United States, Wu Xinming and the delegation also went to relevant enterprises, and talked about the acceleration of implementation of major projects in Nantong.

American Youth Exchange in Nantong



By Zhang Ye, Shen Liang, and Ding Chuanbin

From 9th to 13th June, members of the first group of ‘Discover Jiangsu - American Youth Exchange Program’ — 47 representatives of teachers and students from South Pasadena High School in California, USA started their Nantong trip.

Despite feeling a bit tired when arriving on the previous day, at about 8:30 am on 10th June, the American teachers and students went to the site of 2024 Nantong Yangtze River Delta Hao River Dragon Boat Invitational Race.

‘I am so excited today! Because



I saw such an amazing dragon boat race with my friends!’ said Cleo, an American student.

South Pasadena High School of California, USA is located at Greater Los Angeles Area. It is a National Blue Ribbon School.

At Nantong Museum of Traditional Chinese Medicine Culture, the American teachers and students experienced the wonders of acupuncture, and learnt to make mosquito repellent sachets themselves; at Nantong Blue Calico Museum, they got to know the history of blue calico; at Nantong Nord Anglia International School, they made dumpings together...

‘There are many differences be-

tween American and Chinese culture. China has a profound and long history and culture. The buildings here are very beautiful and colourful, quite different from what I see in America. It’s really eye-opening,’ American student Cora said.

On the morning of 12th June, the American teachers and students walked along the Yangtze River, and took out mobile phones to capture the beautiful scenery of Nantong’s mountains and rivers.

‘Oh, my god!’ ‘Amazing!’ ‘You’re so lucky!’ Seeing Guangjiao Temple among the verdant green trees, the accompanying teacher Tom uttered a string of amazed exclamations. He said that seeing the Lang-

shan Mountain so close to the Yangtze River and the Yangtze finless porpoises in the river, he felt so envious.

‘Los Angeles is relatively sunny and dry. Nantong is close to the Yangtze River and the sea. It has a humid climate and beautiful scenery, which is comfortable. It’s a blessing to live in such a city,’ said Carolyn, the leader of the exchange camp.

During the activity, the American teachers and students gave well-designed canvas bags to the Nantong students, to express sincere gratitude. ‘Thank you for such warm welcome and reception. We are very excited to be able to come to Nantong. Thank you very much.’ said Peitty, a leading teacher.

The shipping routes of Lvsi Starting Port have reached 6 continents

By Wu Xiaoyun and Yan Chunhua

On 12th June, ‘Super Yacht Servant 4’, a Dutch semi-submersible yacht carrier loaded with 111 domestic wind turbine blades, set out from the general terminal of Tongzhou Bay Lvsi Starting Port Area to France and Poland.

On 7th June, Liberian general cargo ship ‘LEOPOLD STAFF’ loaded with 5 domestic manufactured wind turbines, set out from the port of Nantong Tongyang Port Co., Ltd. to Turkey. It is also the first Turkish route opened by Tongzhou Bay Lvsi Starting Port.

At present, the shipping routes of Lvsi Starting Port have reached more than 40 countries and regions across 6 continents.



Oh! Castle Festival in Topu will open in August

There will be more than 100 performances at featured theaters

By Huang Tianling

The first Oh! Castle Festival in Topu will be held at Topu sandbar of Haimen Linjiang New District from 3th to 11th August.

During the event, 7 national intangible cultural heritage troupes and 6 international famous troupes from foreign countries will participate in the performances. Multiple art forms will be gathered including music, shadow play and dance. More than 30 excellent plays and more than 100 performances will be performed.

China and Austria signed Memorandum of understanding

To further confirm cooperative measures

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 6th June local time, the 28th meeting of China-Austria Joint Economic and Trade Committee was held in Austria. China and Austria signed *Memorandum of Understanding on Jointly Supporting the Sustainable Development of the China-Austrian Su Tong Eco-Park* successfully. The memo expanded the cooperation fields of the two parties on the basis of the 2015 version, further confirmed cooperative measures, and extended the validity period of the memo.

China- Austria Su Tong Eco-

Park is a national cooperative project between China and Austria. Since it settled in Suxitong Industrial Park, the cooperation with Austria and German-speaking countries has been very effective—up to now, in total 11 enterprises from German-speaking countries have settled in Suxitong Industrial Park, the total investment exceeded 462 million US dollars, and all of them are leading enterprises in their industry segments. The development since the settlement has far exceeded the expectation of the headquarters. Among them, STI-WA, as the first Austrian compa-

ny which settled in the park, has made substantial progress in the ‘Dual System’ training, from the initial 2 employees to nearly 200 employees currently; Unisteel under SFS Group from Switzerland has increased investment four times, the total investment has reached 400 million U.S. dollars, and it will continue to increase investment and expand production; Starlim, as the first Austrian company which purchased land to build, will go into operation officially...

Suxitong Industrial Park and a batch of excellent Austrian companies with investment intentions communicated.

Dragon boat racing



On 10th June, 2024 Yangtze River Delta Hao River Dragon Boat Invitational Race started. Among the 16 participating teams, 2 teams were composed of foreign friends. The team members came from South Africa, Tanzania, Russia, Poland, Iran, Ireland, Namibia, etc. Photo by Li Bo