

Nantong report

Wu Xinming met with President of KOKSAN from Turkey

By Li Tong

On 28th June, Wu Xinming, Party Secretary of Nantong, met with Murat Kokoglu, President of KOKSAN, and his delegation.

Wu Xinming said that Nantong and Turkey had a good foundation and great potential for cooperation. In the past few years, the exchanges and interactions have been closer and closer. This year, the first flight to Turkey has been opened. The economic and trade cooperation between Nantong and Turkey will be broader. KOKSAN is a famous enterprise in Turkey. The core business of the company is highly related to the advantageous industrial chains that Nantong focuses on. He hoped that the group could strengthen the cooperation with industrial chains and supply chains of Nantong, accelerate its layout in Nantong, continue to develop in Nantong in depth, to build an important base facing the Yangtze River Delta.

Murat Kokoglu thanked Nantong for its care and support provided since the company came to Nantong to develop. He said that Nantong is located at the central area of the Yangtze River Delta, with good transport location and powerful development momentum. The group is full of confidence in investing in Nantong. They will deepen practical cooperation and accelerate the promotion of project settlement.

Foreign friends tell the stories of Nantong

By He Jiayu

On 27th June, at the site of ‘China in Foreign Voice’ —— ‘A tie of Chinese characters’ Chinese Speech Contest, Paddy from Laos, a student of Jiangsu College and Engineering and Technology, went on the stage first, used what he learnt in classes and his experiences to tell the importance of moral education.

The speech contest invited foreign friends to tell stories of their ties with Chinese characters, to promote Chinese culture and tell the stories of Nantong.

In the contest, 16 players from 5 tertiary vocational schools and relevant enterprises in Nantong elaborated their understandings of ‘Xin’ in different aspects: Deng Zhouying, a Vietnamese player from Nantong Vocational University thought that ‘self-confidence was very important for personal growth and success’, Lin Jiali, an Indonesian from Nantong College of Science and Technology said that ‘trust was expensive’, Zhou Tian, a Moroccan from Nantong University even wrote a letter to China...Even if their Chinese was not very standard, the foreign friends tried to express their opinions in Chinese.

Shanghai–Suzhou–Nantong railway has been open for 4 years



By Xu Congjun

On 1st July, D-series high-speed trains left Husutong Yangtze River Bridge. In the past 4 years since the opening of Shanghai- Suzhou-

Nantong railway, the passenger arrivals and departures of Nantong West Railway Station have exceeded 16.8 million. Among them, more than 8.29 million passengers departed and more than 8.55 million passengers arrived.



Rudong Yangguang Island Jiangsu LNG Receiving Terminal has received and unloaded 700 LNG ships

By Xu Shuying and Xu Congjun

On 5th July, towed by 4 tugboats, Q- Max type LNG ship ‘Amira’ from Qatar entered Rudong Yangkou Port. So far, Jiangsu LNG Receiving Terminal has received and unloaded 700 LNG ships.

‘When we came for the first time, it was in 2012. Over the past decade, the offshore channel has been smoother, and the receiving terminal has been getting busier. There are more storage tanks, and the port time is shorter. We also got to know many new and old friends.’

Dragan Peraic, the captain of ship ‘Amira’, said with a smile. The Loading Port of ship ‘Amira’ is Ras Laffan, Qatar. 15 days ago, it set out from local port, passed the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, the Indian Ocean, the Strait of Malacca, the East China Sea and the Yellow Sea, and reached Yangkou Port.

For more than a decade, the receiving terminal has received and unloaded about 70% of the resources from ‘the Belt and Road’ joint building countries. It has become one of the most important windows of economic and trade exchanges between the East and the West.

7600 cubic meters LNG bunkering ship launched in Qidong

By Huang Hai

On 1st July, the third 7600 cubic meters LNG bunkering ship built by Nantong CIMC Sino-pacific Offshore & Engineering Co., Ltd. for Seaspan ULC from Canada was launched smoothly in Qidong.

There are in total three ships in this series. The ship launched this time is the last one of the series of LNG bunkering ships. The ship is 112.9 m long. Its moulded breadth is 18.6 m, the designed draft is 5 m, and its design speed is 13 knots. It is classified by Bureau Veritas.

The series of LNG bunkering ships integrated the latest ship technology, which can further reduce operational pollution emission and greenhouse gas emission. It is also equipped with relevant propellers with excellent maneuverability, which is suitable for LNG loading, unloading and refueling services under different circumstances.

Nantong issued the first China–Serbia Free Trade Certificate of Origin

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By Zhao Yongjin

On 1st July, China-Serbia Free Trade Agreement took effect officially. On the day, Hai’an office of Nantong Customs issued a China-Serbia Free Trade Certificate of Origin for a batch of waterproof breathable membrane of Nantong Kingway Complex Material Co., Ltd. which would be exported to Serbia. With the certificate of origin, the export goods of the company worth 324.5 thousand yuan will obtain a tariff reduction of 16.2 thousand yuan.

China-Serbia Free Trade Agreement is the first free trade agreement signed between China and Central and Eastern European countries. After it takes effect, both parties will cancel tariffs on 90% of the items respectively. Among them, over 60% of the tax items will be canceled immediately. Serbia will apply zero tariff on items which China focuses on including automobile, lithium battery, communication devices, and mechanical equipment. Tariffs on relevant products will be reduced from current 5% to 20% to zero gradually. China will apply zero tariff on items which Serbia focuses on including power generator, beef, and wine. Tariffs on relevant products will also be reduced from 5% to 20% to zero gradually.

‘As a company with 90% of the products exported to countries in Europe, America, Africa and Southeast Asia, we enjoyed the policy benefits at once. We are very confident of our products in entering international market,’ said Zhou Haihua.

Briefly

Taiping Road Bridge open to traffic



By Jiang Jiaojiao

On 3rd July, Taiping Road Bridge was completed and open to traffic. The bridge serves as an important access between Guanyinshan Street, Chongchuan District and Xingren Town, Tongzhou District.

‘Before the bridge was built, residents on both sides of Nantong-Lvsi Canal had to detour via Tongfu North Road, which took 15 minutes by bike. Now with the bridge, the travel time is reduced to 5 minutes.’ Chen Juan, Project Manager of Taiping Road Bridge project said.



Walking in the scenery

On 3rd July, at Changjiang Town, Rugao, people were walking at Longyou Bay Ecological Landscape Belt. Photo by Xue Feng and Wu Shujian