

# Nantong report

## China – Singapore Youth Interns Exchange Scheme held in Nantong for the first time

By Zhang Ye

On 6th July, ‘YES-China–Singapore Youth Interns Exchange Scheme’ organized by ‘Business China’ Singapore and Nantong Stalford International School together was held in Nantong for the first time.

‘Nantong is very beautiful and modern. I hope that with our joint efforts, China – Singapore Youth Interns Exchange Scheme can be implemented perfectly and achieve expected results, and become a model of friendly exchanges between our countries.’ Ronnie, Representative of Singapore and the director of Nantong Stalford International School said in his speech.

‘I am mainly responsible for promoting exchanges between youths in Singapore and China in all aspects and fields.’ Professor Feng Yaohua from ‘Business China’ introduced that ‘Business China’ was founded in November 2007. It works on enhancing Singaporeans’ understanding of China, and exchanges and cooperation between youths of both countries especially university students, to promote the friendly relationship of the two countries. He said, ‘at present most Singaporean students who do internship in China are in areas like Jiangsu and Zhejiang. We expect more students from both countries can participate in internship exchange.’

In 2019, China and Singapore signed the Memo of Bilateral Youth Internship and Exchange Program (YES). China – Singapore

Youth Interns Exchange Scheme is led by Ministry of Education of Singapore and implemented by ‘Business China’. It is the first bilateral internship exchange program signed between Singapore and other countries. Under the program, every year, more than 500 youths from Singapore and China will have chances to obtain internship experiences in the other country, to know the economy and rich culture of the other country better, and establish new friendships and connections. The scheme was started in Suzhou in July 2023.

‘We wish to build bridges for internship exchanges between students from China and Singapore,’ Yang Zhichong, the headmaster of Nantong Stalford International School introduced the original intention of the scheme. The school was founded by Stalford Education Group from Singapore in 2015. It is the first Cambridge International School in Nantong. It is also an exam center accredited by Cambridge Assessment International Education from Britain, and an international school accredited by International Baccalaureate Organization. The school provides international classes for children of foreigners who work in Nantong. It has ‘2+1.5’ direct classes to National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University and elite teacher class for junior high school, which provides opportunities to be admitted to multiple international elite universities for students. It also solved the worries of foreigners who work or do business in Nantong.

## Conn Selmer western musical instrument production project settled in Qidong

By Huang Hai

On 10th July, the signing ceremony of Conn Selmer western musical instruments, pianos and spare parts production project was held.

Conn Selmer is a globally famous manufacturer and distributor of orchestral instruments of all levels. It is liked by global musicians. Conn Selmer has production bases

in Indiana, Eastlake of Ohio, and North Carolina in the United States. It also founded music education institutions.

The total investment of Conn Selmer musical instrument (Qidong) Co., Ltd. is 21 million U.S. dollars. It covers an area of 30 mu. The western musical instrument production base will be built at Qidong Economic Development Zone.

## SAMAJAM You are the Show 2 performed



On the evening of 6th July, *SAMAJAM You are the Show 2*, an original Canadian interactive family show was performed at Gengsu Theatre, which brought a music feast.

Photo by Xu Peiqin



## Beijing Opera Summer Camp

On 8th July, Hai’an Xichang Primary School Children’s Public Welfare Beijing Opera Summer Camp started. Professional Beijing Opera teachers were recruited to teach Beijing Opera knowledge for free.Photo by Xu Peiqin

## Ultra–large FPSO manufactured in Nantong

By Huang Hai and Pan Yang

On 9th July, the main body of the Floating Production Storage and Offloading platform built by Qidong COSCO Shipping and Marine Engineering for Woodside and oil and gas project main contractor McDermott departed the port slowly, heading for a shipyard in Shanghai for the final finishing works.

The ship’s main hull was built by Qidong COSCO Shipping and Marine Engineering. The living area modules were built by Nantong COSCO Shipping. The main hull and living area modules will be assembled in Qingdao. Once completed, it will serve in Scarborough gas field in the sea area about 220 km away from the northwest coast of Australia.

In the past few years, Nantong has been leading in global green and clean energy marine equipment market, and gained a firm



foothold in green energy equipment research, development and construction market represented by offshore wind turbine installation vessel, Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO), and LNG modules. Qidong COS-

CO Shipping and Marine Engineering has designed, built and delivered in total more than 50 marine engineering equipment items, and has become a leader in marine engineering equipment manufacturing industry in China.

## Nantong CIMC Sinopacific Offshore & Engineering obtained another two orders

By Huang Hai

Recently, Nantong CIMC Sinopacific Offshore & Engineering Co., Ltd. and Vitol International Shipping Pte Ltd under Vitol, a globally famous commodity trading company, signed the ship-building orders of 2 new LNG ships.

Vitol has been engaged in LNG trading for 20 years. The company is expanding its busi-

ness in the world. Last year its global liquefied natural gas trading volume exceeded 17 million tons. Vitol has been investing biological and liquefied natural gas infrastructure via its subsidiary Vi-Go bioenergy. Its subsidiary Vitol Bunkers is also one of the leading marine fuel suppliers in the world. The cooperation with Nantong CIMC Sinopacific Offshore & Engineering will strengthen Vitol’s layout in the global

bunkering field.

The ship project signed this time, includes one 12500 cubic meters LNG bunkering ship and one 20000 cubic meters LNG transport and bunkering ship. They will both feature the latest LNG bunkering ship design of Nantong CIMC Sinopacific Offshore & Engineering, fully considering safety, economy and environmental protection in design, which provides outstanding transport and refueling capabilities.

### Briefly

Seed players for badminton of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 announced Shi Yuqi listed as No.1 seed in men’s singles

By Wang Quanli

On 8th July Beijing time, the seed players of the five single events in badminton of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 were announced. Shi Yuqi was listed as No.1 seed in men’s singles.

Badminton World Federation determines the seed list based on the world rankings. Since 11th June, Shi Yuqi has ranked first in the men’s singles world rankings. Hence, he was listed as No.1 seed in men’s singles badminton of the Olympic Games Paris.

Guanshan Community Canteen started trial operation

By Shen Jiaying

At about 11 am on 5th July, Ms. Ding who lives at Vanke Fangyuan brought her child to have lunch at Guanshan Community Canteen in Nantong Innovation District. Since 1st July, Nantong Innovation District Guanshan Community Canteen started its trial operation.

It is the first community canteen in the Innovation District. It is located on level 3 of the Party Service Center of the community in block 17 of Zilang Sheng Huo Hui. It provides lunch and dinner daily. People can order dishes at the community canteen. There are also two private rooms to meet the needs of family gatherings.