## Nantong report

### The 14th China Nantong Jianghai Talent Entrepreneurship Week opened

By Zhu Wenjun and Li Tong

On 12th July, the 14th China Nantong Jianghai Talent Entrepreneurship Week opened at Nantong International Conference Center.

Wu Xinming, Party Secretary of Nantong, said that Nantong is a city that is highly regarded and favored by all parties in the Yangtze River Delta region, a shining pearl in Jianghai. Wu Xinming issued a sincere invitation to talents all over the state, to cultivate innovation and creativity ideas in Nantong, transfer the latest achievements to Nantong, and industrialize scientific and technological innovation projects in Nantong. Nantong will embrace every 'striver' from all over

the world, care about every 'dream chaser' who makes the most of his youth, help every 'practical doer' who works diligently and persistently, and strive to be everyone's best 'partner' to the fullest extent possible and forever 'companion', to create a better tomorrow together.

At the opening ceremony, Nantong distributed subsidy funds to

2024 Jianghai talents major projects. The settled projects of the 3rd Entrepreneurship Competition of Nantong JHYC were signed collectively.

It is the 14th consecutive year that Nantong held Jianghai Talent Entrepreneurship Week. At present, the total amount of Nantong talent resources has exceeded 1.6 million, ranking in the first tier in Jiangsu Province.



### Nantong players won the championship of Asian Beach Volleyball

On 14th July, in the women's final of 2024 AVC Beach Tour Tianjin Open held in Tianjin, Chinese pair Yan Xu/Zhou Mingli defeated Australian pair Fedgers/Johnson 2–0, and won the championship. The reporter learnt that Yan Xu and Zhou Mingli are new stars rising rapidly in beach volleyball in recent years. They are both from the women's volleyball team of Nantong High School.

Photo by Xinhua

# Nantong New E-commerce Center founded

By Li Tong

On 13th July, Nantong New E-commerce Development Conference was held at Nantong ZGC Information Valley. Nantong New E-commerce Center was founded.

The event attracted more than 30 top new e-commerce platforms and top MCN organizations in the Yangtze River Delta, as well as new e-commerce service organizations, and new technology and new economy enterprises from places all over the state. Representatives of the top enterprises of 8 major Nantong industrial clusters, and urban cultural tourism and local life business participated actively.

In 2023, the scale of online re-

tail in Nantong ranked 4th in Jiangsu. Nearly 20000 companies engaged in e-commerce retail business. The number of online retail stores exceeded 180,000. The import and export volume of cross-border e-commerce reached 4.3 billion yuan, and there was an increase of 160%. The growth rate ranks among the top in Jiangsu. Zhongguancun is a national model for internet and new e-commerce incubation and cultivation. Since the establishment of Nantong ZGC Information Valley last year, more than 30 new e-commerce related enterprises have settled in the industrial park. It has become one of the most important hubs for the development of new ecommerce in Nantong.

## Multiple health service centers in Chongchuan District opened 'nigh clinic'

By Lu Chenghui

Since this year, multiple health service centers in Chongchuan District have launched 'night clinic' convenience service. Several community health service centers in Qinzao, Chenqiao and Tangzha Town started to try 'night clinic' extended service first, and extended outpatient hours to 9 pm, hoping to meet the medical needs of

some residents especially 'office workers' 'at doorstep' 'at night'.

Since the 'night clinic' opened, more patients came for consultation. 'The "night clinic" service of our center is mainly General Practice clinic, which can provide medicine for chronic disease patients, and meet the basic medical needs of residents,' Ni Ying, the Director of Tangzha Town Streets Community Health Service Center said.

#### Students from Nantong University started a music study tour in Italy

By Shen Liang

Recently, 33 teachers and students from Nantong University started their 14-day music study tour.

The students started their immersive learning at University for For-

eigners of Siena and Istituto musicale pareggiato R. Franci di SIE-NA. Wang Yuepeng and Zhang Chaoyue, the teachers of the School of Art were invited for art tutoring and exchange at Istituto musicale pareggiato R. Franci di SIENA.

#### Nantong and Gimje carried out primary school exchange visits

By Shen Liang

From 8th to 9th July, 18 teachers and students of Nantong Zilang No.1 Primary School were invited by Gimje, a sister city in Korea, for an exchange visit. It is the first primary school exchange visit in the past 27 years since Nantong and Gimje became sister cities.

During the two-day visit in Gimje, teachers and students of Nantong Zilang No.1 Primary School visited places including a primary school in Gimje, Gimje Art Hall and Geumsansa, carried out immersive learning, learnt Korean culture, and experienced in depth the culture and folk customs of Gimje.

The primary school has a history of over 100 years. In the campus, teachers and students of Nantong Zilang No.1 Primary School experienced the canteen, classrooms and the school's curriculum. Students of the two schools attended the same class, guided by the Korean teachers, folded Hanbok, designed Korean fans and wrote good wishes in Chinese and Korean on the fans.

16-year-old rider Yu Heqi

### Chasing dreams with horses, making continuous progress

By Li Bo

R ecently, the International Jumping (FEI) was closed at Guangde, Anhui. The competition was hosted jointly by International Equestrian Federation CSI and Chinese Equestrian Association. It is the first international two-star event in China. It attracted nearly 600 horse-rider pairs from more than 10 countries and areas. Yu Heqi who represents Nantong Xiaoji Equestrian Club won the third place in the 110cm free route with her excellent performance.

'I started engaging in equestrian sports from the age of 8. Up to now in total 7 horses have accompanied my growth. They are like my family.' Equestrian sports made 16-year-old Yu Heqi grow from a timid girl to a strong and courageous rider.

'Riding a horse on the beach when I was 3 years old, made me fall in love with the sport at once,' Yu Heqi said. Although the riding experience terrified her parents, as the galloping horse almost threw her to the ground.

Since 8 years old, Yu Heqi has been dedicated to systematic equestrian training. She stays with horses all the day. Sometimes she stays at the race course for more than 10 hours a day. The long-term companionship has enabled her to establish an indescribable tacit understanding with the horses. 'I can catch the subtle intentions and emotional changes of horses accurately and establish deep emotional connections with them. The tacit understanding makes us work as one in competitions, and overcome difficulties together. At the same time, I have been learning new knowledge and mastering new skills continuously, working with my horse and making progress together.' Yu Heqi said.

Talking about the experience of

the international race, Yu Heqi had a lot of feelings, 'compared with previous races, the international race has a larger scale and more fierce competition. I felt the pressure from global top riders. However, at the same time, I also enjoyed the fun of competing with masters. Every moment of harmonious cooperation with the horse let me deeply appreciate the preciousness of this fate. Every moment of the race was full of pure joy.'

Looking forward to the future, Yu Heqi has determined to make equestrian sports the direction of her professional career. 'I plan to make equestrianism my lifelong career, and have made meticulous planning. I hope that I can learn in depth with world class coaches, and improve my skills continuously. In the future, I dream that I can go to the stages of global top competitions including International Equestrian Federation representing China, challenge myself and win glory for our country.'

