

# Nantong report

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By Wu Xiaoyun

On 29th August, the first large trailing suction hopper dredger powered by LNG and diesel dual fuel power system in China with the largest cabin capacity in the world, ship ‘Xin Hai Xun’, set out from Qidong to the Yangtze River for trial voyage, carrying gas.

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The ship is a piece of new generation of green, smart, and environmentally friendly dredging heavy equipment built by our country. The localization rate has reached 90%. The length overall of the ship is 155.7 m. The moulded breadth is 32 m. The moulded depth is 13.5 m. The loaded draft is 9.9 m. The design maximum capacity of the mud cabin is 17, 000 cubic meters. It is the dual-fuel powered dredger with the largest cabin capacity in the world at present.

## ‘Little Finless Porpoise’ dynamic public bus launched

By Shen Jiaying

It’s common to call a taxi, but to ‘call’ a bus is an unprecedented experience. On 26th August, ‘Little Finless Porpoise’ Hao Tong Yue Ba was launched in Nantong New District and Nantong Innovation District. 5 new energy buses applied ‘dynamic public transport’ mode, to provide passengers with ‘ordering on mobile phones, arriving at doorstep’ personalized travel services.

Passengers only need to go to the ‘Nantong Public Transport Group’ WeChat official account, click on the ‘Dynamic Bus’ under the ‘Bus Service’ section, enter the ‘Youdian Travel’ mini-program, input their pick-up point and drop-off point, and af-

ter paying for the order, the platform will match a vehicle.

The bus is small, blue and white in colour, with ‘little finless porpoise’ cartoon image on it. Its internal structure is similar to that of a regular bus, with 9 seats in total. Up to 2 pm on the first day it was launched, ‘little finless porpoise’ had completed 49 orders. The average vehicle matching time is 10 seconds. The average waiting time for passengers is about 5 minutes.

Dynamic bus services are divided into two modes: ride-sharing and private bus. The fare for ride-sharing is 3 yuan per person, offering half-price for children under 1.3 meters height; the fare for a private bus is 40 yuan per vehicle, which can accommodate up to 20 people, making it ideal for family outings.

## The Ring Expressway



Up to now, the asphalt base layer of the entire main line of the Nantong Ring Expressway has been almost completed. Nearly 70% of the asphalt intermediate layer has been completed. Multiple auxiliary projects are also progressing in an orderly manner. The photo from 28th August shows the new look of Haimen East Hub of the Nantong Ring Expressway.Photo by Xu Congjun

## 7 Nantong museums’ debut in Hohhot

By Zhang Jian

On 23rd August, the 10th Chinese Exposition of Museums and Relevant Products and Technologies opened at Chilechuan International Exhibition Center in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. The expo was founded in 2004. It is the largest museum exposition in Asia, and one of the three major museum industry exhibitions in the world. In total 577 museums and relevant enterprises participated in the expo. 7 museums of Nantong Museum Union made a debut as a group.

As the first public museum founded by Chinese, Nantong Museum, founded by Mr. Zhang Jian in 1905, was recognized widely



in the industry. Like the previous expo, Nantong exhibition area is located in the core of the exhibition center, next to the Palace Museum and National Museum of China. This time, Nantong exhibition area emphasized the ‘first Museum in China’ el-

ement of Nantong Museum, used multiple ways including scene, boards, objects, new media, and museum research and study on-site experience, to present the history, present and development achievements of Nantong’s museum industry over the past 100 years.

### Briefly

Fishermen of Rudong County: ‘Digging gold’ on the mudflats

By Xu Shuying

On 29th August, fishermen of Binhai Village, Changsha Town, Rudong County were harvesting common orient clams on the mudflats.

Common Orient clam is known as ‘the most savoury in the world’. Every April to October is the harvesting season of common orient clam in Rudong.

The 2024 second batch of National Famous, Special, Excellent, and New Agricultural Products List published Hai’an rice and Hai’an egg shortlisted

By Tang Jiamei

A few days ago, Center of Agro-Product Safety and Quality, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs published the 2024 second batch of National Famous, Special, Excellent, and New Agricultural Products List. 2 Nantong agricultural products were shortlisted, which are Hai’an rice and Hai’an egg.

‘Hai’an rice’ is a Geographical Indication Certification Trademark. The rice grains of ‘Hai’an rice’ are full and plump, with an oval shape. After cooking, the grains remain intact, exuding a rich aroma, with a glossy appearance. The texture is soft, chewy, firm, and crispy.

Hai’an is the famous hometown of poultry and eggs. It has a long history and a unique production method in layer chicken farming. Its unique climate conditions are suitable for producing Hai’an egg with high calcium and vitamin D content.

## Malaysian teachers and students experienced Nantong culture



By Gao Yang

‘It’s amazing! I love it!’ On the afternoon of 30th August, in the tea art room of Nantong College of Science and Technology, Ivan, a sophomore of tourism management major of University Malaysia Sabah, gently put the tea leaves into the pot, completed the following steps one by one: washing tea, brewing tea, sealing the pot, dividing the tea into cups, etc. He held the small cup to smell the tea and sipped the tea, ‘the tea art in China is very beautiful and pleasing to the eye. Tasting slowly, I feel a deep sense of calm, both inside and out.’

In the aroma of tea, ‘China-ASEAN Year of Cultural Exchange’ ‘Nantong Culture’ ‘Exploring Craftsmanship’ tour kicked off. 18 teachers and students from University Malaysia Sabah and more than 30 domestic and foreign students from Nantong College of Science and

Technology gathered together, to start a ‘friendship journey’ of diverse cultural exchanges and mutual learning to meet Nantong and experience China.

Choose the colour you like and drip it into the water, and then stir, let the paint spread evenly in the basin, insert the fan diagonally or rotate it into the water, and then quickly take it out, one and another colorful and ever-changing lacquer fans were made.

‘So beautiful!’ the moment the fan was out of the water, Mursyid, a junior student of the School of Business, Economics, and Accounting, could not resist exclaiming, ‘the pattern is very special. The progress is also very interesting. I will take it back to my family.’ He said that he was very interested in the history and culture of China. It was his first time to come to Nantong. He hoped that he could understand China more using this as a

window.

Zhen Kaixin, the team leader from University Malaysia Sabah, also looked forward to this trip. ‘China is the largest trade partner of Malaysia. There are many Chinese tourists in Malaysia.’ She said that she hoped that students could learn Chinese and understand China by cultural learning and practical experience, to get more opportunities for growth and development.

In 2023, Nantong College of Science and Technology and University Malaysia Sabah established a bond. This year the two schools signed officially. They will further increase cooperation and joint building, to promote cultural exchange. Up to now, Nantong College of Science and Technology has organized two groups of teachers and students to go to Malaysia for research and learning. 8 teachers and 40 students have been to University Malaysia Sabah.