

Nantong report

Nantong held Thailand and Vietnam Investment and Cooperation Exchange Conference

By Wu Xiaoyun

Recently, the Thailand and Vietnam Investment and Cooperation Exchange Conference hosted by Nantong Bureau of Commerce and Nantong sub-council of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade was held. The purpose of the activity is to help enterprises understand the market environment and investment policies of Thailand and Vietnam, and utilize existing overseas parks to 'go global', to further deepen the international trade and investment cooperation.

In the past few years, Nantong

enterprises have grabbed the opportunities in Southeast Asian markets, strengthened economic and trade cooperation with Southeast Asian countries, and have obtained remarkable achievements. Up to now, Nantong enterprises have established and invested in 176 overseas projects. The contractual investment amount from the Chinese side reached 3.041 billion US dollars. Among them, 22 projects are in Thailand, mainly involving three major fields which are manufacturing, financial service and e-commerce; 43 projects are in Vietnam, concentrated in processing and manufacturing, real estate and power generation industries.

Construction of the new plant of Bayer Consumer Health Products Qidong Supply Center started

By Li Tong

On 18th October, construction of the new plant of Bayer Consumer Health Products Qidong Supply Center started.

The planned total investment of phase 1 of the project is 600 million yuan. It will be equipped with advanced production lines, labs and storage facilities. It is expected to be completed in 2026 and put into operation in 2028. It is expected to become one of Bayer's most modern and sustainable supply centers in the world.

Nantong has good location conditions, excellent business environment and great potential in the future. I am very glad to see that Bay-

er has chosen Nantong, a land full of innovation and economic growth momentum, to continue its development.' Julio Triana, the President of the Consumer Health Division of Bayer, said. After the project is completed, it aims to meet the increasing demand for self-care solutions among Chinese consumers, and it will also enhance the building of global supply chain system. He hoped that with the efforts of all parties, the new product supply center would bring social and economic benefits to Nantong and even the entire country, bring new breakthroughs in the health care field, and benefit more people.

Dan Hallett, Chief Operating Officer of Bayer Consumer Health, attended the event.

‘Höegh Aurora’ delivered

By Wu Xiaoyun and Peng Junjun

At about 15:00 on 18th October, accompanied by a melodious horn sound, the largest and most environmentally friendly roll on/roll off ship 'Höegh Aurora' was officially delivered at China Merchants Industry Haimen Base, and set out to Shanghai.

The ship is the second dual-fuel and zero-carbon-ready 'Aurora' roll on/roll off built by China Merchants Industry Haimen Base.

It is 199.9m long. The moulded breadth is 37.6m, and the moulded depth is 14.53m. The designed draft is 9.35m. It can load 9,100 cars. It is equipped with 1 low speed dual fuel main engine and 3 dual fuel power generators and it can use LNG and conventional fuel, with the Norwegian DNV classification society's 'Ammonia Fuel Ready' and 'Methanol Fuel Ready' classification notations. It is the first type of ship that can use carbon-neutral fuel in roll on/roll off field at present.

Experiencing tea culture



On 19th October, Jiangsu Shipping College held a tea party for domestic and foreign students. Guided by intangible cultural heritage successors, the international students experienced the intangible cultural heritage craft – Long Spout Teapot Tea Art.

Photo by Xu Congjun



Kite festival

By Xu Shuying

At 9 am on 20th October, the sky above the Rudong Xiaoyangkou National Kite Flying Field was

exceptionally lively. Hundreds of kites of various shapes went up to the sky one after another, which brought a fantastic visual feast.

From 19th to 20th October, the

23rd China Rudong Kite Festival 2024 National Kite Invitational Competition was held. It attracted more than 200 players from more than 30 teams to participate.

45 Nantong enterprises participated in Phase 2 of the Canton Fair

By Liu Lu and Wu Xiaoyun

From 23rd to 27th October, the 136th China Import and Export Fair Phase 2 was held in Guangzhou. 45 participating Nantong enterprises exhibited and promoted famous products and new products focusing on the theme of 'quality home products'. There were 59 exhibition booths, mainly involving exhibition areas such as kitchenware, garden supplies, home products, construction and decoration materials.

The luggage produced by Nan-

tong Xiteng Bags Manufacturing Co., Ltd. has always been a 'hot commodity' in the overseas market. This time, dozens of types of luggage were displayed in the exhibition area of the company, which attracted clients from countries such as Mexico, Turkey and Argentina to stop to ask questions and talk. Zhu Chunmei, the executive of the company, said that in the past few years the company had paid more attention to high quality and practicality in product design, which was praised by domestic and overseas

mid- to high-end customers. She hoped that at the Canton Fair, they could get to know more purchasers and expand more new markets.

Mlily is a well-known domestic brand in smart sleep field. This time, it appeared at the Canton Fair with its smart zero pressure smart bed L7. It attracted many overseas purchasers to come to experience it with great interest. Wu Yinli, the sales executive of the company, introduced that through the Canton, the global business of the company had expanded to more than 110 countries.

1.5 million yuan for space travel Jiangsu Deep Blue Aerospace Technology launched 2 space travel tickets

On 24th October, the reporter learnt from Jiangsu Deep Blue Aerospace Technology Co., Ltd. that Deep Blue Aerospace introduced the progress and plan of its commercial spacecraft manned work, and launched the pre-sale of 2 tickets for the first manned suborbital spacecraft in 2027. The suborbital manned spacecraft for the trip will be launched using Nebula 1 Rocket of Deep Blue Aerospace. The full price of a single passenger ticket is 1.5 million yuan. Passengers aged between 18 and 60 years old and in good health can purchase.

Manned space travel was achieved in countries such as the United States a few years ago. In 2021, Virgin Galactic from Britain started the first commercial passenger trip to space. In only two weeks later, Blue Origin from the

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United States also launched its first commercial space travel. In the same year, Musk used his 'SpaceX Dragon' to take four passengers on a three-day orbital 'space' tour. In China, many commercial space companies are actively developing and exploring the commercialization of space tourism.

Manned spacecraft has a lot of mature experience in aerospace in China. Deep Blue Aerospace has al-

ways been leading in this subdivision field. From 2021 to 2022, Deep Blue Aerospace completed the first the liquid oxygen-kerosene rocket vertical take-off and landing (VTVL) flight from meter level to kilometer level in China. In November 2024, the company will carry out 'Nebula-1' carrier rocket first stage high-altitude vertical recovery flight verification. In the first quarter of 2025, it will realize the stage-to-orbit and recovery of 'Nebula-1' carrier rocket.

During the suborbital flight of Deep Blue Aerospace spacecraft, what the passengers will experience is more than just a brief experience of weightlessness. They will experience the vastness and mystery of the universe, and witness the magnificent scenery beyond Earth. It will be a comprehensive, multi-sensory space journey that is unforgettable for a lifetime.

From Jiaohuidian

Briefly

A busy port



On 19th October, photos of the container stacking yard and terminal in Tonghai Port Area of Nantong Port were taken. From January to September, the container throughput of Tonghai Port Area of Nantong Port exceeded 1.1 million TEUs. The container throughput is 1.1734 million TEUs, and there is an increase of 21.82%.

Photo by Xu Congjun

An education delegation from Sao Tome and Principe visited Nantong

By He Jiayu

From 21st to 23rd October, the education delegation formed by principals from 8 primary schools and secondary schools in Sao Tome and Principe visited Nantong.

At Nantong Museum, the delegation listened to the life stories and school operation experiences of Zhang Jian; at Nantong Vocational University, they explored the the model project of China-Africa school and enterprise cooperation and had discussions and exchanges with the international students.

The visit of the Sao Tome and Principe education delegation, is an important measure of Nantong to implement the achievements of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, actively promote local practical interactions and serve the general diplomacy of China.