

Nantong report

Nantong issued the first China — Maldives Free Trade Agreement Certificate of Origin

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By Wu Xiaoyun

On 1st January 2025, China — Maldives Free Trade Agreement officially came into effect and was implemented. Early that morning, Nantong Customs issued the first China — Maldives Free Trade Agreement Certificate of Origin in Nantong for a batch of boiler steel racks and garbage lifting devices exported by China Tianying Inc. to the Maldives.

China Tianying Inc. is a large international listed company in Hai'an which works on environmental protection and new energy. Its business covers new energy power generation, construction and operation of waste incineration power generation facilities, development and manufacturing of environmental protection technology equipment, etc. 'With this Certificate of Origin, our goods worth 25.325 million yuan will

enjoy a tariff reduction of 4.277 million yuan.' Chen Si, the Customs Affairs Manager of the Company, said, 'after the free trade agreement took effect, our company's import tariffs in the Maldives were reduced from previous 10% and 20% to zero. It is a pretty "awesome" offer, which greatly increased our products' competitiveness in overseas markets.'

According to the tariff reduction arrangements under the China — Maldives Free Trade Agreement, the number of zero-tariff product items and trade volume promised by both parties exceeded 95%. China's exports to the Maldives of industrial products such as ships and electrical equipment, as well as agricultural products such as vegetables and fruits will benefit. Maldives' exports to China of advantageous aquatic products including fish and textile products will also enjoy preferential tariffs under the agreement.

New Year Concert



On 2nd January, Nantong University '2025 New Year Concert' was staged at the school's art center theatre. Photo by Xu Peiqin



The rehabilitation team was helping Louis with training.

By Li Bo

Recently, Louis, a 68-year-old patient from Portugal, was happily discharged from Nan-

tong Geriatric Rehabilitation Hospital. It is a new life for him who once had a severe car accident.

Louis has stayed in China for many years. Unfortunately, he had a



Experience the atmosphere of the Chinese New Year

International students from Indonesia were taking selfies with rubbings and calligraphy works. Recently, Indonesian students from Nantong College of Science and Technology experienced the atmosphere of the Chinese New Year through activities such as calligraphy and rubbing. Photo by Xu Peiqin

Zhongtian Technology's revenue exceeded 100 billion yuan in 2024

By Liu Lu and Yan Chunhua

Recently, Zhongtian Technology Group released information that in 2024 the Group focused on its main business of green energy and communication network. The revenue of the year exceeded 100 billion yuan, which means that Nantong has welcomed the first manufacturing enterprise

with a market value of over 100 billion yuan.

Since it started in the field of optical fiber communication in 1992, moving into the smart power grid and listing on the Shanghai Stock Exchange in 2002, and then planning in new energy field in 2011, to exporting products to more than 160 countries and regions in 2020, Zhongtian Technology has been

working hard in the fields including communications, power, ocean, new energy and industrial internet. Along the way, it has developed into one of the top 500 Chinese enterprises, a national key high-tech enterprise, and one of the top 100 Chinese electronic information companies. It has won awards including China Quality Award and China Grand Awards for Industry.

CIMC Sinopacific Offshore & Engineering signed another order

By Huang Hai

Recently, Nantong CIMC Sinopacific Offshore & Engineering Co., Ltd. and Equatorial Marine Fuel Management Services Pte. Ltd. (abbreviated as 'EMF') successfully signed an order for a 20,000 cubic meters LNG transport and bunkering vessel.

EMF is a marine fuel supplier and bunker tanker operator based in Singapore. It owns and operates a fleet of about 30 oil tankers. It can provide alternative low-carbon/zero-carbon marine fuels including LNG, methanol, ammonia and hydrogen. In 2022 and 2023, EMF was recognized as the largest marine fuel supplier by sales volume

in Singapore by Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).

The type of vessel is independently designed and built by CIMC Sinopacific Offshore & Engineering. Its length overall is 160m. The moulded breadth is 25m. The design speed can reach 15.5 knots. It can meet the latest needs of the international shipping market.

Briefly



The first LNG carrier of the new year

By Xu Changrong and Liu Xiangdong

On the afternoon of 2nd January, as the Marshall Island ship 'AL GHUWAIIRYA' from Port of Ras Laffan in Qatar completed berthing, China National Petroleum Corporation Jiangsu LNG Receiving Terminal of Yangkou Port welcomed the first LNG ship in 2025. The ship was loaded with 113,000 tons of LNG, which can meet the daily gas demand of 300 million households.

74 containerized lithium battery energy storage systems exported

By Wu Xiaoyun

Recently, Cypriot general cargo ship 'AAL Shanghai' loaded with 74 containerized lithium battery energy storage systems set out from Lvsì Port Tongyang Wharf to Brisbane, Australia.

The batch of containerized energy storage systems produced by Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited. has a total value of 36 million US dollars, which broke the historical record of the export value of this type of product at Nantong Port.

After treated by Nantong rehabilitation team

68-year-old Portuguese patient could walk slowly

serious car accident. The car accident not only caused slight damage to his lumbar nerves, but also made the sequelae of his stroke worse. Moreover, in the early days after the accident, due to various reasons, Louis was unable to receive professional rehabilitation intervention in time. As time went by, he gradually developed severe joint stiffness in the knee joints of both lower limbs. Every time he tried to flex or extend his knees, the piercing pain would come, which was unbearable. As time went by, even standing up became a luxu-

ry for Louis. He had to rely on a wheelchair for a long time. His quality of life seriously declined and his mood became very low and depressed.

When Louis went to Nantong Geriatric Rehabilitation Hospital seeking treatment, the medical team of the Rehabilitation Department of the hospital quickly carried out a thorough and detailed inspection. After a detailed evaluation, they found out that Louis' soft tissues, such as muscles and ligaments, still had a certain degree of elasticity, were not yet completely rigid. It

brought a glimmer of hope for subsequent rehabilitation treatment. The rehabilitation team made a personalized treatment plan for him.

After a period of treatment, Louis' recovery has made gratifying progress. Now, his right leg can move passively. What's more encouraging is that Louis can stand steadily for up to 15 minutes with the help of assistive equipment. With the support from others, he can walk slowly indoors. Louis' mind has become more positive and optimistic, and he is full of confidence in the future recovery.