

Nantong report

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By Li Tong

On the afternoon of 7th January, Zhang Tong, Mayor of Nantong, met with Marcus Holm, the Executive Vice President and Head of Production, Procurement and Logistics of Scania Group and the delegation.

Zhang Tong said that Nantong, a city which has been more and more open, is a preferred place for foreign investment. Scania Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of heavy trucks and buses. The cooperation between the two parties is a two-way journey of mutual benefits. She expected Scania Group to continue to increase investment and technological research and development in Nantong, better play the role of chain leader enterprise, and attract more high-quality upstream and down-

stream enterprises in the industrial chain and supply chain to settle in Nantong.

Marcus Holm thanked Nantong CPC Committee, Nantong government and Rugao for the long-term care and support for the development of the Group, and introduced the progress of the project and future development plans. He said that Scania Group has a history of over 130 years. It works on developing the most advanced heavy-duty trucks. After the completion of the Rugao base project, it will be the third industrial operation center of the group in the world after Europe and South America. It is planned to be put into operation this year. He said that in the future the group will launch more products suitable for the China market, and actively develop the international market, to make positive contributions to the high-quality development of Nantong.

Output value of Nantong shipbuilding and offshore engineering industry in 2024 exceeded 200 billion yuan

By Wu Xiaoyun

According to the latest statistics from Nantong Maritime Safety Administration, in 2024, a total of 119 new ships and offshore engineering products were successfully launched and departed from the Yangtze River in Nantong. The number increased by 32% compared with the same period last year. The total annual output value of Nantong shipbuilding and offshore engineering industry exceeded 200 billion yuan, which hit a historical high.

In 2024, the total tonnage of various types of ships and offshore en-

gineering products of Nantong is nearly 4 million. Among them, ships and offshore engineering products with advanced technology, high added value and special purposes account for up to half, including the largest 24,000 TEU container ship in the world, the FPSO with the largest tonnage in the world, the first large FLNG equipment in China, etc.

The scales of Nantong shipbuilding industry and offshore engineering industry account for 1/10 and 1/4 of China's total number respectively. The high-tech ships and offshore engineering equipment have even been shortlisted in the national advanced manufacturing industrial clusters.



Good air quality

In 2024, the annual PM_{2.5} concentration of Nantong was 25 mcg/m³, which was the lowest in history; the days with excellent or good air account for 86.1%, ranking 2nd in Jiangsu; the average ozone concentration was 156 mcg/m³, which reached the standard of national air quality level 2 for the first time in the past 3 years.Photo by Xu Congjun

Once struggled to take a step, now walks with ease Cameroonian patient praised Chinese doctors

By Li Bo

“Nantong is my second hometown. I have deep feelings for this place. Thank you for my operation! Chinese doctors are great!” On 8th January, Fiddy (Pseudonym), a Cameroonian patient expressed gratitude during a phone call from Affiliated Hospital of Nantong University.

52-year-old Fiddy has stayed in Nantong for 21 years. He worked as an English teacher in many schools including Nantong University. He loves football. However, half a year ago, his right knee began to ache when he walked. Especially in the past 3 months, the pain got worse. Fiddy went to various hospitals for consultation and treatment, but there had been no improvement at all. Finally, with the enthusiastic help of the residents' committee of the community, Fiddy contacted Liu Yake, an Associate Chief Physician with rich overseas learning and training experience in Orthopedics De-



Liu Yake's team performed surgery on the patient.

partment of Affiliated Hospital of Nantong University.

After a physical examination at the joint surgery clinic and analysis of imaging data, Fiddy was diagnosed with a rare congenital patellar malformation, 'bipartite patella', and extremely severe bone hyperplasia and cartilage wear in his right knee joint. Total knee resurfacing surgery became his best choice for recovery.

After making a personalized

knee replacement surgery plan for Fiddy, Liu Yake skillfully used robot navigation assisted technology to perfectly place the knee prosthesis.

On the third day after the surgery, Fiddy was able to get out of bed and walk in the ward on his own. The pain was obviously reduced compared with before the surgery. On the fifth day after the surgery, Fiddy was discharged and walked out of the hospital on his own.

Briefly

The largest piling ship in the world 'Er Hang Chang Qing' delivered in Nantong

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 5th January, the piling ship 'Er Hang Chang Qing' built by Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries for CCCC Second Harbor Engineering Company Ltd. was successfully delivered in Nantong.

It is learnt that ship 'Er Hang Chang Qing' is the largest piling vessel in the world at present. The height of the pile frame is 150m. It can drive piles with a maximum weight of 700 tons and maximum diameter of 7m. Apart from that, the ship is equipped with piling positioning system with offshore satellite station differential function, and can achieve pile driving with centimeter-level precision in deep and remote seas.

Sanxian Street large new energy vehicle charging station completed and went into operation

By Chen Jing

On the afternoon of 7th January, several new energy vehicles were charging at the new energy vehicle charging station which was built recently in Sanxian Street, Langshan Town Streets, Chongchuan District. It is learnt that the charging station covers an area of about 2,700 square meters. There are 30 charging points. It greatly facilitated nearby new energy vehicle owners.

Since the new energy vehicle charging station was put into use, it has been liked by citizens and tourists. From 1st to 7th January, over 370 vehicles were charged for a total of more than 8,350 kWh.

In 2024, Chongchuan District built in total 117 new energy vehicle charging stations and 1,557 charging points.

14-year-old Nantong girl won the championship in an international piano competition



Ji Qinyayao communicated with foreign experts.

By Yang Zhenxiao

On the evening of 8th January local time, 2025 the 11th Bosendorfer and Yamaha USASU International Piano Competition was closed in Arizona, USA. Ji Qinyayao, a 14-year-old Nantong girl, won the First Prize in the Yamaha Junior group with her excellent performance, and won 'special award for the most outstanding performances of a composition by a Russian composer'. She also received the invitation to perform at the Alink-Arg-erich Foundation European Concert.

Bosendorfer and Yamaha USA-

SU International Piano Competition is one of the top piano competitions in the world. It was hosted by School of Music, Dance and Theatre of Arizona State University. The prizes include over 50,000 US dollars cash prizes and solo performance opportunities. In the international piano competition, 350 competitors from 33 countries (regions) participated.

Ji Qinyayao started piano lessons at the age of 3 in Nantong. She used to study under teachers including Shen Peihua and Lv Lufen. When she was 7 years old, she was admitted to Shanghai Conservatory of Music - Royal College of Music London Joint Institution as the youngest student to be admitted. Later she was admitted to Music Middle School Affiliated to Shanghai Conservatory of Music, with the first place in the major. Now she is in grade three of Music Middle School Affiliated to Shanghai Conservatory of Music, studying after Tang Zhe, a famous pianist and Professor of Shanghai Conservatory of Music.

German music media commented about Ji Qinyayao, 'she not only has extraordinary technical skills, but also demonstrated profound and sensitive musicality. The rhythm and strong emotion of her playing perfectly matched the band, and expressed her innovative nature with great clarity and passion.'