

# Nantong report

## Immersive experience made foreign friends fall in love with Chinese New Year

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By Lu Chenghui

On the morning of 19th January, a Chinese and foreign cultural exchange activity was held at Nantong Museum.

At the site, everyone’s face was filled with excitement and anticipation. International students dressed in Hanfu, took photos and shared

online, ‘wrote and gave Fu characters’ using writing brushes, and felt the charm of fancy paper cutting. Citizens and tourists actively introduced the way to experience folklore projects to foreigners. The children were fascinated by pitching pots and throwing sandbags. There were ongoing applause, cheers and praises at the site.

## Ship ‘Seaspan Baker’ delivered

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 22nd January, the third 7,600 cubic meters LNG bunkering ship ‘Seaspan Baker’ built by Nantong CIMC Sinopacific Offshore & Engineering Co., Ltd. for Seaspan Energy from Canada safely departed from the port in Qidong. It is also

the first newly built ship delivered and launched in Qidong Port in 2025.

The design length overall of ship ‘Seaspan Baker’ is 112.8m. Its moulded breadth is 18.6m. It is equipped with efficient LNG bunkering capability, and can provide reliable clean energy supply service for various types of ships.

## Xiaomi Automobile Nantong Delivery Center opened

By Lu Chenghui

On 18th January, Xiaomi Automobile Nantong Delivery Center opened.

Xiaomi Automobile Nantong Delivery Center is located at No.150 Chenggang Road, Gangzha Economic Development Zone. It is a Xiaomi direct-operated store. It is a service complex which integrates sale,

delivery and after-sales service. It will provide more convenient and efficient smart electric vehicle delivery service for Xiaomi car owners in Nantong.

At present Xiaomi Automobile has in total 29 self-built and self-operated delivery centers in China. Nantong is one of the important cities in the second-phase plan.

## 300,000-ton oil tanker berthed at Nantong Port

By Wu Xiaoyun

On the morning of 19th January, the 300,000-ton VLCC (very large crude carrier) ‘ALSACE’ berthed at Berth No.1 of China Merchants Heavy Industry (Jiangsu) Co., Ltd. in Nantong Port Tonghai Port Area. It is learnt that the ship has a length overall of 330.2m. Its moulded breadth is 59.6m and the mould-

ed depth is 30.5m. The displacement has reached 320,350 tons. It is the largest oil tanker to enter the Yangtze River in the navigation history of the main channel of the Yangtze River.

The ship ‘ALSACE’ belongs to Saipem, an Italian marine engineering giant. It is planned to undergo a FP-SO transformation at China Merchants Group for about 3 years. The contract value has exceeded 2.5 billion yuan.

## Experiencing Chinese New Year



On 22nd January, School of International Cooperative Education of Nantong Vocational University carried out international students’ Spring Festival series events. International students from countries including Namibia, Pakistan, Laos and Vietnam learnt dragon dance, wrote ‘Fu’ characters, wore Hanfu and performed songs and dances, to experience the culture of Chinese New Year. Photo by Xu Peiqin

## ‘Foreign students’ came to Nantong to learn traditional Chinese medicine

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By Zhu Yingliang

Recently, Jadida A. Ismanlova, the Deputy Director and Associate Professor of Therapy and Medical Rehabilitation Scientific and Practical Medical Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan, together with the other

4 members of the delegation, came to Hai’an Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital, to start a journey of learning.

At the Chinese Medicine Clinic, Lian Jianfeng, the Director of Acupuncture Department of Hai’an Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital, introduced traditional Chi-

nese medicine therapies to everyone. Mukaddas Sayidova, the rehabilitation therapist of the Center, said that she had participated in the traditional Chinese medicine training held by Director Lian, and found traditional Chinese medicine fascinating. She was glad to be able to visit and learn in Hai’an Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital this time. She also tried traditional Chinese medicine coffee, and looked forward to gaining more new knowledge about traditional Chinese medicine.

During the event, the two parties also exchanged gifts. Jadida A. Ismanlova said that she would bring the wonderful experience back to her country and share with more people.

## Giant Spring Festival Couplets appeared at the Bell Tower and Langshan Mountain



By Lu Chenghui

‘5, 4, 3, 2, 1, unveil the couplets!’ On the morning of 20th January, as the red silk fell slowly, the magnificent 12-meter-long giant Spring Festival Couplets on Nantong Bell Tower revealed its true form. At the same time, 8-meter-long giant Spring Festival Couplets were hung up at the south gate of Langshan Mountain.

The strong atmosphere of the Chinese New Year also let foreigners living in Nantong experience the joy and excitement of Chinese New Year. The beautiful city and the hospitable people of Nantong made them deeply fall in love with this city. After the unveiling ceremony, more than 10 foreign friends from countries including Spain, Russia, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Morocco also followed 4 calligraphers to learn to write ‘Fu’ characters on the spot. They wrote calligraphy on the spot, allowing citizens to take ‘Fu’ home.



## Charm of Jiangsu TikTok filming crew focused on Nantong blue calico

By Xu Congjun

On 18th January, Charm of Jiangsu TikTok filming crew went to Nantong Blue Calico Museum to film the printing and dyeing technique of Nantong blue calico. The successor of Nantong blue

calico presented processes including spinning, weaving, engraving, scraping, and dyeing to George and Hannah, foreign friends from Italy and Belarus.

Guided by Wu Lingshu, the successor, Hannah from Belarus made a blue calico scarf with

an auspicious pattern of the Year of the Snake herself. It is learnt that the video in this column will be uploaded to overseas media platforms of Charm of Jiangsu, to present the unique charm of the culture and art of Jiangsu.