

Nantong report

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By Lu Wei

The reporter learnt from Nantong Statistics Bureau that Nantong’s GDP reached 1.24219 trillion yuan in 2024. Calculated at constant prices, it increased by 6.2% over the previous year.

Market sales keep increasing. The city’s total retail sales of consumer goods reached 427.75 billion yuan,

and there was an increase of 1.5%. Foreign trade has grown rapidly. The total import and export volume of Nantong reached 394.99 billion yuan, and there was an increase of 12.9%. Residents’ income has increased steadily. The average disposable income per person of residents was 54,641 yuan, with an increase of 2,788 yuan over the previous year, and the growth rate was 5.4%.

Nantong received 7.449 million tourists during the Spring Festival Holiday

By Li Bo

According to statistics, during the 2025 Spring Festival Holiday, Nantong received in total 7.449 million tourists, and the total tourism revenue reached 5.56 billion yuan, which increased by 14.2% and 15.7% respectively.

Data from Ctrip shows that

during the 2025 Spring Festival, non-local tourists in Nantong reached 59%. The number of post-90s, post-00s, and post-10s accounts for 51%. There is an obvious trend that urban tourists are younger. Among the scenic spots on sale on Ctrip, Nantong Forest Safari Park ranked 5th among scenic spots in Jiangsu for the number of visits.

Cultural exchange



On 24th January, a Chinese and foreign cultural exchange activity was held at Fuke Technology Park in Chongchuan District. Residents of the communities and foreign students gathered together, to write Fu characters, cut paper-cuts, and appreciate New Year paintings. Photo by Xu Congjun

The 24th China Qidong Tianfen International Hardware Fair held 2.8 billion yuan intended transaction in 3 days

By Huang Hai

From 2nd to 4th February, the 24th China Qidong Tianfen International Hardware Fair was held. According to preliminary statistics, the total amount of transaction and intended orders exceeded 2.8 billion yuan within 3 days. The number of purchasers and visitors was 26,000.

On the afternoon of 2nd February, as an important event of the

fair, an overseas trade matchmaking conference was held by Qidong Electric Tool Industry Chamber of Commerce. 70 international purchasers from 25 countries including Pakistan, Syria, Russia and Iran were invited to negotiate cooperation with participating exhibitors face to face.

The Tianfen International Hardware Fair used an exhibition mode integrating online and offline exhibition, which means that offline exhibition,



Qianlong’s holiday is on exhibition at Nantong Museum

Come to take a look at the items used by Emperor Qianlong

By Zhang Jian and Yang Zhenxiao

On 29th January, *Qianlong’s holiday* was unveiled at Nantong Museum. The exhibition brings together nearly 100 precious cultural relics related to Qianlong from museums including the Palace Museum, Shenyang Imperial Palace Museum, and Chengde Mountain Resort Museum. It is called ‘the seventh southern tour of Qianlong’ by industry insiders. At the same time, nearly 300 popular cultural and creative products from

the Palace Museum and Nanjing Museum are on sale during the exhibition period.

Xu Ning, the deputy curator of Nantong Museum, introduced, ‘every New Year’s Day, which means the Chinese New Year now, Qianlong would get up early and write down the prayers and petitions for blessings for the year.’

The special exhibition brings together 4 New Year’s Day calligraphy works personally written by Qianlong in the first year (1736), 11th year(1746), and 14th year

(1749) of his reign, as well as ‘the 64th year’ (which is the 4th year of Emperor Jiaqing, 1799).

What did Qianlong eat for the Spring Festival? Taking the family banquet on the morning of the Chinese New Year of the 48th year of Qianlong’s reign (1783) as an example, the dishes on the emperor’s banquet table included bird’s nest with roast duck, roast meat hot pot, sweet potatoes, New Year rice cakes, etc.

To let the audience immerse themselves in the exhibition and enjoy their visits to the museum,

many interactive activities were set up on site. Outside the exhibition hall, a glittering golden dragon throne is particularly eye-catching. According to introduction, during the exhibition, the audience can dress as ‘Gege’ and ‘Beile’, sit on the dragon throne and take photos.

Despite featuring many national treasures, the tickets for the exhibition are only 5 yuan.

It is learnt that there are also a lot of exquisite cultural and creative products available for purchase.

The largest LNG ship in the world departed from Yangkou Port

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 26th January, the largest LNG carrier in the world ‘AL MAFYAR’ successfully completed the receiving and unloading task at CNPC Jiangsu LNG Receiving Terminal, Yangkou Port, Nan-

tong and departed. This time, the ship brought 93,000 tons of liquefied natural gas, which can meet the daily gas demand of 250 million households.

LNG (liquefied natural gas) is an important clean energy source. It is learnt that the ship ‘AL MAFYAR’ is 345.33m long and

53.8m wide. It is the largest LNG carrier with the most advanced facilities in the world at present. Its design load capacity is 266,000 cubic meters, which is equivalent to 160 million cubic meters of LNG. At present there are only 14 ships of this type in operation in the world.



Briefly

Saw ‘smiling angels’ again

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 4th February, staff of Nantong Maritime Safety Administration took photos of finless porpoises playing while cruising in the water area near China Merchants Industry Haimen Base and Haitai Ferry.

Yangtze River finless porpoises have lived on Earth for 25 million years. It is an ancient and rare species unique to the Yangtze River. Its mouth naturally curves up, forming a smile-like shape. It is called the ‘smiling angel’ of the Yangtze River.

Wison New Energies Qidong Yard project officially broke ground

By Zhu Wenjun

Recently, Wison New Energies Qidong Yard project broke ground.

The total investment of the project is 9 billion yuan. A first-class production base integrating floating liquefied natural gas system (FLNG) main contracting and production capabilities will be built. It will be able to produce 2 to 3 medium to large size floating liquefied natural gas systems per year.