

# Nantong report

## Foreign aid medical team went to Guyana again

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By Feng Qirong

On 11th February, the 20th China (Jiangsu) medical team to Guyana went to Guyana again, to continue to carry out the 8-month foreign medical aid work. What did they gain from the medical aid work in the previous 4 months? Recently, the reporter got in touch with the medical team members, and listened to their stories.

Soon, 3-year-old Carlos will be discharged from Georgetown Public



Members of the medical team aiding Guyana are demonstrating traditional Chinese medicine treatments.

Hospital. After 3 months of treatment, he was able to walk, and is having the rehabilitation training before discharge.

Last November, due to an accidental fire in his home, Carlos suffered burns on 33.5% of his body. For him, Gong Zhenhua, a member of the medical aid team and deputy chief physician of the Burns De-

partment of Nantong First People’s Hospital, formed a rescue team of 8 people together with doctors of Georgetown Public Hospital immediately, and carried out comprehensive treatment for the injured child through multi-department collaboration.

After 4 operations and 21 dressing changes, at present, Carlos’

wound has completely healed. He is undergoing rehabilitation training, and will be discharged from the hospital soon. The reporter learnt that in the past, for serious illnesses like Carlos’, local people usually chose to go to an American hospital for treatment. However, the arrival of the Jiangsu medical team to Guyana brought high-

quality diagnosis and treatment to local people’s doorsteps.

Ji Weipeng, the only traditional Chinese medicine practitioner in the medical aid team, got a lot of ‘fans’ with his abilities in Guyana.

Vinny in his 50s is a martial arts coach in Guyana. Since 2009, he has started to receive acupuncture treatment. He was deeply impressed by various batches of medical aid teams. Due to years of martial arts training, he has a back injury and suffers from chronic pain. Ji Weipeng not only patiently performed acupuncture and massage, but also taught him to use Baduanjin and Tai chi to relieve pain. Not long ago, Vinny invited Ji Weipeng to visit his martial arts school, and taught him self-defence martial arts. A deep friendship was formed between the doctor and the patient.

“Traditional Chinese medicine is a “national business card”. As a Chinese medicine acupuncture doctor, it is also my unshirkable responsibility to actively spread traditional Chinese culture, using traditional Chinese medicine as a bridge.” Ji Weipeng introduced that during the foreign aid work period, he gained more recognition and trust using traditional Chinese medicine methods such as acupuncture and cupping.

The foreign aid medical team also went to Chinese-funded enterprises in Guyana to carry out health consultations and first aid training.

### Briefly

#### Qidong Marathon registration started

By Huang Hai

At 7:30 am on 30th March, 2025 Qidong Marathon and the first Zhang Jian Marathon will start at Longwan Avenue (Qitang City). The registration is open from 10:00 on 12th February, 2025 to 17:00 on 16th March, 2025.

The competition includes 2,000 participants for men/women marathon(42.195km), 8,000 participants for men/women half marathon(21.0975km), and 2,000 participants for men/women fun run (about 5km).

The full marathon route includes 33km of coastal running by the sea.

#### 66 domestic wind turbine blades shipped to the United States

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 11th February, Bahamian general cargo ship ‘POPLAR’ loaded with 66 domestic wind turbine blades, set out from Tongzhou Bay New Estuary Lvsi Starting Port Tongyang Wharf to Houston, the United States.

At present, Lvsi Starting Port is building a full industry chain wind power equipment export base, to gradually become an important new maritime gateway for Chinese manufacturing to ‘go global’.

## Celebrating the Lantern Festival

By Zhang Jian and Yang Zhenxiao

On 12th February, more than 10 foreign friends from Bangladesh and Ethiopia, teachers and students from the Second Primary School Affiliated to Nantong Normal School, and opera and drama fans in Nantong gathered together to celebrate the Lantern Festival, and experience the festive atmosphere in the process of guessing lantern riddles, appreciating intangible cultural heritages, learning Beijing Opera and making lanterns.

During the event, Wei Hon-

gyu, the successor of Mei School Peking Opera, taught foreign friends how to do Peking Opera movements, facial makeup, etc., allowing them to experience the charm of the national treasure, Peking Opera.

Zhao Yuan from Ethiopia is an international exchange student in Nantong University. He said, ‘this is my first time to participate in the Lantern Festival in China. I feel very excited. I learnt a lot about the Lantern Festival customs, and want to share with my family and friends in hometown through my mobile phone.’

## Experience Chongchuan

By Xu Congjun

On 11th February, Chongchuan District ‘Experience Chongchuan’ Chinese and Foreign Cultural Exchange Activity went to Tangzha

Ancient Town. Chinese and foreign friends experienced folklore activities such as lion dance, making rabbit lanterns, making sugar paintings, guessing lantern riddles and making Yuanxiao.



## The height of the south main tower of Zhangjinggao Yangtze River Bridge South Channel Bridge is nearly 200m

By Xu Congjun

On 8th February, the height of the south main tower of Zhangjinggao Yangtze River Bridge South Channel Bridge is nearly 200m.

Zhangjinggao Yangtze River Bridge South Channel Bridge is the bridge with the largest span in the world. Its main span is 2,300m. Zhangjinggao Yangtze River Bridge connects three cities: Zhangjiagang of Suzhou, Jingjiang of Taizhou and Rugao of Nantong. The section over the Yangtze River is about 7.9km long. The bridge is expected to be completed and open to traffic in October 2028.



Leader in global livestock and poultry equipment manufacturing

## Big Dutchman visited Suxitong Industrial Park

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 13th February, Bernd Meerpohl, CEO and chairman of the board of the German ‘hidden champion’, the global leader in livestock and poultry equipment manufacturing — Big Dutchman, and his delegation visited Suxitong Science and Technology Industrial Park.

Big Dutchman is an enterprise originated in the Netherlands, grew in the United States and developed in Germany. Since its establishment

in 1938, it has gradually become a leader in global livestock and poultry equipment manufacturing. In 2024, the company prospered in a downward trend. Its global turnover reached 1.2 billion euros, presenting strong development momentum.

In 2023, Big Dutchman German company successfully signed an agreement with Suxitong Industrial Park to build a manufacturing base in the park, focusing on manufacturing, sales and operation of livestock and poultry equipment under

its brand ‘Big Dutchman’ and a new brand ‘LightOn’. The total investment of the project is about 30 million euros. After it reaches production capacity, the annual sales revenue is expected to be no less than 1 billion yuan.

During the visit, Meerpohl and the delegation conducted on-site visits to assess the investment environment, industrial layout and infrastructure construction conditions of the industrial park. He said that Suxitong Industrial Park has an excellent location, com-

plete supporting industrial chain and professional foreign investment service, which provided strong support for the rapid implementation and operation of the project. It also further strengthened the group’s confidence and determination to invest in Nantong.

In the past few years, Suxitong Industrial Park has attracted more than 130 foreign-invested enterprises to register, including 10 German-speaking area manufacturing projects such as Unisteel, Stiwa, Bader and Starlim.

#### Two Nantong primary school students became national first-class athletes

By Shen Liang

Recently, good news came from Nantong Zilang No.1 Primary School that two students officially obtained the title of national first-class athletes.

The students who obtained the national first-class athletes are Jin Leyan in grade six and Shi Yuguo in grade five. Coincidentally, Jin Leyan and Shi Yuguo were both introduced to sailing for the first time through their fathers. Both Jin Leyan and Shi Yuguo’s fathers are water sports enthusiasts, who have cultivated their children’s water sports skills since childhood.