

Nantong report

Wu Xinming met with Christian Levin, CEO of Scania Group, and his delegation

By Zhu Wenjun

On 25th March, Wu Xinming, Secretary of the CPC Nantong Municipal Committee, met with Christian Levin, CEO of Scania and Traton Group, and his delegation in Rugao.

Wu Xinming welcomed Christian Levin and his delegation, and congratulated on the progress made in the Scania project. He said that the construction and operation of Scania Rugao Production Base would inject strong momentum into the development of Nantong's automotive industry. He expects that both parties will continue to deepen cooperation on this new starting point.

Christian Levin thanked Nantong

for the care and support for the Scania project. He said that Scania was deeply impressed by Nantong's high-quality and efficient services. The group will strengthen its confidence in developing in Nantong, and make the Rugao Production Base the most advanced and sustainable manufacturing base of Scania in the world, to contribute to the high-quality development of Nantong manufacturing industry.

The Rugao Production Base is the third industrial operations center of Scania in the world after those in Europe and South America. Now the base construction has been completed. Equipment commissioning and verification are currently in progress. It is expected to be officially put into operation in the fourth quarter of this year.



Multinational Corporations Dialogue with Nantong – Auto Parts Special Event held in Shanghai

By Li Tong

On 21st March, Multinational Corporations Dialogue with Nantong - Auto Parts Special Event was held in Shanghai. Representatives from multinational corporations and chambers of commerce in auto parts industry gathered together, to discuss cooperation and development.

Automobile and parts industry is one of the key advantageous industrial chains cultivated by Nantong. A batch of famous international enterprises have settled. We expect more multinational corporations to choose Nantong as the first choice for setting up production bases and regional functional headquarters based on Shanghai, and deepen practical cooperation by means such as investment and joint venture, technology investment, and joint construction of char-

acteristic industrial parks, to achieve mutual benefits.

At the event, multinational corporations and chambers of commerce (associations) in automobile and parts field including Continental AG, Webasto Group, TÜV Rheinland, Vector, SAE International, and Sino-German Automobile Association communicated and delivered speeches.

They said that Nantong and Shanghai have been more integrated in terms of living, transportation and industry, and that Nantong has more prominent location, resources and cost advantages and rapid responses in in-depth integration of technological innovation and industrial innovation, which made it a preferred choice of investment and operation. They expressed the willingness and assumptions to further investigate, understand, and cooperate in depth.

30,000 runners went on the Nantong Marathon journey together

By Li Tong

At 7:30 am on 23rd March, with the crisp sound of the starting gun, 2025 Nantong Marathon started. 30,000 runners from places all over the world enjoyed the fun of running.

The event attracted runners from more than 30 countries including the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Brazil, South

Africa, Ethiopia, as well as Hong Kong, China and Taiwan, China to participate. The total length of the race is 42.195km. There are three events: full marathon, half marathon and fun run. The numbers of participants reached 5,000, 10,000 and 15,000 respectively. The total number of applicants hit a record high.

Nantong Marathon has become one of the largest, most widely followed and most participated athletic events in Nantong.



Tongzhou held a Chinese and foreign cultural exchange activity

By Huang Yanming and Ren Yibin

On 21st March, Tongzhou held a Chinese and foreign cultural exchange activity. More than ten foreign friends working and living in Nantong, who are from multiple countries including South Africa, Britain, the United States and Philippines, and journalists from more than ten media gathered in Tongzhou, to experience the charm of Tongzhou culture and witness the development achievements of Tongzhou together.

The first stop of the event was Nantong State Foreign Language School in Pingchao Town, Tongzhou District. Here, foreign teachers and students together introduced customs, culture and food of various places around the world by vivid and interesting presentations.

After that, they went to Nantong Feiyun Craft Furniture Co., Ltd. Here, the foreign friends went to the workshop, and experienced the craft of traditional Chinese woodworking at a close distance. Ryan from South Africa is a primary school teacher. He

showed great interest in the wood carving craftsmanship here. He said that the visit not only let him have a deeper understanding of Chinese culture and history, but also provided precious materials and inspiration for his teaching work. 'I look forward to having more opportunities to learn more about Chinese culture in the future.' Ryan said with expectations.

They also went to the ecological green space to the north of Husutong Yangtze River Bridge and the port of Hengli (Nantong) Advanced Textile Materials. Here, the rapid development of Tongzhou deeply im-

pressed everyone. Garla Scheepers has worked and lived for some time in Nantong. She said that although Nantong is not very large, the transportation is very convenient. She often travels to other places by train.

In the end, they went to the Intercontinental Dream Island located on Kaisha Island, Wujie Town, Tongzhou District. The blooming plum flowers and soon-to-bloom cheery flowers became the focus of people's cameras. They stopped to watch and take photos. 'It is very beautiful!' A foreigner praised, 'in the future I will surely recommend this place to more friends.'

The 17th Tulip Flower Show opened in Seyuan Garden

The flower show will last until May. After 10th April, Begonia and Cosmos will be exhibited.

By You Lian

On 22nd March, the 17th Tulip Flower Show opened. Nearly 200,000 tulips imported from the Netherlands in 8 colours and more than 20 varieties were exhibited.

Apart from keeping the relatively stable tulip varieties in previous flower shows, the show also introduced some new species, such as Columbus, Canavodrio, Noordeinde Palace, etc.

The flower show will last until May. Before 10th April, it will mainly exhibit tulips. After that, Begonia and Cosmos will be exhibited. During the flower show, events such as outdoor yoga, fairy tale play *the Jungle Book* and the characters parade, modern dance flash mob, May 1st parent-child health run, and lawn music party will be held.

Tongzhou Bay Demonstration Zone went to Indonesia to carry out economic and trade cooperation

By Wu Xiaoyun

Recently, the economic and trade delegation of Tongzhou Bay Demonstration Zone went to Indonesia to carry out series of investment promotion activities.

In Semarang, Indonesia, the delegation conducted an on-site inspection in Wanxinda Batang Industrial Park. The total planned area of the industrial park is 43 square kilometers. It focuses on developing the electronic manufacturing, chemical and automotive in-

dustries. It plans to attract 200 enterprises over the next 3 years, introduce 4 billion U.S. dollars of investment, and create 200,000 jobs. Chen Riling, Chairman of the Board of Wanxinda Group, said that they would deepen cooperation with Tongzhou Bay to achieve mutual beneficial development in the region.

The delegation visited several well-known Indonesian enterprises. At Prima Minerals Group, they had an in-depth discussion about the bulk trade logistics and

warehousing base project. As the mining company invested by Singapore Giti Group in Indonesia, Prima has rich coal and precious metal resources. The person in charge of the company said that they would give full play to their resource advantages and carry out cooperation with Tongzhou Bay in multiple fields.

Apart from that, the delegation has also reached cooperation intentions with companies such as CCS Supply Chain Management Indonesia.

Briefly

Tie-dye experience



On 24th March, young students from Institute of Technical Education, Singapore were experiencing the making of tie-dye umbrellas. Photo by Xu Peiqin

25 new open shared green spaces in Nantong

By Jiang Jiaojiao

Recently, 25 new open shared green spaces have been added in Nantong.

There are supporting facilities including basketball courts and landscape pergolas in the open shared area of the Riverside Bridgehead Park, offering citizens a place for camping, leisure and exercises. Zilang Forest Valley in Nantong Innovation District opened a 3,000-square-meter ecological lawn. The Junshan Green Wilderness in Wushan District opened 35.2 hectares of forest space.