

# Nantong report

## From 13 ‘the Belt and Road’ partner countries More than 400 international students tell the story of Nantong to the world

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In early May, Ke Shan, an international student who graduated from Nantong College of Science and Technology, got on the plane back to his hometown in Indonesia. When the campus where he had stayed for two years, became a coordinate point on the map, Ke Shan could only look through the photos on his mobile phone to reminisce.

This summer, Nantong College of Science and Technology welcomed and bid farewell to another group of international students. Since 2016, School of International Education of Nantong College of Science and Technology has admitted more than 400 international students from 13 ‘the Belt and Road’ partner countries.

In the spring of 2023, 11 Indonesian students from Nantong College of Science and Technology flew to China together. Ke Shan recalled that day, it was sunny and he was ‘excited’. In the past, his impression of China was limited to the ‘Chinese Kung Fu’ in the movies. Now, he has climbed the Great Wall and seen the power of modern technology in the drone light show on the South Street in Nantong. He exclaimed ‘This is China!’, and even fell in love with Chinese characters during the calligraphy classes at school.

It is the 8th year since Rui He came to China. Now pursuing his graduate studies at Tongji University in Shanghai, he still misses the three years he spent studying at Nantong College of Science and Technology. Even though he has travelled to places including Xi’an, Guangzhou, and Beijing, he still has a special fondness for Nantong. ‘My first stop in China was Nantong. It is my “second hometown”, and Nantong College of Science and Technology is my “second home”.’

For Rui He, the three years when he was studying in Nantong, were colourful and enriching. Almost every weekend, he would go out to play with his teachers and classmates. Nantong Museum, Nantong Blue Calico Museum, Hao River, Langshan...Their joyful presence could be seen everywhere.

At Tongji University, he led more than 100 exchange students from European countries such as Germany and France to places including Nanjing, Suzhou and Hangzhou, to appreciate the beauty of China. ‘I will continue to use Chi-



International students at Nantong Museum.



Yu Jie at the Chinese Speech Contest.



Ke Shan and his roommates.

nese that I have learnt, to introduce China to the world!’

‘Welcome to the daily life vlog of an international student!’ From the first short video on 4th October 2023, Naya has uploaded more than 260 works, and has become a well-known social media blogger in the school.

‘You speak Chinese very well, come on.’ ‘I will come to the country!’ ‘Chinese sounds good.’ ‘I will hang out with you next time I come to Nantong.’ ‘We can learn Chinese together.’... Countless comments have encouraged her to continue to create works. ‘I would be honored if I could let more people know about China!’ Naya said.

‘I will remember the gift from China forever!’ Mi Zan, who has

already returned to Bangladesh for work, still treasures a gift from 2020—a canvas bag with panda patterns, a traditional flower and bird embroidery work and a letter of appreciation. In 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic occurred, international student Mi Zan chose to stay in China to continue his studies. He used his scholarship to buy Covid-19 test kits and masks and sent them back to his hometown, and was awarded the ‘Best Friend Award’ by Embassy of China in Bangladesh.

‘Nantong is a beautiful city. Here, the “small dream” of an Indonesian village girl has grown into “a great hope”...’ On 18th July 2024, Indonesian student Yu Jie got on the stage of a speech contest, and told her story with Nantong.

As an international student from International E-commerce Major, Yu Jie not only studied economic theory and e-commerce knowledge, but also understood the true meaning of cross-border cooperation. She witnessed the opportunities brought to the nation’s economy by booming trade exchanges under the ‘Belt and Road’ Initiative. ‘Initially, I felt adrift in a different culture. However, behind all the differences, I found out that trust is the universal language that connects hearts. This is the essence of the “Belt and Road” Initiative: building bridges between hearts and countries.’ She hopes that when she returns to her motherland with more knowledge and experience, she can use her own strength to build the bond of trust between countries.

## Two majors of Nantong University ranked in the top 1% of ESI

By Shen Liang

On 8th May, Clarivate, an international third-party evaluation agency, released ESI data for May 2025. Immunology and Plant and Animal Sciences of Nantong University were both shortlisted in the top 1% of ESI global rankings.

## Grand Canal Cycling Series started

By Zhao Yongjin

On 11th May, Grand Canal Cycling Series (Hai’an Yazhou Stop) was held. More than 500 cycling fans from more than 10 provinces and cities in China and countries including the United States, Canada and Mexico participated.

## Chongchuan ‘Foreign Trade Collection’ event came to business districts

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By Si Zhanwei

On 9th May, 2025 Chongchuan ‘Foreign Trade Collection’ entering business districts event was held in Nantong Incity. Nearly 30 high-quality enterprises brought many foreign trade quality goods to the citizens, involving categories such as clothing, luggage,

sports goods, and bedding. The event will last until 2nd June.

‘Foreign Trade Collection’ is Chongchuan’s own brand. It was started in 2020. It aims to build domestic sales channels and platforms for foreign trade companies. It carries out foreign trade product exhibitions and sales to the general public. The exhibited products are most-

ly Chongchuan foreign trade export advantage categories such as home textiles, clothing and accessories, and sports goods.

Happy Global International Trade Co., Ltd. brought nearly 40 trendy spring and summer clothes. Ms. Wang, the person in charge of the exhibition booth introduced that clothes with a price tag of nearly 800 yuan can be purchased for less than 200 yuan here. ‘The first half of the year is relatively off-season. Participating in “foreign trade collection” event can not only bring sales, but also increase the brand’s local popularity.’

## You can dial 12367 if there are any questions in immigration administration field

By Peng Junjun

In the past few days, Nantong Entry-Exit Border Inspection Station has promoted the function of 12367 service platform to Chinese and foreign tourists.

National Immigration Administration 12367 service platform is an integrated service platform which deals with business consultations, opinions and suggestions, clue reports and other re-

quests in the field of immigration management. It provides ‘7×24 hours’ manual customer service in multiple languages including Chinese, English, Russian, Japanese and Korean.

‘In the past, I used to search online to enquire on exit and entry issues. Now I get to know the 12367 service platform. One call can solve the problem. It is very convenient.’ Ms. Chen, who was going to Osaka, Japan, opened her WeChat, searched ‘Immigration Administration 12367’, followed the mini program of the platform, and praised.

## Shemar Electric won the bid for a major transmission project in Chile

By Wu Xiaoyun

Recently, Jiangsu Shemar Electric Co., Ltd. exclusively won the bid for the KIL0±600 kV UHV DC project in Chile. The project is a landmark project for direct current transmission in South America. It marks that China’s external insulation technology has been recognized by the international high-end market.

The KIL0±600 kV UHV DC project in Chile will be jointly developed by China Southern Power Grid, Transelec from

Chile and ISA from Colombia. The transmission capacity has reached 3 million kilowatts. The route is 1,500km long, and crosses the Atacama Desert. Facing an extreme environment with an average annual rainfall of less than 0.1mm, strong ultraviolet radiation and extremely high pollution levels, the long-life line composite insulators developed by Shemar Electric have undergone three rounds of rigorous screening by global manufacturers over 20 months, and finally obtained the exclusive supply qualification for the entire line due to its excellent performance.

## Chinese and Korean traditional music exchange performance held

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On the evening of 12th May, a Chinese and Korean traditional music exchange performance was held at Nantong Gengsu Theatre. Actors from National Center for Korean Traditional Performing Arts and Nantong Art Theatre performed classic folk music of the two countries.

National Center for Korean Traditional Performing Arts brought traditional Korean dance and musical instrument performances. ‘For this performance, Korea has selected traditional art forms such as Taepyeongwu, Pansori, and Arirang that best reflect Korean characteristics and the emotions of Koreans.’ Kwon Yu-ah, the person in charge of the project of National Center for Korean Traditional

Performing Arts, said, ‘although the two countries speak different languages, we can truly feel the mutual connection and understanding through music.’

Actors from Nantong Art Theatre also performed a series of wonderful programs.

A local citizen Jin Xianzi works in a Korean company in Nantong. Knowing that there would be a Chinese and Korean traditional music exchange performance at doorstep, she came deliberately to watch. She said, ‘it is my first time to get in contact with traditional Korean folk music at a close distance. It really opened my eyes. At the same time, the music exchange performance not only let us further feel the charm of excellent traditional Chinese culture, but also helped the global promotion of Chinese culture.’



Korean actors were performing.