

Nantong report

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By He Jiayu

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Ozlem Kural highly recognizes Nantong's advantages in cultivating advantageous industrial chains and building industrial clusters. She hopes that the economic and trade exchanges between the two places can be deepened by promoting the 'enterprise matchmaking + government support' mode. The two sides have great potential in people-to-people exchanges and tourism cooperation, and have mature cooperation conditions. She hopes to continue to promote mutual visits of delegations and build a broader platform for cooperation.

The 4th China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo held Nantong delegation looked for business opportunities

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 15th June, the 4th China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo ended in Changsha. During the expo, Nantong Bureau of Commerce and Nantong International Economic and Technical Cooperation Association carefully organized the delegation, actively participated in various investment and trade promotion activities organized by the host, and took the initiative to connect with African businessmen participating in the exhibition and conference.

53 African countries, 11 international organizations, 27 provinces and cities of China, more than 4,700 Chinese and African enterprises, chambers of commerce and associations registered to attend the conference and the expo.

The Nantong delegation consisted of enterprise representatives including Zhongtian Technology Group, Nantong Yitaiming Real Estate Co., Ltd. and Nantong Tongli Metal Technology Co., Ltd., covering multiple industrial fields such as project construction, manufacturing and processing, and new energy. During the expo, the Nantong delegation focused on visiting special exhibition areas such as the China-Africa Cooperation Famous Brands Exhibition, the African Goods Exhibition, and the China-Africa Fashion Industry Exhibition, and also visited professional exhibition halls such as the Smart Mining Technology and Equipment Hall, the China-Africa Clean Energy, Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Hall and Modern Agricultural Machinery Equipment Hall.

‘Scholar’ Kangxi themed special exhibition opened



By Wen Yang

Recently, 'the Scholar Emperor' Kangxi Themed Special Exhibition opened in Hai'an. The exhibition exhibits more than 60 precious collections from 7 cultural and museum institutions including the Palace Museum, Chengde Mountain Resort Museum and Shenyang Imperial Palace Museum. The exhibition will last until 31st August this year.

The exhibition includes 3 parts. It systematically presents Emperor Kangxi's pursuit of knowledge, diligence in learning, and practice of governing the country. The exhibition is jointly organized by Hai'an Museum and China Cultural Relics Exchange Center.

Beach volleyball competition



By Xu Congjun

On 19th June, 2025 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (China Qidong Station) opened at Blue Sea and Silver Sand Scenic Area in Qidong Yuantuojiang Tourist Resort.

FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour is one of the three top competitions of Fédération Internationale de Volleyball. 41 teams from 15

countries and regions including China, the United States, Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, and Brazil participated in the competition.

Plug and Play Nantong International Innovation Center opened

By Zhu Wenjun

On 16th June, Plug and Play Nantong International Innovation Center opening ceremony and global resource matchmaking conference was held.

Plug and Play is a well-known technology innovation ecological platform in the world. It is also

one of the world's oldest technology incubators with the widest regional and industry coverage. It has dedicated itself to investing in and incubating early-stage technological companies and projects worldwide. Since it entered China in 2016, Plug and Play has incubated and accelerated in total thousands of start-ups, and carried out

cooperation with over one hundred domestic and foreign leading enterprises and investment institutions.

Plug and Play Nantong International Innovation Center was jointly promoted by Nantong Economic and Technological Development Area, Nantong Innovation District, Nantong Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone, and Plug and Play.

In the future, it will widely connect with global renowned enterprises, investment institutions and universities, attract and gather high-quality innovation resources, to promote the precise connection and in-depth cooperation between local enterprises and multiple innovation entities.

‘Nantong is very nice, and our project is also great’
—— A look at the fast-track road show of cross-border business projects

By Chen Ke

On 16th June, Plug and Play Nantong International Innovation Center opening ceremony and global resource matchmaking conference was held. After the event, a cross-border business project fast-track roadshow was held. More than 10 foreign science and technology enterprises that have achieved initial success brought their own 'masterpieces', and expected to seek cooperation opportunities in Nantong.

'Hey, bro, I love the pattern of your T-shirt. I love Chinese culture.' David Chausse from the United States gave an 'American' opening speech in fluent Chinese. He majored in Chinese language and culture in university. Now he has established a new logistics company based on artificial intelligence. 'To put it simple, you can see it as the US version of "Lalamove" or "SF Express". Of course, there are a lot of differences in detail.' He introduced that although it was his first time to come to Nantong, after two site visits, he could feel that the economic development and environment of Nantong are very good.

Gernaz Abdullhian also shared the same feeling as Chausse. The powerful woman from the United



Foreign talents were presenting the technological innovation projects.
Photo by Chen Ke

States worked in globally renowned enterprises including Microsoft and Apple. Now she has founded an artificial intelligence production selection enterprise. While praising the environment of Nantong, she also mentioned that Nantong's attitudes towards opening up to the outside world is admirable. 'I cannot speak Chinese, but I have no difficulty in basic communication here. Whether it is the investment promotion staff of Nantong Development Zone or the corporate personnel we have

contacted, they can communicate with us in fluent English, and their perspectives are also international.'

While good soft and hard environments are the foundations, the most important is the industry compatibility. It is also what foreign talents value. Aaron Daniel Capa, a Canadian, founded a pharmaceutical research and development company based on artificial intelligence. 'There have been a globally renowned pharmaceutical company Merck and other relevant pharmaceutical companies

in Nantong Economic and Technological Development Area, which means the biopharmaceutical industry here is very mature, and it has also a high degree of compatibility with our industries.' Although it was Capa's first time to visit Nantong, he obviously did a lot of 'homework'. 'Moreover, we also plan to expand into the field of agricultural technology. I have checked, and Nantong is also very advanced in agricultural technology. There is great potential for future cooperation.'

New technologies and new projects from overseas also opened up new opportunities for many Nantong enterprises. Once the roadshow on the stage was finished, some enterprises went to communicate with the exhibitors off-stage. 'Our company is also seeking new tracks for development. The projects which presented this time are all very good. There will be many opportunities for cooperation in the future.'

The person in charge of technological research and development of a listed company located in Nantong Economic and Technological Development Area said. And 'the China expert' Chausse shrugged, and said with a smile, 'Nantong is very "nice", and our projects are also very "attractive". I believe that in the future there will be more exchanges, maybe I can also create a new world in Nantong.'