

# Nantong report

## The 15th Jianghai Talent Entrepreneurship Week opened

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By Zhu Wenjun, Li Tong, Fan Yi and Xing Zhijie

On 12th July, the 15th Jianghai Talent Entrepreneurship Week opened at Nantong International Conference Center.

Wu Xinming, Secretary of CPC Nantong Committee, said that today’s Nantong has both the advantages of a seaport that crosses the Yangtze River and reaches the sea, connecting it to the world, and the advantages of a channel that goes up along the Yangtze River and serves the inland. It also has the advantages of being adjacent to Shanghai and a window to the world. The output value of the six key industrial clusters exceeded 1.2 trillion yuan. High-tech enterprises have grown by 20% annually in the past

two years. He sincerely invited talents from all over the world to deploy their innovative business in Nantong, root the innovative projects in Nantong and transform innovative achievements in Nantong.

Zhang Tong, Mayor of Nantong, said that ‘investing in Nantong is investing in Shanghai, planning in Nantong is planning in the Yangtze River delta’ has become the consensus of many enterprises. Nantong is not only a historical and cultural city, but also a happy city suitable for living and working. She sincerely invited talents from all over the world to create a better future.

At the opening ceremony, Dr. Thorsten from Munich, Germany and Yuan Hongliang, Chairman of the Board of Alpha ESS Co., Ltd. shared their stories of innovation and entrepreneurship in Nantong.

## Marc Horn, President of Merck China, visited Nantong

By Zhu Wenjun

On 11th July, Wu Xinming, Secretary of CPC Nantong Committee, met with Marc Horn, Executive Vice President of Merck Group and President of Merck China, and his delegation.

Wu Xinming welcomed the arrival of Marc Horn and his delegation, and expressed gratitude for the contributions made by Merck Group to the development of Nantong. Wu Xinming said that Merck Group is an ‘old friend’ of Nantong. It has been deeply rooted in Nantong in the past more than ten years, and has invested and implemented a batch of high-quality projects. He hopes that Merck will continue to leverage its strengths, focus on fields including medicine, health, and life sciences, transfer and commercialize more technological achievements to Nantong, and

deploy more industrial projects, to further expand and improve the Nantong base. Nantong will continue to create first-class business environment, work together with the enterprises to achieve higher level of mutual benefits.

Marc Horn thanked Nantong governments at all levels for the care and support for the development of Merck Group. He said that Nantong has always been a key area for Merck’s investment in China. The cooperation between the two sides has been smooth and has great potential. Merck will maintain its confidence in development, continue to optimize its investment layout in Nantong, continuously increase research and development investment and market expansion efforts, more actively participate in the construction of industrial chain, supply chain and innovation chain, to better serve Nantong’s high-quality development.

## The ‘circle of friends’ of foreign investment of Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area continues to expand

By Chen Ke and Si Zhanwei

In the first half of the year, Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area received 215 million U.S. dollars in foreign investment. In the same period, 44 new major projects were approved and registered in the first half of the year, among which there are 11 foreign-invested projects. The total investment is 1.083 billion U.S. dollars.

‘Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area provides precise and efficient services, which gave us great confidence when we

first came to invest in China.’ A functional health pharmaceutical company in the United States, after comparison of multiple locations in the Yangtze River delta, invested 30 million U.S. dollars, signed an agreement, and settled in Nantong Economic & Technological Development Area in February. The company is attracted by the manufacturing advantages here and the size of the surrounding consumer market, while the staff are deeply impressed by the investment promotion services.

‘In China, healthcare pharmaceutical industry involves different stan-

## Sailing competition



Recently, 2025 Jiangsu Youth Sailing Championship was held in Qidong. The competition attracted more than 80 youth sailing athletes of 9 teams from Jiangsu to participate.Photo by Huang Hai

## Nantong home textiles showcased at the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization

By Xing Zhijie

From 8th to 17th July, ‘Copyright in China—Safeguarding Innovation, Shaping the Future Together’ themed exhibition was held at the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Nantong home textile, as the first exemplary site for outstanding copyright protection cases in the world, was displayed, to present the copyright protection achievements and industrial innovation development vitality to the world.

The exhibition was jointly hosted by the National Copyright Administration, Permanent Mission of the People's

Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland, and the World Intellectual Property Organization. It focuses on presenting the achievements of China’s copyright development. Nantong home textile, with its ‘rapid rights protection, intelligent deployment, and value activation’ full-chain copyright protection system, became one of the two achievements of the World Intellectual Property Organization’s Excellent Case Demonstration sites for Copyright Protection in the Jiangsu delegation, presenting home textile skills and telling the stories of Nantong copyrights to the world.



### Briefly

Nantong Forest Safari Park ‘emptied’ the coins in the wishing pool and donated them to the sick girl, and made a promise to her To visit the zoo to see real red pandas once she recovers

By Lu Chenghui

On 9th July, Nantong Forest Safari Park received a call from Ms. Huang, an annual card user. Ms. Huang said that her 2-year-old daughter fell ill and needed long-term treatment, and the treatment was quite expensive. She hoped that the zoo could refund the annual card fee to alleviate urgent needs.

Ms. Huang said that every time her child went to the zoo, she was very happy. They did not expect that she would fall ill suddenly. Now every cent must be spent on treatment.

In April this year, Ms. Huang applied for an annual pass of the zoo. Her child especially likes red pandas. In just two months, they went to the zoo 5 times. However, the sudden illness in mid-June put the whole family in a difficult situation.

After receiving the call, Nantong Forest Safari Park quickly processed the refund for Ms. Huang, and retained the annual card benefits. They sincerely invited the girl and her family to come again after she recovers. They also donated 50,000 yuan to the girl. Moreover, the workers of the zoo retrieved all the coins from the wishing pool and counted them from daytime until late at night. After more than 20 hours of continuous counting, a total of 12,083 yuan was collected.

On 11th July, representatives of the zoo delivered 62,083 yuan in donations and a red panda doll to Ms. Huang’s home, and made a promise to the child, ‘once you recover, we will go to the zoo to see real red pandas.’