

Nantong report

2025 European Marine Enterprises Nantong Trip event was held

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By Wang Ying

On 21st August, 2025 European Marine Enterprises Nantong Trip event was held. Dai Kaile, Vice President of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, led more than 30 elites in the European marine industry, gathered with representatives of relevant departments of Nantong and leading marine enterprises involved in overseas business, to discuss new opportunities in the blue economy.

Nantong has long maintained close cooperation with European enterprises. Up to now, in total more than 50 billion U.S. dollars of foreign investment, more than 3,800 foreign enterprises,

and 112 investment projects of Fortune Global 500 companies have been introduced. Among them, there are 704 European enterprises, and a total of 2.13 billion U.S. dollars in foreign investment has been used.

Leading European enterprises such as the China Headquarters of Symrise, Bayer Asia Pacific R&D Center and BASF have been rooted in Nantong. The annual output value of Merck Pharmaceutical Nantong Base is nearly 8 billion yuan, and some products have a market share of more than 70% in China. Apart from that, Nantong has built 3 international cooperation industrial parks with Austria, Italy and Switzerland, continuously promoting high-level opening up.

In the first seven months of this year, Nantong’s imports and exports increased by 15.5% year-on-year

By Wu Xiaoyun

According to the latest statistics of Nantong Customs, from January to July this year, the total value of Nantong's foreign trade imports and exports reached 235.31 billion yuan, there is an increase of 15.5% year-on-year, ranking second in Jiangsu Province. Among them, the export value is 156.84 billion yuan, and there is an increase of 19.7%; the import value is 78.47 billion yuan, and there is an increase of 7.7%. It is the fourth consecutive month that Nantong’s foreign trade imports and exports have maintained at a high level.

In July, Nantong performed well in imports and exports to

major markets. The imports and exports to ASEAN, the EU, and Hong Kong are 5.32 billion yuan, 5.23 billion yuan and 3.04 billion yuan respectively. The growth rates are 47.9%, 21.9% and 128.4% respectively. They account for 38.3% of the total imports and exports for the month.

In July, the export value of Nantong’s mechanical and electrical products was 13.2 billion yuan. There is an increase of 42.6%, accounting for 55.9% of the total export value. Among them, the export values of electrical equipment, ships and offshore platforms, containers and integrated circuits increased 183.6%, 121.7%, 70.3%, and 28.3% respectively. The city’s overall export growth rate was increased by 19.6 percentage points.

Enjoy the coolness



In the past few days, many citizens and tourists came to Nantong Sendi Snow Ocean Park for leisure activities, enjoying the coolness. The photo shows people visiting Nantong Sendi Snow Ocean Park on 18th August.Photo by Xu Peiqin

‘Come on, Nantong team!’

Marcelo Suarez Salvia, current Argentine Ambassador to China, watched the ‘Jiangsu Football City League’ on the spot

By Gao Yang

On 17th August, it was the 9th round of ‘Jiangsu Football City League’. Nantong team played against Lianyungang team at home. Marcelo Suarez Salvia, current Argentine Ambassador to China, also went to the site to watch the game. Before the game started, he shouted to the camera in fluent Chinese, ‘Come on, Nantong team!’

Argentina is famous for football in the world. Marcelo Suarez Salvia is also a football fan. ‘We Argentinians are particularly interested in football. Every time we go to a country, we will learn about the local football environment. In China, I found out that football is very

popular, especially the “Jiangsu Football City League”. 13 cities in the province have presented their excellent football skills. And it has attracted broad public participation.’ Marcelo Suarez Salvia said that it was his second time to come to Nantong. Nantong is a beautiful and joyful city. He likes the city very much. It was also his first time to watch ‘Jiangsu Football City League’ games on site. He felt very glad to be able to cheer for the Nantong team.

‘We also plan to invite Argentine football players to play football in Nantong. We look forward to an increasing number of people participating in football in the near future.’ Marcelo Suarez Salvia said, ‘we are very glad to provide such cooperation opportunities.’

Marcelo Suarez Salvia is also

full of expectations for Nantong and Argentina's economic and trade cooperation. He said that Argentina and China are very good trade partners. The two countries’ economies are highly complementary. At present, the relationship between the two parties still has a lot of room for improvement. Nantong can play a positive role in it.

‘Argentina is in a period of major transformation. The business environment will be more friendly. We will be committed to finding potential opportunities for Nantong entrepreneurs to develop in Argentina. We also welcome Nantong entrepreneurs to discover new business opportunities. In particular, we will carry out more exchanges and cooperation in fields such as textiles, shipbuilding and machinery manufacturing.’ Marcelo Suarez Salvia said.

Briefly

A plastic film project started

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 15th August, the high-end plastic film project invested and built by Nolikai Plastic Industry (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. started construction at Suxitong Industrial Park. The total investment of the project is 500 million yuan. A production base for high-end automotive aluminum-plastic composite films and 20,000 tons of food and pharmaceutical inner packaging films will be built.

As a leading enterprise in buffer packaging film sub-division, the products of Nolikai Plastic cover multiple packaging materials including PE film and bubble film. They are widely used in fields such as pharmaceuticals, food and automobiles. The company serves domestic well-known companies such as Jingdong, Geely Automobile, and Dewu. The products are sold to Southeast Asia, Europe, America and Africa markets.

The main structure of Bayer’s new Qidong plant has been topped out

By Huang Hai

On 21st August, the main structure of Bayer Consumer Health Qidong Supply Center new plant project was completed.

The planned total investment of Bayer Consumer Health Qidong Supply Center new plant project is 750 million yuan. The planned area is 100 mu. The gross floor area is about 53,000 square meters. The new plant will be completed in early 2026. Qi Wenming, the person in charge of the user team of the project, introduced that the new plant will not only undertake all the production capacity of the old factory, but also introduce multiple new international products, to open up the Russian and European markets.

Swedish friend bravely rescued a woman who fell into the water

Her family crossed two thousand kilometers to express their gratitude in person



By Shen Jiaying

‘The saviour is here!’ At about 6 pm on 20th August, at Guanshan Community, Nantong Innovation District, Mr. Zeng and his group of 6 people rushed forward after seeing Magnus’s family, and thanked the foreigner in front of them together, ‘Thank you for giving her a second life!’

At about 5 pm on 17th August, Mr. Zeng’s sister accidentally fell into the water while visiting Zilang Park. At the critical moment, Magnus, who passed by riding a bike, left the bike, jumped into the lake and swam towards her, pulled her out of the water, brought her to the shore, and quietly left after confirming her safety. At the same

time, the security guards of the park who were patrolling nearby, 110 and 120 rushed to the site, and the one who fell into the water was sent to the hospital.

Knowing that his sister had a sudden accident, on 19th August, Mr. Zeng’s family came to Nantong from Wenshan, Yunnan, which is more than 2,000 kilometers away. While taking care of his sister, he looked for the kind person everywhere.

With the help of the community, the two parties finally met on the evening of 20th August.

‘We are very happy to see that she is fine!’ Magnus said. In May 2024, he and his family moved to Nantong Innovation District from Sweden. He works as a product

manager in Scania Manufacturing (China) Co., Ltd. in Rugao now. Recalling the scene at that time, he said that his wife found out that someone fell into the water first, he ‘did not have time to think’, jumped into the water to save her in one smooth, seamless move. ‘Fortunately, I am good at swimming, and I have done the fastest possible.’

Although there was some difficulty in language communication, the helping hand extended by the foreign friend in the moment of crisis quietly drew the two sides closer at heart. Magnus said that the past is already over, and everything will get better and better. Mr. Zeng and his group warmly invited Magnus and his family to travel to Yunnan...