

Ningbo Area of Zhejiang FTZ Celebrates Its First Anniversary

By Dong Na

The date August 30, 2020 was remarkable. On that day, Ningbo officially became one of the three expanded areas of China (Zhejiang) Pilot Free Trade Zone, meaning that the city ushered in a new round of significant opportunities for opening up to the world.

In less than a year, the Ningbo Area of China (Zhejiang) Pilot Free Trade Zone has promoted 16 innovative achievements and housed 64 major investment projects, with a total investment of nearly 200 billion yuan.

Implementation of the Innovation with Originality Model

Recently, in Lingfeng Modern Industrial Park, Beilun District, the road framework of the core block has been completed. With more than four months to go before the planned completion date, 13 industrial projects have been settled in the park with a total investment of about 4.27 billion yuan, said He Guangli, head of the Park. Such achievements are blessed by the implementation of original innovations emergent as a result of the Ningbo Area—Industrial Community Integrated Service Mechanism.

Lingfeng Industrial Park has a total planning area of 13.4 square kilometers, of which 3.2 square kilometers are included in the Ningbo Area. In terms of industrial layout, the park focuses on the expansion of intelligent equipment and services, 5G+ industrial Internet, industrial key basic parts, and high-end auto parts, and strive to reach 100 billion yuan of new industrial output value by 2030.

The Ningbo Area—Industrial Community Integrated Service Mechanism is a major breakthrough in management. A year ago, "industrial community" was still a stranger to ordinary people in the Area, but now it is popular.

In this March, Beilun released the first provincial-level standards set forth for community-based management of and services for industrial clusters in China. In the first half of 2021



Ningbo Zhoushan Port.

[Photo by Ding Yehu]

alone, the Industrial Community Integrated Service Mechanism was awarded "one of the 16 innovative pilot policies" in the Ningbo Area.

New Record of Project Introduction and Production

New record was made in the Ningbo Area in project introduction and production.

Last year, 44 projects were introduced to the Ningbo area within 77 days after its establishment, creating an average of one project settled in less than 2 days. This year, 35 major industrial projects have been completed and put into operation in the Ningbo Area, covering high-end manufacturing, green petrochemical, integrated circuit, and automobile and parts, among others, with a total investment of 23.578 billion yuan.

The project of Ningbo Alarh New Materials Company is an epitome of the "production

speed". At the end of last year, the company successfully broke through the technical bottleneck and became the first enterprise in China to develop electronic grade ultra-high purity aluminum with a purity of 99.9999%.

"The total investment of the project is 355 million yuan, and the annual sales revenue will exceed 1.5 billion yuan. We are now starting production ahead of schedule, setting the stage for the next phase of growth. This is a reflection of the free trade efficiency in the Ningbo Area." Zhang Jin, a representative of the company, said that the new products have begun to be supplied in small batches. Up to now, among 64 key projects in the Ningbo Area, 44 have been started and three of them have been completed.

Functional Positioning to Promote Regional Development

In May this year, Ningbo

unveiled a construction plan for the Ningbo Area of China (Zhejiang) Pilot Free Trade Zone.

According to the plan, the Ningbo area is positioned to become an international shipping and logistics hub, an internationally influential oil and gas resource distribution center, an innovation center for international supply chains, a global scientific innovation center for new materials, and a demonstration zone for intelligent manufacturing.

In terms of building a new international energy trade center, at present, Ningbo has issued a new international energy trade center construction plan and actively promoted the operation of digital energy and bulk commodity industry platform, among others.

The market vitality stimulated by the reforms in the Ningbo Area has also comprehensively promoted the high-quality development of the region: Ningbo has become one of

the seven industrial bases of new materials in China, and is home to three of the top ten semiconductor material producers in China. Meanwhile, Ningbo's position in the global supply chain is also constantly improving.

By 2025, the city aims to build a system centered on openness and a top-tier business environment.

The plan also has several specific goals, such as achieving an annual cross-border RMB settlement amount of 200 billion yuan (\$30.77 billion).

Ningbo Zhoushan Port's annual container throughput is targeted to hit 32.7 million TEUs, while the figure for its oil and gas trade should reach 431 billion yuan.

The city has also set goals of increasing its imports and exports to 2 trillion yuan and lifting the output value of new materials sector to above 500 billion yuan.



SPOTLIGHT

Zhou Jiamin Picked as China's Flag-bearer at Paralympics

By Jin Lu

Ningbo archer Zhou Jiamin has been picked as the flag-bearer for Team China at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Paralympic Games, held between August 24 and September 5, the Chinese Paralympic Delegation announced on Monday.

Zhou Jiamin was born in 1990 and lives in Jinping Street, Fenghua District, Ningbo. She won two gold medals at the 2016 Summer Paralympics and took titles at the 2019 World Championships in the Netherlands.

The reason for choosing Zhou Jiamin as the flag-bearer is based on the consideration of the overall quality of the athletes. "Zhou was a champion at the Rio Paralympic Games. She just graduated from Beijing Sport University this year and is fluent in both English and Japanese," said Yangjian, a representative of Zhejiang Provincial Disabled Persons' Federation.

There are three members in Zhou's family, her mother, a 19-year-old younger sister, and Zhou. Her younger sister suffers mental disability caused by cerebral palsy. After her parents divorced, she and her mother depended on each other for their lives.

In 2013, Ningbo held a seated volleyball competition. Zhou Jiamin, who had never been formally trained, was mobilized to be a member to fill up the team.

Coincidentally, Shao Shufen, the coach of the Provincial Disabled Archery Team, came to Ningbo to look for talented members. Coach Shao asked her if she was willing to try archery. At that time, Zhou Jiamin did not know anything about the sport. After thinking about it for a while, she agreed.

It turns out that Coach Shao made the right choice. Later in an event in Shanghai, Zhou Jiamin showed her unusual ability. At that time, she was just trained for only a few months, but achieved good results in fourth place. Not only did this game impress the coach, but also built up Zhou Jiamin's confidence. In the following national championships, she won third place.

双语汇 Different Tongues

Tianyige Museum: Pleasant Journey in the Garden of Old Time

天一阁:赏心乐事古亭台

By Gou Wen

Tianyige was built between 1561 and 1566 in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), which is known around the world as the oldest private library in existence in China.

天一阁建于1561至1566年,作为中国现存最古老的私人图书馆而闻名于世。

No longer just a library to store valuable books, the Tianyige Museum nowadays also provides some new activities for the visitors to better appreciate

the beauty of culture.

天一阁博物院是一个藏有古籍善本的“宝藏图书馆”,在如今它也有了新的“玩法”,让游人能够感受到文化之美。

For example, the museum garden is transformed into a stage where Yue Opera actors performed the stories of *A Dream in Red Mansions*. The ancient garden landscape, with its "one step, one scene" style, has immersed the audience in the performance.

越剧演员将这里作为舞台,演出了《红楼梦》里的故事。这里的一步一

景让观众们有了沉浸式的体验。

Moreover, the famous Kunqu opera *Peony Pavilion* was also presented here. The Tianyige Museum treasures a Ming Dynasty edition of the book *Peony Pavilion*. And now, the actors of Kunqu Opera reproduced the love story from 400 years ago.

除此之外,著名的昆曲《牡丹亭》也曾在这里上演。明万历年间刻本《牡丹亭》就珍藏于此。而今昆曲演员在天一阁的亭台水榭间,将400年前的一段爱情故事再次演绎。



Tianyige Museum. 天一阁博物院。

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