

Striving Towards a Modern Coastal Metropolis

Ningbo Strikes an Epidemic Prevention Combo

By Dong Na

As COVID-19 gets to spread out again currently, Ningbo is united in its determination to build a strong line of defence against the epidemic.

In residential areas, subways, shopping malls, and scenic spots...the prevention and control measures are being strictly implemented in all corners of the city.

Foreign Language Reminders in Communities

On August 15, the Yulan Community in Beilun, together with the Access International Academy Ningbo (AIAN), set up a foreign language emergency response team.

Over 500 expatriates from more than twenty countries and regions, including France, the United States, Korea, Germany, and Italy, live in the community all year round.

Information on relevant policies and health guidelines is published in both Chinese and English in the community. For the convenience of residents from different countries, the team has worked overtime to record a series of audio reminders and epidemic prevention videos.

"Communicating in the native language of different countries helps to convey the information more accurately and also makes these expats feel warm in the Yulan family," Zhang Luning, secretary of the Yulan Community Party Committee, said.

On the morning of the 15th, Ryan from the United States, who is the leader of the team, appeared at the entrance of the AIAN wearing a red volunteer waistcoat. His job is to check the "venue code" of people entering and leaving the school. "I'm also part of the community and I volunteer whenever I can," Ryan said.

"People from other countries and regions in epidemic



A resident scans a QR code of a mini-program to report health information in Ningbo.

[Photo by Tang Yan]

areas, please report to Yulan Community," a teacher from Pakistan also volunteered. He considers Yulan Community as his second home, and he is pleased to contribute to the epidemic prevention.

Strict Protection in Subways

As soon as stepping off the escalator at the Ningbo University Station on Line 2, college student Li picked up his phone to scan the venue code posted on the wall. "I have to show the venue code to staff before going through the security check later, so I scan the code in advance to speed up," he said.

These days, staff at Ningbo metro stations all wear masks and gloves and enhance persuasion against irregularities. The stations are now strictly enforcing protection requirements such

as taking body temperature on entry, wearing masks throughout and checking health and travel codes.

To speed up the passage, some heavily trafficked metro stations such as Dongmenkou Station arrange for multiple checks, with staff at the front checking venue codes and staff at the back checking travel codes, working in tandem. Passengers can complete the code check and temperature measurement almost simultaneously after their luggage has passed through the security check, and the passage is smooth on the whole.

"Ningbo is a city of civility and the vast majority of people will co-operate with the epidemic prevention." On Line 2, a volunteer was inspecting carefully, and once he found passengers wearing masks irregularly, he would then remind

them. "With so many people on the underground, it's always right to be more protective," one passenger said.

Enhancing Checks in Scenic Spots

Summer is the peak season for tourism, and with the recent persistent high temperatures, scenic spots such as ice world and ocean world where people can enjoy the coolness have become popular for family trips.

"Please show your health code, travel code and proof of PRC test within 7 days to enter the park." At 2 pm at the peak of passenger flow, a long queue of visitors formed at the entrance to Meishanwan Ice World, where staff with small speakers cycled through the epidemic prevention and control requirements and strictly checked visitors entering the

scenic area.

Although the temperature was high at 2 pm, visitors actively cooperated with the staff's requirements. "This is to protect the safety of each of us so that we can all feel at ease when we play," Ms Ying said.

At the entrance of Ningbo Ocean World, staff were busy checking the visitors' codes one by one and handing out the masks to visitors.

"At present, the number of visitors to our scenic spot is around 2,000 on weekdays and will reach around 3,500 on weekends." A manager of Ningbo Ocean World said that to do a good job of epidemic prevention, they sent special staff to check the health code and travel code of visitors at the entrance of the scenic spot, and prompted visitors to scan the venue code as required.

SPOTLIGHT

A Ningbo Volunteer Donated Hematopoietic Stem Cells

By Gou Wen

Recently, Mr. Li, a post-90s generation, completed the collection and donation of hematopoietic stem cells successfully in the Ningbo First Hospital, becoming the 811th donor in Zhejiang and the 135th in Ningbo.

"I feel very satisfied and happy to have this opportunity to donate!" Mr. Li, a staff member of the local Housing and Urban-rural Development Bureau, said. He is all into volunteer services, donating whole blood for four times and having a total of 696 hours on his volunteer service record.

In 2020, he was awarded the honorary title of the "Most Beautiful Volunteer" in Ningbo.

Last year, Li's attention was attracted by the donation of hematopoietic stem cells during the physical examination. After learning about the details, he did not hesitate to join the database on February 2, 2021.

Mr. Li said that volunteering in blood donation is a family tradition. Since childhood, his father has often been doing so at the blood donation station in the community.

Thanks to his parents, Mr. Li cares about voluntary services. On the day when Mr. Li came of age, he donated blood for the first time in his life as his most meaningful birthday celebration.

The whole family supports Mr. Li's decision to donate hematopoietic stem cells. After four hours of collection, Mr. Li successfully donated 380 ml of hematopoietic stem cell suspension. These "seeds of hope" will be quickly delivered to the hospital where the patient is and input into the patient's body without delay.

"It is wonderful to give the patient hope for the future with my tiny actions. I also hope he will have a better life." Mr. Li gave his blessing to the patient.

双语汇 Different Tongues

奉化滕头村：一本共同富裕的“教科书”

By Xu Zhuowei

With an area of 1.2 square kilometers, the Tengtou Village is located in Xiaowangmiao Street, Fenghua District, Ningbo. Over the years, Tengtou has achieved remarkable results in pursuing a development path that features ecological development and affluent life. It has successively won awards such as the "Global 500 Roll of Honour for Environmental Achievement" and the "World's Top Ten Harmonious Villages" and was selected as the world's only village representative for the best practice area of Shanghai World Expo 2010.

滕头村位于奉化区萧王庙街道，区域面积1.2平方公里。多年来，滕头村坚持走生态发展、生活富裕的发展路子，取得了显著成效，相继荣膺全球生态500佳、世界十佳和谐乡村等殊荣，并作为全球唯一的乡村入选上海世博会城市

最佳实践区。

Though picturesque and prosperous today, Tengtou had its underprivileged and underdeveloped days. Since the early 1960s, a series of initiatives have been taken by the villagers, such as land reclamation, village renovation, enterprises, and eco-tourism, resulting in remarkable economic returns that helped them to achieve the "leap forward" from breaking free from poverty, living a well-off lifestyle, and becoming affluent.

如今优美如画、富裕繁荣的滕头村，曾经却是一个贫困落后的小村子。20世纪60年代初期，滕头村实施造田工程、改造旧村、兴办企业、发展生态旅游，取得了良好的经济效益，村民的物质生活实现了由贫困到小康再到富裕的跨越。

Consisting of various function zones, the Tengtou Eco-tourism Area attracts many



The Tengtou Village. /滕头村。

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tourists. For example, one may find Jiangnan-style (southern of the Yangtze River) gardens, *Penjing* gardens, green promenade, and other scenic spots in the ecotourism zone; plant tissue cultivation centers, flower

and seedling parks, seasonal melon and fruit picking area, among others, in the agricultural experience zone; all together creating an unforgettable rural experience for the tourists.

滕头生态旅游区吸引了无数游客到访，景区以江南风情园、盆景园、绿色长廊等景点组成生态旅游；以植物组培观光园、花卉苗木观赏区、时令瓜果采摘等组成别开生面的农俗风情游乐。

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