

# WUXI NEWSLETTER

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## Giant Clay Figurines Unveiled in New Zealand to Celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



To celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishing sister-city relationship between Wuxi and Hamilton, two giant clay figurines of Afu and Axi, presented by Wuxi Municipal People's Government, were unveiled in Hamilton City Council on December 2 local time.

Mr. Wang Jinjian, Deputy Mayor of Wuxi and Mr. Martin Gallagher, Deputy Mayor of Hamilton, attended the unveiling ceremony. Though Wuxi and Hamilton are separated by vast oceans, friendly exchanges between the two cities have a long history. As early as in 1986, Wuxi and Hamilton established formal sister-city relationship. Over the past 30 years, thanks to concerted efforts, the two cities have seen substantial progress in

friendly relations and fruitful exchanges in fields such as agriculture, culture and education.

## **2017 Wuxi International Cherry Blossom Week to be Held in March**



2017 Wuxi International Cherry Blossom Week will be held from March 27 to 28 in Yuantouzhu Scenic Spot. Since 1987, friendly personages from Japan (now called Japan-China Conservation Association of Jointly Building Friendly Cherry Blossom Forest) have organized cherry blossom tree planting activities every year. Wuxi Municipal People's Government also makes plans to plant cherry blossom trees. Up till now, there are over 30,000 cherry blossom trees alongside Taihu Lake, and a stone tablet engraved "Sino-Japan Friendly Cherry Blossom Forest" was set. As the year 2017 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of building the Friendly Cherry Blossom Forest, various activities are planned to be held for celebrations, which include Japanese Culture Exhibition, seminar on Industrial Innovation and Social Management in Japan, symposium for media, Japanese Sightseeing and Enterprise Technology Exhibition, and Picture Exhibition of Sino-Japan Friendly Cherry Blossom Forest, together with traditional activities such as tree planting and cherry blossom appreciation.

## Commercial Project of Sumitomo Settled in Xishan District



Recently, Japan Sumitomo Corporation signed an investment agreement with Xishan Development Zone, planning to establish Wuxi Summit Nikka Metal Products Co., Ltd with a registered capital of USD 20 million and a total investment of USD 60 million. Focusing on production and sales of metal products, molds and parts, the project is scheduled to start in April 2017 and put into operation at the beginning of 2018, with the expected revenue of 400 million yuan and tax contributions of 20 million yuan after its completion.

Sumitomo Corporation, founded in 1919, is one of the top five general trading companies in Japan and has set up 146 independent legal entities and offices in 83 countries. In 2015, Sumitomo ranked 350<sup>th</sup> in Fortune 500 list.

## AstraZeneca New Injection Line Launched in Wuxi



On December 7th 2016, AstraZeneca, the world's leading biopharmaceutical company, officially launched a new injection production line in Wuxi. Li Xiaomin, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee and Secretary of CPC Wuxi Municipal Committee, Jeremy Hunt, Health Secretary of UK, and Dame

Barbara Woodward, British Ambassador to China, attended the launching ceremony, and met during an official courtesy meeting. At a cost of USD 75 million, the new production line applies advanced technology and equipment to triple the capacity of the company's existing production facilities. Since the launch of "China Acceleration" strategic plan, AstraZeneca has become the cooperation link between China and UK in the field of health. The new injection line is a vivid practice achieved by both parties and aimed at satisfying patients' medical requirements.

### **Wuxi to Hold 2017 ATTC in April**

The 2016 Executive Board meeting of Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU) was held in Wuxi on Dec.14-15 and it was decided that Wuxi would host 2017 Asian Table Tennis Championship (ATTC) in April this year. EB meeting of ATTU this time mainly focused on the preparation of ATTC to be held in Wuxi, the general election of ATTU and the nomination of Asian delegates in the re-election of Executive Committee of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). Held every two years, ATTC is the top-level table tennis competition in Asia. In the near future, Wuxi people would enjoy the wonderful performance by excellent players from Asian countries.

### **Wuxi Metro Line 4 to Begin Construction in March**

With a total length of 24.4 kilometers, the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Line 4 boasts 18 underground stations starting from Liutan Station to Gonghu Avenue Station. Unlike the red-colored Line 1 and green-colored Line 2, Line 3 and Line 4 intends to use the colors of blue and purple respectively. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Line 4 is expected to be finished before 2019.