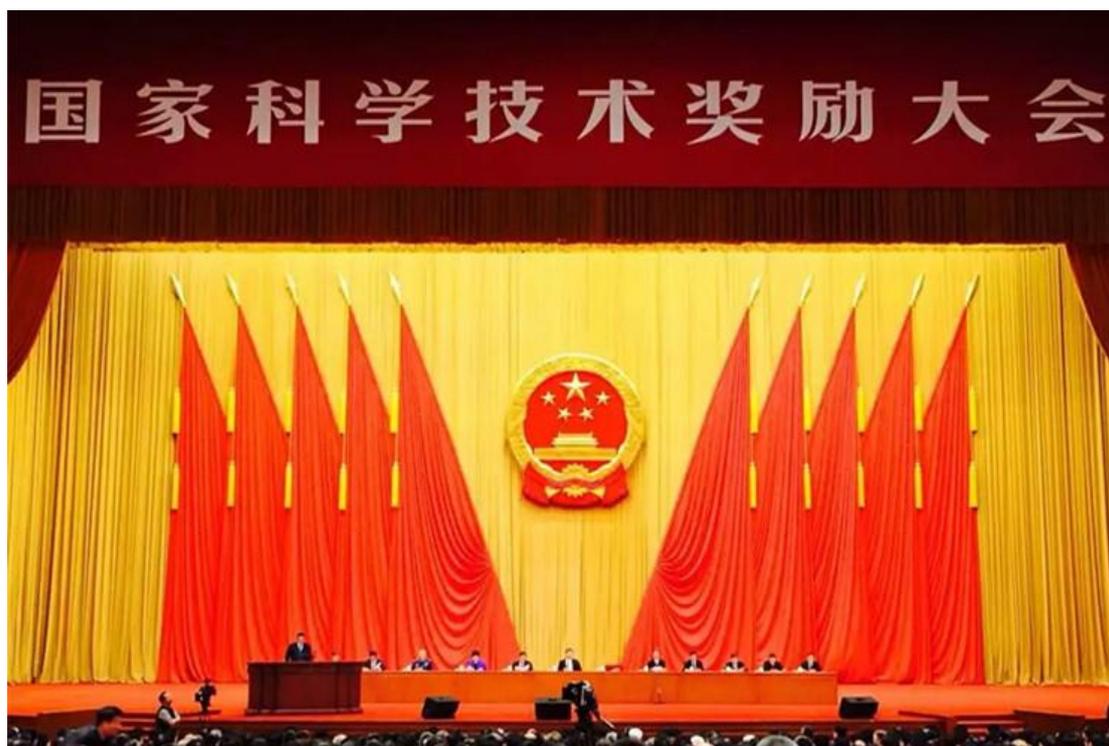


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Wuxi Won the 2016 National Science and Technology Awards



On January 9, the awarding ceremony for the National Science and Technology Award, which is renowned as the highest honor in the circle of Chinese science and technology, was held in Beijing. During the ceremony, five institutions in Wuxi overseeing four projects received 2016 National Science and Technology Awards, among which the Wuxi Fuel Injection Equipment Research Institute of China FAW Group Corporation won the second prize for the National Technology Invention Award; Jiangnan University, China Shipbuilding Science Research Institute (the 702th Research Institute of CSIC), Wuxi Dongfang Changfeng Ship Propeller Co., Ltd. and Linggu Chemical Co., Ltd. won second prizes for the National Scientific and Technological Progress Award

Report of 2016 Wuxi Economic Development

As shown in the report of 2016 Wuxi economic development released on January 25, the total GDP of Wuxi reached 921.02 billion yuan, and the per capita GDP exceeded 140,000 yuan, reaching 141,300 yuan, much higher than that of Jiangsu Province (95,300 yuan) and the whole nation (54,000 yuan). It is worth mentioning that last year the per capita disposable income was 42,757 yuan, up 8.4% compared to that of the previous year.

Wuxi Received 10% more Tourists during Spring Festival Compared to the Previous Year



During the recently concluded Spring Festival holiday, Wuxi received 2,987,700 Chinese and foreign tourists, which is an increase of 10.5%; total tourism income reached 3.298 billion yuan, which is up 16.7% compared to the same period last year. Traveling during the Spring Festival has become a “New Year custom.” Visitors have easy access to experience the traditional culture through various holiday activities and locations, such as the food market in Chong’an Temple, folk-custom exhibitions held at many locations, the bell-striking and light-offering activities at Lingshan

Scenic Area, and challenging competitions and sideshows at the CCTV Film and Television Base. Popular scenic spots in Wuxi during the Spring Festival included Lingshan Town of Nianhuawan, Bamboo Sea in Yixing, Lingshan Buddha, CCTV Wuxi Movie/TV Base, Wuxi Lvyang Spa, Linggu Cave and the Turtle Head Peninsula.

2017 Wuxi International Marathon to kick off on March 19

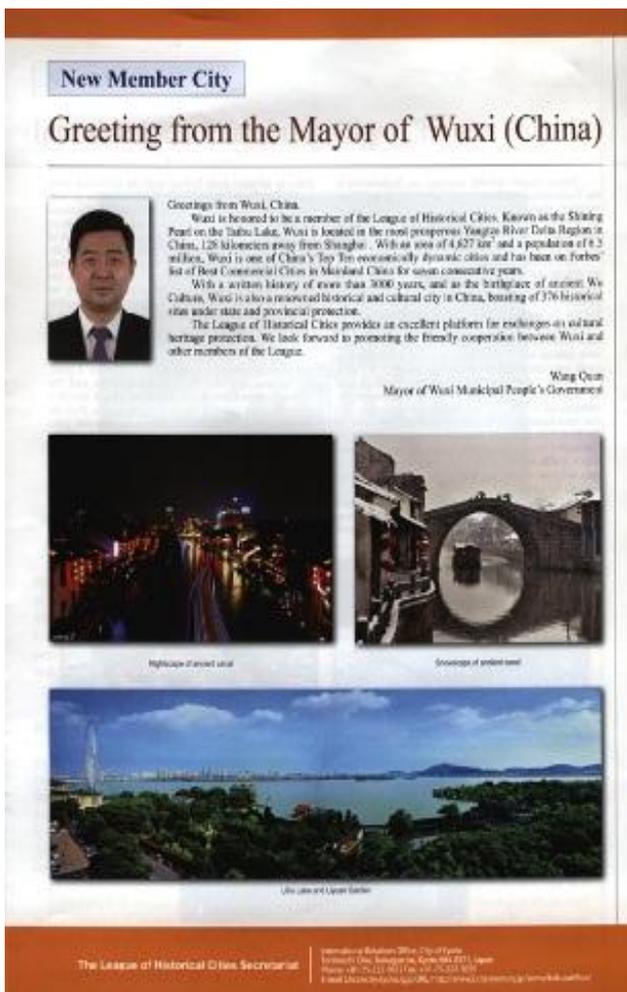


The 2017 Wuxi International Marathon will begin at 7:30 A.M. on March 19. It is expected that 30,000 runners will participate in the event. The total number of runners competing in the full marathon will increase by three thousand while those in the half marathon will decrease. Meanwhile, this year live coverage of the competition with English-language commentary and signals covering over one hundred countries will be provided. First held in 2014, Wuxi International Marathon now stands out from other marathons, thanks to its beautiful scenic route and qualified service. Registration this year is still quite popular, as demands exceed supply.

Three more universities will be set up in Wuxi by 2020

Recently, Binjiang College of Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (NUIST) was set up in Wuxi's Xidong New City. It is the third university set up in Wuxi after Jiangnan University and Taihu College. During the thirteenth five-year-planning period, Wuxi will give more support to Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology to build itself into an application-oriented university with mixed ownership, while promoting the school-running level of Jiangnan Film and Television Art College in its development as a renowned private university.

Wuxi introduced on the League of Historical Cities Bulletin



Recently, Wuxi was introduced as a new member of the League of Historical Cities on its 74th issue of the Bulletin published in December, 2016. The landmarks include the Ancient Grand Canal, the Lihu Lake, the cityscape and other historical sites. Initiated by the city of Kyoto, Japan, the League of Historical Cities is aimed at addressing the common issues facing historical cities around the globe while also promoting their development. One hundred nine cities in sixty-three countries are recognized as the members of the League, including Vienna, Austria; Barcelona, Spain; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Athens, Greece; and now Wuxi, China as of June, 2016.