

Songjiang firm's wind power project in Kazakhstan goes into full operation

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A WIND power project in east Kazakhstan, invested and constructed by a Songjiang-based company, was put into full operation recently.

The project Abay100MW by Universal Energy, a renewable energy solution provider, is expected to deliver 330 million kilowatt-hour clean, pollution-free electricity and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by about 320,000 tons every year.

Ten kilometers away is another of the Songjiang company's wind power project, Abay50MW, that is currently under construction. This will generate 160 million KWH green electricity and cut CO2 emissions by

94,000 tons when completed.

The winter in Kazakhstan is severely cold with the lowest temperature reaching 20 degrees Celsius below zero, and it leaves only five months for construction every year.

The Abay100MW project, started last year, features Envision Energy's EN-141/3.2 wind turbines. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Universal Energy has adopted the "co-development" model of "100 percent made in China, 100 percent construction in Kazakhstan," which helped ensure quick work resumption.

So far, Universal Energy has invested and constructed six plants in

Kazakhstan with a total capacity of 380 megawatts, among which four have been put into commercial operation that deliver 930 million KWH clean electricity. When all the plants go online, they will work to reduce 900,000 tons of carbon emissions every year, and meet the needs of about 600,000 households for low-cost, environmentally friendly and sustainable electricity.

The projects in Kazakhstan bring 1.8 billion yuan in exports of China-grown photovoltaic, wind power and other related equipment.

"We will continue to respond to the Belt and Road Initiative, strive to bring more high-quality



A wind turbine set up by Universal Energy in Kazakhstan

green energy projects with high standards, and make our contribution to promote cooperation and technological exchanges between China and Kazakhstan," said Nan Yi, founder, chairman and CEO of Universal Energy.



The sika deer observes the crowd. — Zhou Yuyu

Sika deer spotted in industrial park

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A SIKA deer appeared unexpectedly in Zhongshan Industrial Park recently. The park's workers contacted the Songjiang Forestry Station and Shanghai Zoo, and further measures were awaited.

When found, the deer was chewing grass on an unused land. The animal seemed frightened when it noticed humans coming over, and it immediately jumped into the water to escape.

But the deer got out of the water and climbed up the bank once it realized there was no danger. It then observed the crowd curiously with alarm.

The park worker, who first discovered the deer during his patrol, said it appeared from nowhere early in the morning around 6am. "It was walking aimlessly and foraging in the park," he said.

The suburban district's Forestry Station said that the animal was a sika deer for sure, but it still remained a question where it came from. The station has contacted Shanghai Zoo, whose officials would decide on further measures, including animal shelter.

Songjiang was nicknamed as "a town of deer" in ancient times because its fertile land and crisscrossed rivers made it an ideal place for deer to inhabit.

Local teacher bags China's first gold medal at WorldSkills special edition

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A SONGJIANG teacher won the first gold medal for China at the WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition last month in Switzerland.

Shao Rupeng, from Shanghai City Science and Technology School based in suburban Songjiang District, was announced as a gold-medal winner of joinery.

The WorldSkills Competition 2022, which was to take place in Shanghai on October 12-17, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a special edition was launched, with 62 skills competitions, in 15 countries and regions from September to November.

A total of 36 Chinese competitors have registered for 34 skills competitions being held

in Switzerland, Germany, France, Finland, South Korea, Japan and Austria.

Two other Chinese competitors, Li Dexin and Wang Zongheng, won gold medals for cabinetmaking and a medallion for excellence in carpentry, respectively.

The three skills events took place on October 11-14 in Basel, Switzerland, with more than 40 competitors from 27 countries and regions attending.

"Big thanks to all the people who helped me. The hard work has paid off and the efforts we've made have not been in vain," Shao wrote on his social network platform after he was announced as the winner.

The contestants were required to complete the production of a plane and a three-dimensional module

with the equipment and materials provided on site.

"There were two days for us to prepare before the competition. Once it began, we had to complete the production, from tenon and mortise connection, to polishing, and assembly in four days and 22 hours," Shao revealed.

The task was hard and every one was pressed for time. "Many topics we prepared before were changed to new ones. In addition to the pandemic in Shanghai, the contestants had less time for training," said Xiang Guoping, vice president of Shanghai City Science and Technology School.

"The gold medal is just a start for me, and I'll dedicate myself to teaching more talent in the field of joinery," Shao said.



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Teacher from Shanghai City Science and Technology School

Shao Rupeng works with concentration during the WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition held in October in Basel, Switzerland.