

City primed for bigger role in nation's development

By HU CHAO

On March 21, the Huangshi, a city in central China's Hubei province, received approval from the State Council for national standing for its Economic and Technical Development Zone, the second to receive such approval in the province, after the one in the capital, Wuhan.

The municipal government of Huangshi regarded this as a golden opportunity to develop the city's low-carbon economy.

The Economic and Technical Development Zone, was founded in 1992, and has served as an engine for the city's social and economic transformation.

Over the last 18 years, great changes have taken place in the zone, which used to be a deserted swamp on the riverbank.

These achievements have paved the way for the zone's promotion to a national industrial zone.

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become more competitive.

Huangshi has been designated as a national trial city for economic transformation and it is expected to receive a funding of over 10 billion yuan from the central government in the coming years.

The funding will be used to promote high-tech and energy-efficient industries. The government plans to attract more large enterprises from home and abroad to come and invest in the city's core industries, including new material, mechanics and electrics, electronic information and biomedicine.

After becoming a national economic and technical development zone, Huangshi will play a bigger role in the nation's development strategy.

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of the zone's industrial output, the zone's energy consumption used to be higher than the nation's average level.

Now, with the promotion, the zone is expected to win more financial support from central government to upgrade its energy-consuming machines and equipment enabling it to develop a low-carbon economy.

Government support

To facilitate a smooth industrial transfer from coastal regions to interior regions, the State Council has decided to establish several key industrial bases in mid and western China.

As a national economic and technical development zone, Huangshi is expected to benefit from this transfer and



Huangshi Port, one of the top 10 grade-one ports along the middle reaches of the Yangtze River, has become an important logistic center along the river.

Huangshi: a magnet for major investors

By ZHOU ZHANZHANG

In recent years, leading international and domestic enterprises, including G&D from Germany, CETH from France, LVD from Belgium, Marubeni and Kuraki from Japan, SK from South Korea, Pouchen from Taiwan, CIT-IC Pacific from Hong Kong, Baosteel, Tsingdao Beer, and 999 Medicine have all come to invest in the Huangshi Economic and Technical Development Zone.

The Huangshi Dongbei Electrical Group has the largest production and sales among its competitors in China. The group's energy-efficient compressor technology has reached an advanced level.

The Mailyard Company is a well-known garment manufacturer, with a large market share in Japan.

The company's main product, the Mailyard suit, has received the honor of "China's Top 10 Suits" and a golden quality award from Europe.

The Huangshi Sunny Science & Technology Development Co Ltd is a high-tech enterprise devoted to steel strip technology and equipment. The coated steel sheets produced by the company occupy a market share of more than 55 percent.

The numerically controlled machine tools made by the Hubei Tri-Ring Group's Huangshi Metalforming Machinery Company, a leading enterprise in the city,

have been exported to many foreign countries, including Mexico.

Transport

In recent years, the municipal government of Huangshi has invested more than 10 billion yuan in several major transportation projects, with an aim of making the city a logistics hub in central China, particularly in southeastern Hubei and northern Jiangxi provinces.

As a national grade-one port along the Yangtze River, China's major water transportation artery, Huangshi has complete port infrastructure and services. Ocean-going vessels of 5,000 tons can reach the port all year round.

With construction of several expressways and the Edong Yangtze River Bridge, the city has a developed transport network. The Wuhan-Huangshi Inter-city railway, which is under construction, will shorten travel time between the two cities to just 20 minutes.

People

As the second biggest city in Hubei province, Huangshi has abundant human resources, including technicians and skilled workers. The zone is in long-term partnership with some of China's top universities, such as Tsinghua University, Wuhan University and Huazhong University of Science and Technology. The Huangshi Cihu National High-Tech

10

billion yuan

the amount the local government of Huangshi has invested in several major transportation projects, with an aim of making the city a logistics hub in central China

30

percent

the percentage of the city's total GDP that the Huangshi Economic and Technical Development Zone will account for by 2015

Innovation Service Center has attracted a large number of returned overseas talents and college students.

"The blueprint of building a new Huangshi with a GDP of more than 100 billion yuan depends on the city's ability to attract talent," said Luo Qingquan, secretary of the Hubei CPC provincial committee.

Hu Chao, a member of the Huangshi CPC Standing Committee, and director of the Huangshi Economic and Technical Development Zone Administration said the zone will accelerate its growth by increasing its industrial output by over 40 percent annually. By 2015, the zone's GDP will take up more than 30 percent of the city's total.



Workers on an assembly line in Sanjiu Huangshi Medical & Pharmaceutical Co Ltd in Huangshi Economic and Technical Development Zone. Core industries in the zone include electronic information, biomedicine, and energy-efficient industries.

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Energy efficiency is made top priority

By ZHOU LIHUA

The low-carbon economy has served as the engine for growth of the Huangjinshan New Industrial District, administered by the Huangshi Economic and Technical Development Zone, in the past years and will grow even stronger in the future, a senior official said.

"We will never pursue economic interests at the cost of environmental degradation in developing the Huangjinshan New Industrial District," said Hu Chao, a member of the Huangshi CPC Standing Committee, and director of

20

billion yuan

the total investment the Huangjinshan New Industrial Park has attracted since its establishment three years ago

the Huangshi Economic and Technical Development Zone administration.

"We have declined a project with environmental hazard though it will bring us an investment of more than 2 billion yuan."

Hu said the original landscape, including hills, woods

and lakes in the district, has been preserved to the largest extent possible. All enterprises that want to enter the new industrial district must meet strict environmental standards.

In addition, businesses in the district are required to be energy-efficient, using sustainable and renewable energies, and recycling emissions wherever possible.

As a result, a large group of low-carbon enterprises have emerged in the new industrial district.

For instance, the Huangjinshan Wastewater Treatment Plant, with an investment of

150 million yuan, has realized "zero-pollution" discharge of industrial and residential wastewater.

The Huangjinshan Garbage Power Plant, with an investment of 470 million yuan, is expected to be built by this year. Upon completion, the plant will be able to treat 1,200 tons of garbage daily, generating electricity of 160 million kilowatt-hours annually.

"It is our responsibility to protect the environment and reduce energy consumption. Only in this way can we really develop the zone into a new city center with developed industry and beautiful envi-

ronment," Hu said.

Since the establishment of the new industrial district three years ago, more than 50 projects have been introduced with a combined investment of 20 billion yuan, including the Dongbei Industrial Park, Zhangfan Spring Holiday Resort, and Mailyard Industrial Park.

Environment

Huangshi is a picturesque city, with green mountains, rivers and lakes. With total river length of 1,732 km and 258 lakes, Huangshi has received the honor of "National Garden City."



Workers on the assembly lines in the Baojia Shoe Factory in the Huangjinshan New Industrial District.

AT A GLANCE

- The growth of the Huangjinshan New Industrial District, administered by the Huangshi Economic and Technical Development Zone, has advanced at a constant fast pace in the past three years.
- The new district has introduced over 50 projects since it was founded in 2006, with a total investment of 20 billion yuan.
- Within an area of 20 sq km, 12 major roads have been completed. A new wastewater treatment plant can treat 50,000 cubic meters of wastewater every day.
- The new district's supporting facilities, including water supply, power supply, natural gas supply, wastewater discharge and telecommunications, have attracted a large amount of foreign and domestic investment.

Congratulations on the Huangshi Economic and Technical Development Zone's promotion to a national industrial zone

