Navy ships and equipment, range of marine resources

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As the South China Sea base for China’s navy and an important port in Guangdong province, Zhanjiang will host the China Ocean Economy Expo from Dec 3 to 7. The expo will feature displays of fighters, helicopters, tanks and missiles, while the outdoor area will include a close look at a variety of cutting-edge equipment — from tanks to aircraft, armored vehicles and military technology including actual equipment in service.

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The indoor area includes an exhibition hall of fighters, helicopters, tanks and missiles, while the outdoor space is set aside for sea-related equipment, including the 10-meter high armored amphibious tanks and a wide range of armored vehicles. Visitors can also play games in the indoor hall that include shooting, machine assembly and an obstacle course.

The China Ocean Economy Expo from Dec 3 to 7 will host over 3,000 exhibitors from more than 20 countries, including displays by 80 international companies and institutions, 14 Fortune 500 companies, as well as 11 state-owned enterprises and 53 listed companies.

The State Oceanic Administration will display a full-size model of the Jiaolong blue-water submarine that represents the nation’s most advanced deep sea research technology.

The China Ocean Economy Expo is to be held in Guangzhou in 2012. Beginning this year, Zhanjiang will be the permanent host for the expo.

“Zhanjiang’s development is closely related to the ocean, with an important position in China’s strategy to become a maritime power,” said Liu Xiaohua, Party chief of Zhanjiang, explaining why the city was chosen as the expo’s permanent host.

Output from Zhanjiang’s marine industry was valued at 127.9 billion yuan ($20.5 billion) in 2013. The city has become one of China’s biggest producers of aquatic products and production centers for marine equipment in Southeast Asia.

Zhanjiang is an important port on the ancient Maritime Silk Road.

Our goal is to develop Zhanjiang into the bridge-head of cooperation between China and Southeast Asia, and the new start of the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road.”

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