

## A city that continues to prosper in urbanization

#### By PHILIP WILLIAM BRYAN

The word "home" can mean many things. To me, wherever you are and whoever is with you is home. I am so proud and grateful that I call Gui-

yang home When people ask me what makes Guiyang so special, I tell them it is the people, the food, the city's urban development, and the countless opportunities that I have been so

fortunate to receive. Guiyang has developed itself as a food destination. Guizhou province is famously known for countless local cuisine dishes including spicy chicken, silk doll, bean curd noodles and sour fish soup. There are other snacks which I enjoy such as fried pork and crisp whistle.

Being in Guiyang allows me to embrace the culture not just of Gui-

vang, but also China. Living here for such a long time has allowed me to witness the growth and development of Gui-

Yet one of Guiyang's most unique

features is its recent development and rapid urbanization. Roads that circle around moun tains rather than go in straight lines, houses crammed together instead of planned into organized communities, the city's core repre-

sents a typical example of quick population growth. In contrast, Guanshanhu, the North-West district of the city, is a and more modern urban environpicture-perfect vision of urban

planning With structured roads going in direct paths, massive parks in central areas, a clear business district, and obvious residential areas. Jinyang presents itself as a highly developed modern city with clear urban planning.

Having both features so strikingly clear in one city is not common Together, they provide multiple attractions for outsiders looking to

visit or live in the city. Another aspect that has intrigued me is the transportation. When I first arrived here, there was

no subway system. It was under construction and the only way to access the city was

by walking, catching the bus or taking a taxi. This caused a lot of traffic con- an English teacher at No 1 High gestion on the roads and delays School in Guiyang.

when trying to move around to different districts and areas. In 2018. the first subway line opened to make the city more accessible to

other areas Then in 2021, the second line opened to connect the city with the airport in the outskirts of Guiyang The third line is now under con struction, and it is going to make Guiyang even more accessible.

Another impressive aspect of Guiyang's development was its offering and growth of international flights to many countries prior to the pandemic This made me feel that Guiyang

was on track to becoming an inter national city, making its presence known along other international cities such as Shenzhen, Shanghai Guangzhou, and Chengdu.

With the growth of big data, I can only imagine Guiyang will attract more people from other countries and the demand to access Guiyang directly will only continue to grow Furthermore, Guiyang's location

in China makes it very accessible to other cities by way of highspeed rail. Many big cities such as Chengdu, Chongqing, Guangzhou, Shenz hen, Wuhan, and Guilin, are just a few hours away.

Many people prefer to live in historic, bustling areas of a city where they can absorb and experience as much of the culture as possible. On the other hand, some prefer quieter ments. Guivang allows people to live in

their environment of choice, while also having immediate access to the other, making it an ideal living location.

There has been an increase in the number of housing communities and shopping malls over the last few years, which is also evident of Guiyang's urban development.

If you combine these features with the massive growth in Big Data and the tech industry, won derfully kind and friendly local people and delicious food along with affordable living, clean air, a moderate climate, and breath-taking scenery, Guiyang, in my eyes, is the perfect place to live.

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Area . Shi zhaochang / For china daily Children paint handicrafts at a cultural activity in Nanming district, Guiyang. zhao song / For china dail:

#### **By HU ZHONGDONG**

he State Council recently issued a doc ument to support Guizhou province in forging a new path in the development of the western region in the new era, which will exert a significant and far-reaching impact on the promotion of high-quality development in the region.

Guizhou will firmly seize the great opportuni ty and achieve new breakthroughs, prospects

The document is a major opportunity and a test for Guiyang and Guian New Area. The document reflects the great support of the CPC Central Committee for the overall development of Guizhou and Guiyang will take the responsibili ty and mission and do practical actions. A deep understanding of the document is a

project-based. policy-based and concrete imple mentation of the Party's plan for Guizhou. Guiyang will adhere to the strategic position-

ing of "four districts and one highland"; keep an eye on the phased goals in 2025 and 2035; grasp the "three keys" of policies, projects and funds and take the action of "strengthening the provin-



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# **DOCUMENT DETAILS GUIYANG DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

Wide-ranging, profound impact expected on high-quality growth

Guiyang will shoulder the mission, brave the new road and be a pioneer, transform major opportunities into development tools...\*

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opportunities into development tools, create on the rectification of problems reported by regional high-quality development growth the central ecological and environmental propoles. Guiyang aims to build a high-quality eco-logical civilization demonstration city, focus

## Region on the road to modernization with core projects to enhance people's sense of happiness

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Guiyang in Guizhou province has made remarkable efforts in boosting modern civiliza tion by implementing its all-around urban development plan and launching a series of key projects to renovate infrastructure, beautify its nent and improve people's livelihoo and sense of happiness, said local officials. The city is setting up a "one circle, two lots and

three platforms" development layout, consisting of a 15-minute living circle covering education, culture, health and sports, food, housing and transportation for both young and elderly, two lots comprised of parking and farmers' markets and the "three reforms" being the renovation of shanty towns, old communities and back streets and allevs.

Every morning, Yang Fen, a resident in the city's Baiyun district, goes out and walks less than 10 minutes to the Heli Huimin Fresh Market to buy fruits and vegetables.

"It's very convenient to buy vegetables. There are fresh food stores downstairs and many choices within a 10-minute walk," he said, adding that education and medical care in the commu nity is also convenient with two nearby kindergartens and 10 clinics such as the Yuncheng Street Community Health Service Center.

Tan Qing, a citizen who lives in Yunyan district, has a strong impression of the new smart parking lot on Yan'an West Road. "In the past, parking on West Yan'an Road was very difficult. Now that the smart parking lot is

activated. I no longer worry about parking problems. It has solved a major issue that plagued the residents of our old community," Tan said. The smart parking lot is generally built beside the urban rail transit. The owner can park the years.



From left: The wall is renovated in an old community in Yunyan district in Guiyang. CHEN JIAJIA / FOR CHINA DAILY Residents watch a cultural activity at the Qingyun Road in Nanming district in Guiyang. ZHAO SONG / FOR CHINA DAILY

#### ease urban traffic congestion.

#### A new look

Since its opening on Dec 11 last year, Qingyun Market has become a hotspot destination for visitors in Guiyang. Citizens go to the place for "check-in" and the average daily flow of people the Qingyun Road. remains at around 20,000, making it a new internet celebrity landmark.

In the past, Qingyun Market was a 1-kilometer pedestrian street built in 1927. It became a famous night market snack road within the city, carrying the strong urban nostalgia and food memories of Guiyang people for nearly 100



In February 2021, in order to further enhance the image of the city and create a new calling card for the streets of Guiyang, Nanming district started the renovation and upgrading of

The renovation of the pedestrian street involves three buildings, nine units and 382 households.

"Before the renovation, we went door-to-door to publicize the situation and introduced the relevant issues of the renovation of the old community to the residents in the area," said Dai Xiuying, Party secretary of the Xingguan Road

She said that workers of the renovation project carefully observed the surrounding environment including pipeline blockage, safety, greening and other issues, gave feedback to the

superior department, and tried to solve the problems as much as possible during the transformation. Song Yaping, who lives at No 79 Qingyun Road, moved here from Yunyan district in 1994.

Song has a deep attachment to the Qingyun "In the past, there was a night market down-

stairs, so the houses here were very easy to rent. But it also led to a floating population. By replacing the canopy, installing fitness equipment, and implementing pipe network renovations, we can restore a good living environment for the com-

Road.

software and information technology services, and consolidates the industrial foundation of 'strong provincial capital" with industrial breakthroughs. The Guiyang government is prioritizing the digital economy, developing electronic information manufacturing, software and information technology services, increasing the proportion of the digital economy, making every effort to build a digital expo and big data

industries. The villagers took the ini tiative to invest in labor, rectification

of river channels, construction of

mechanical farming roads and drain

The strawberry commune achieved

"Our family has invested 10,000 yuan in cash and 7 mu of land in this

strawberry commune. The annual dividend is over 10,000 vuan. We can

still work at the door of the house. I get a fixed salary of 3,100 yuan a

month," said 57-year-old local villager

In 2018, the strawberry commune

which has only experienced two pick-

ing-up seasons, has returned all its

To date, it has more than 320 mu of

land under unified management, and

built 60 mu of strawberry planta-

tions, 190 mu of plum plantations

From 2017 to 2020, the strawberry

commune achieved a gross agricul-

179 capital shareholders, 960,000

holders, and 2.45 million yuan for vil-

Among them, 750.000 project

bonuses were distributed in 2018 and

2019, and 98 villagers who invested in

land were distributed with a total of

150,000 guaranteed dividends, cover-

ing seven registered households with

The average annual income of each

household has increased by nearly

3,000 yuan, and the problem of

employment for nearly 80 people has

The 54-year-old villager Liu Yubin

used to live in a poor household. His

eldest son cannot take care of himself

with cerebral palsy, and his wife suf-

"I was assigned a job in the village

responsible for cleaning 2 kilometers

of road, and I have a stable income of

1,800 yuan per month. Watching the

village get cleaned up, I felt very ful-

filled. This year, my younger son has

also started to work, and I hope the

By investing in land and capital

and starting a business with skills,

the villagers of Wengjing have

changed from farmers to sharehold

"Just like the people's commune

the spirit of solidarity and hard

work came back," said Huang, who

is now the Party secretary and

"The land resources have been

revitalized and the villagers have

become the main body of the vil-

lage's collective economy, and every-

one's attitude towards participating

Huang said that the establish

ment of a sharing and evaluation

mechanism can motivate, regulate,

and restrain villagers' behavior, and

encourage villagers to participate in

"By connecting with the interest

of the common people in this way, it

not only promotes the development

of the industry and increases the

income of the villagers, but also fur-

ther enhances the villagers' aware

ness of civilization, improves their personal qualities, and makes Wengjing clean and tidy."

cial exploration of grassroots rural

governance and a new rural distri-

bution model in the new era," said

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the ordinary people. The advanta-

lage have formed an effective

'Wengjing's example is a benefi

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director of the village.

has become more active.'

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and 80 mu of lotus root plantations

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Liu Yuquan.

a bumper harvest in the first year, with an output of 47,000 yuan per mu and a

turnover of nearly 1 million yuan.

age ditches," Huang said.

Clockwise from top: Tencent's data center is located in the Guian New Area in Guizhou province. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY Visitors tour the food street in Oingyun Road in Guiyang, ZHAO SONG / FOR CHINA DAILY A technician works on the production of a tech company in the Guian New

The province adheres to the two bottom lines of development and ecology, continues to expand key industries such as food, new energy vehicles, aluminum and aluminum processng, health and pharmaceutical industry, center and enhances the competitiveness of Guiyang's digital economy brand. The city is implementing the "four major projects" of talent introduction, education, employ ment and retention and is offers guarantees on

housing. The document proposes a series of support policies in the field of people's livelihoods.

Guiyang will take people's livelihood as the biggest concern, and create more common prosperity that can be seen, felt and experienced.

The city makes job stabilization and social security a top priority by increasing the total number of jobs and ensuring social security work in education, housing, medical care and elderly care

tern of co-construction, co-governance and sharing, so that people live and work in peace and contentment.

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mon people," Song said. For businessman Yan Shengzong, the development of Qingyun Road alleys and built 70 model streets. is a testimony to his career. In 2005, Yan started a grilled fish business, and now he has become an old merchant on the road.

Along the way, he witnessed the whole process of the night market from being chaotic and congested to being well-regulated and orderly.

"In the past, the streets were dirty and clutabout problems such as the poor external environment and the inconvenience of parking." Yan ed customers' consumption experience to a certain extent.

es or residents, but in the long run, the renova-

tion and upgrading of the Qingyun Road will be

beneficial to our merchants," Yan said. On Jan 20, the Qingyun Road Pedestrian Street Opening Event and the Launching Ceremony of the 2022 Guiyang Chinese New Year

Festival was held. Now, the road has wide and clean roads with neat and bright storefronts. A total of 47 new stores were introduced, 10 business formats have been upgraded and renovated and 160 merchants were introduced, with the street not only retaining its nostalgic memories, but also integrating trendy business formats.

#### Promoting city functions

Since 2021, the city has launched 752 "15-min ute life circle" projects, built 20,122 public parking spaces, completed the standardized transformation and upgrading of 30 farmers' markets, and optimized and adjusted 14 Huimin fresh food supermarket outlets.

It has renovated old communities of 50.000 households, improved 360 back streets and

Guivang aims to build a National Civilized Model City on the basis of striving for the "five consecutive championships" of a national civilized city in 2023.

Hu Zhongxiong, member of the Standing Committee of the Guizhou Provincial Party Committee, Party secretary of Guiyang and tered, and customers would sometimes talk secretary of the Party working committee of Guian New Area, said that the construction of "one circle, two lots and three reforms" is closesaid that the noisy external environment affect- ly related to the people. "We should adhere to the people-centered development thinking, with responsibility, emotion and conscience "The renovation work will inevitably have a By responding to their thoughts and needs, short-term impact on the surrounding business- people can enjoy better services and a more comfortable life," he said.

## Village life revitalized through rural initiatives

### **By YUAN SHENGGAO**

As spring approaches, the rural landscape in Guivang, Guizhou province, is rejuvenating with sightseeing tours, ethnic-style farmstays and fruit-picking activities favored by numerous visitors across the country

In recent years, the city has vigor ously implemented the rural revitalization plan to help farmers increase their income and promote balanced urban and rural development, which lays a solid foundation for achieving common prosperity and answers the call to the State Council's recently released document titled Opinions on Supporting Guizhou in Breaking a New Road in the Development of the Western Regions in the New Era.

Today, the villages of Guiyang show a new pattern of continuous development of the agricultural industry, improvement of farmers' lives and rural appearance.

Wengjing village, in Jinhua town Guanshanhu district, is an epitome of the region's rural revival, renowned for its clean and tidy greenhouses and organic strawber-

Li Xiyu, former deputy Party secretary of the Jinhua town and head of the agriculture and rural bureau of Guangshanhu district, said that Wengjing had lagging infrastructure and a backward living environnent in the past. The fragmented land and poor farming conditions had restricted the development of the local economy.

Li hoped that he could help to build a beautiful village based on local conditions and he found Huang Jinlin, who had lived in Wengjing since childhood.

Huang, a pioneer of the rural revitalization course in Wengjing, used to operate coal mines in the 1990s. In 2013, Huang traveled abroad and was touched by the rural governance and farming landscape in other areas.

Coupled with the strong persuasion of the Party committee of the town, the 46-year-old decided to return home to start a business in 2016. "At that time, I only had one purpose, to revitalize the collective resources and assets of the village, and lead everyone to work together and live a good life," Huang said.

For years, Wengjing grew vegetables, corn and other crops with low income

To adjust the region's agricultural structure, Huang went out to gain more knowledge and experiences, and finally explored a new industrial

He introduced a strawberry planting project with the operation mode of "Party, cooperatives, base and farmer'

"We will build Wengjing together. If you have sufficient funds, you are velcome to invest in it. If you are short of funds, you will contribute your efforts. The whole village will oin in to build a beautiful Wengjing," Huang said.

So, a total of 123.7 mu, or some 82,000 square meters, of land was integrated, and the village collective and 180 households were responsible for the construction of the village.

The village shareholders of the unit jointly invested 2.5 million yuan to construct the first phase of the Wengiing strawberry commune with 21 mi and 18 strawberry planting greennouses at the end of June 2016

To cultivate strawberries with big fruit and a sweet taste, the village nvited experts from Shouguang, Shandong province, and the Provin- Luo Yang, Party Secretary of the cial Academy of Agricultural Sciences Guanshanhu district. "The core of to carry out industrial planning and rural revitalization is to solve the variety improvement.

At the end of August of the same year, the first phase of greenhouse ges and characteristics of the vilplanting of the strawberry commune was completed, and the "Zhangji" distribution mechanism according strawberry variety imported from to the conditions of the village," he Shandong was harvested in Weng- said.

"We have also established nine Yang Jun and Zhao Yandi vanguard teams to develop other contributed to this story.



Farmers pick tomatoes at a plantation in Guivang. CHINA DAILY

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The city has created a social governance pat-