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Historic Achievements Made in Economic and Social Development of Guiyang since the Founding of the People's Republic of China

## The Enormous Changes over the Past 70 Years



Guanshanhu District in the morning sun

2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Over the past years, we have made historic achievements and seen historic changes in economic and social development. The economic strength and the infrastructures have been improved significantly, the level of opening-up has been enhanced greatly, and people's lives have been further improved.

### The tremendous increase of economic aggregate

In 1949, Guiyang's GDP was only RMB14.67 million. In 1978, Guiyang's economic aggregate was merely RMB1.077 billion. By 2018, the number had reached RMB379.845 billion, namely RMB1.04 billion per day, equivalent to the economic aggregate of 1978.

In recent years, Guiyang has taken a lead in developing big data, and has successfully made "China's Data Valley" a window for knowing about Guiyang. In 2018, the new economic value added accounted for 21% of Guiyang's GDP.

### Turning from an "acid rain-plagued city" to a "cool city"

Before the 1980s, Guiyang was one of the cities plagued by severe acid rain. For this reason, the city leveraged the opportunity of developing a circular economy, strived to improve its ecological environment and managed to get rid of the plague of acid water in 2001. In 2012, Guiyang was

approved to build itself into China's first demonstration city for making ecological progress. In 2015, it passed the acceptance check for national environmental protection model cities. In 2018, it was honored as China's Top 10 City of Ecological Advancement. Now, "Cool Guiyang" has become a slogan of the city.

### Turning from a western mountain city to a transport hub

In 1949, Guiyang only had a total mileage of 210.5 km. In 1978, its traffic mileage was 779 kilometers. Since the launch of reform and opening up, the construction of the road network of the city has been accelerated. In 1991, its first highway was open to traffic. In 2015, highways reached all of its counties.

The railway and civil aviation construction of Guiyang develop

in an all-round way. In 1997, Guiyang Longdongbao International Airport was open to air traffic. In 2014, Guiyang-Guangzhou High-speed Railway was open to traffic, signifying that Guiyang has ushered in the "era of high-speed railway". As its comprehensive 3D transport system keeps improving, Guiyang, as a transport hub in western China, gains an increasingly prominent status.

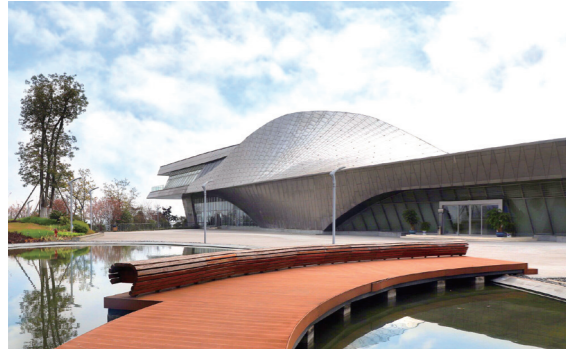
### Its level of opening-up increases in an all-around way

At the inception of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Guiyang was an underdeveloped city with low level of opening up. As China adopted the policy on reform and opening-up, Guiyang also accelerated its opening-up to the outside world. So far, Guiyang has carried out friendly exchanges and pragmatic cooperation with over 30 countries and regions including the United States, Switzerland, Germany, and South Korea, and established a friendly relationship with 17 foreign cities including Liverpool in Britain.



### The people's lives have reached the level of moderate prosperity in all respects

In 1985, Guiyang officially launched the program of poverty alleviation through development. In 1998, Guiyang took a lead in Guizhou in meeting the basic needs of the poor population. In 2012, Guiyang took a lead in Guizhou in eliminating absolute poverty. In 2015, Guiyang took a lead in Guizhou in reaching the level of moderate prosperity in all respects. In 2018, the per capita disposable income of urban residents and that of rural residents of Guiyang reached RMB35,115 and RMB15,648, respectively.



### Build better and stronger opening-up platforms

We should support the four state-level opening-up platforms (namely Guiyang Economic Development Zone, New and Hi-tech Development Zone, Free Trade Zone and Shuanglong Airport Economic Zone) in becoming stronger, develop leading industries and specialty industries, increase the level of the development of the industrial chain and industrial scale, and ensure that industrial parks interact with each other positively and develop based on their respective market positioning.

Guiyang boasts six provincial development zones. The session put forward that we should rationally define leading industries for provincial-level development zones, speed up efforts to introduce and foster leading enterprises, introduce a number of potentially leading companies in medium-high end consumer goods manufacturing and its industrial chain, develop a number of small and medium-sized enterprises focusing on their main business and having great competitiveness, and develop a number of enterprises concentrating on market segments, owning advanced technologies, excellent services and great market shares.

We will further expand the international influence of China International Big Data Industry Expo and make it more professional and market-based, accelerate and promote the implementation and transformation of scientific & technological achievements, and continue to enhance our influence in the world and our ability in guiding the industry.

The Development Goal for the Next Three Years Put Forward at the 7th Plenary Session of the 10th CPC Guiyang Committee

# Accelerate High-standard Opening-up and Promote High-quality Development

In August, 2019, the 7th Plenary Session of the 10th CPC Guiyang Committee was convened, putting forward that we should accelerate high-standard opening-up, foster new growth areas of medium-high-end consumption, and develop medium-high-end manufacturing so as to lay a solid foundation for high-quality development of the real economy of Guiyang in the next three years.



### Increase the level of opening up

The session put forward that we should strengthen our cooperation with major countries and regions, especially cities in European, Japanese, South Korean, and Southeast Asian countries and regions, and broaden our "circle of friends" in the world. We should expand nongovernmental contacts at different levels, establish overseas city-level business representative offices and cultural & tourism promotion center, make every effort to advance the building of international parks including the Swiss (Guizhou) Industrial Demonstration Park, China-UK Industrial Park, China-Europe Industrial Park, and China-

India IT Industry Cluster, and carry out international industrial investment promotion. In the aspect of advancing the building of the integrated logistics channels, we should take an active part in the building of new channels for international land and sea trade, accelerate land-sea coordination and building of internal/external two-way channels, build Guiyang into an air transport hub in western China, open more international nonstop flight routes, take an active part in applying for 144h

transit without visa, and set up mobile visa application centers.

We will improve our policies on facilitating foreign investments, establish investment & trade rules and systems in line with international practices, expand the scope of market access for foreign capital, and fully implement the management system of pre-establishment national treatment plus a negative list.

### Stimulate medium-high-end consumption

We will work harder to develop the brand of "Cool Guiyang, a Shopping Paradise" and work faster to build Guiyang into a trade city of medium- and high-end consumer goods.

We will fully leverage the global visibility and influence of "Guizhou Moutai", regularly organize activities such as International Alcoholic Beverage Expo and world wine brewing & tasting competition, etc., build bonded centers for wine & liquor demonstration and trading, introduce representative wines and liquors from all over the world, and build Guiyang into the "Capital of Wine and Liquor".

In order to increase the advantages of branding concentration medium- and high-end consumer goods, we will energetically develop the first-store economy, encourage and support world-renowned business firms as well as commodity and service providers to set up their first store in Guiyang. Besides, we will vigorously introduce and foster duty-free stores, introduce cross-border e-commercial offline demonstration store, and set up in-city duty-free stores or domestic buy-in duty-free stores.

We will vigorously develop cross-border trade as well as service outsourcing in which software and information service and big data service take the lead, explore the building of a state-level digital service export base, build a platform for demonstration and trading of import & export commodities, and increase the supply capacity and quality of import & export commodities.



### Develop medium-and high-end manufacturing

We will develop new industries for advanced equipment manufacturing and production of medium- and high-end consumer goods, strive to double the industrial scale within five years and basically form an industrial system in which medium- and high-end manufacturing takes the lead.

We will promote the development of the advanced equipment manufacturing industry cluster, focus on manufacturing of finished vehicle and auto components and parts, prioritize new-energy passenger cars including medium- and high-end cars and commercial vehicles, develop core components including engine and supporting industries related to hub and tire, etc., for the purpose of striving to build Guiyang into an advanced and influential manufacturing base in western China.

We will advance the development of manufacturing of medium- and high-end consumer goods, focus on manufacturing of clock, watch, glasses, bag, suitcase, clothing, shoes, hats, articles related to home decoration, and smart terminals, and introduce leading manufacturers mainly from western countries, Japan, and South Korea, so as to significantly improve our medium- and high-end consumer goods in terms of variety, quality satisfaction and brand recognition.

In addition, we will work faster to promote the development of the new energy industry, build Guiyang into an important base for development of new energy in China and promote the upgrading of the industry of new materials.

### "Numbers" in the development goal of Guiyang

#### ◆ RMB100 billion

By 2022, we aim to significantly enhance the comprehensive strength and contribution degree of new industries, realize a total industrial output value of more than RMB100 billion, accounting for over 30% of the total industrial output of the city.

#### ◆ RMB55 billion

By 2022, the production capacity of finished automobile will reach 780,000 per year, and the output value of the advanced equipment manufacturing industry will reach RMB55 billion.

#### ◆ RMB15 billion

By 2022, the output value of the manufacturing industry of medium- and high-end consumer goods will reach RMB15 billion.

#### ◆ RMB12 billion

By 2022, the output value of the new energy industry will reach RMB12 billion.

#### ◆ RMB45 billion

By 2022, the output value of the electronic information manufacturing industry will reach RMB18 billion, and the revenue of the software and IT service industry will reach RMB45 billion.

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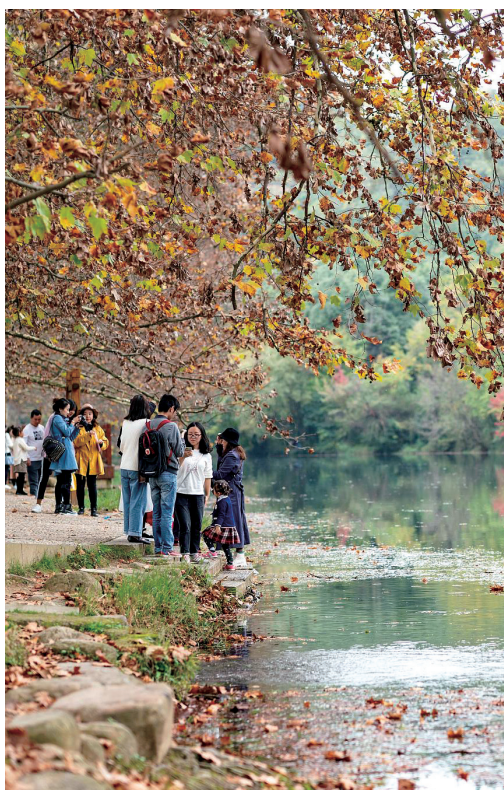
In the next 3-5 years, we plan to preliminarily form two urban axes for commercial & trade development, one core trading areas, and four regional trading areas, strive to build one state-level pedestrian streets, complete the construction of more than 20 high-quality shopping malls (each covering an area of more than 100,000 square meters), introduce and foster over 500 feature shops, and introduce over 1,000 chain convenience stores from home and abroad.



# The Right Time for Enjoying Tree Leaves in Guiyang

A bird's-eye view of "Golden Avenue" in Huaxi District

In summer, Guiyang is a famous resort for tourists from home and abroad for its cool climate and pleasing greeneries. In late autumn and early winter, the tree leaves in Guiyang begin to change colors, turning the city into a sea of colors. Below are some places where you can enjoy tree leaves in Guiyang in late autumn and early winter.



## The "Golden Avenue" in Huaxi District: phoenix tree leaves

Located in the southwest of the Huaxi Park, the "Golden Avenue" is a walkway along the Huaxi River. In autumn, the leaves of hundreds of phoenix trees along the walkway turn yellow, making the walkway look like a golden avenue as viewed from distant mountains. Roaming on the walkway, you will see the dense yellow leaves and the clear Huaxi River, and the scenery is just like a colorful oil painting.

Here, you can ride a bike, taste local delicacies such as rice noodles with beef and mashed yam, etc.

## Hongfeng Lake of Qingzhen City: maple leaves

Over 30km away from Guiyang, Hongfeng Lake is 2km long from east to west and 25km long from south to north. It is a state-level scenic spot and 4A tourist attraction with lots of maple trees on the lakeside. In late autumn, the maple tree leaves are as red as fire, creating a beautiful landscape painting.

The Hongfeng Lake scenic area is dotted with villages of ethnic minorities such as the Miao and Buyi peoples. The hanging houses (Diaojiolou) of the Miao ethnic group, the stone houses of the Buyi ethnic group, and the wind & rain bridges (Fengyuqiao) of the Dong ethnic group are properly distributed and have distinctive features. Visitors can experience the distinctive customs at the ethnic villages around the lake.

## Huanglian Village in Wudang District: ginkgo tree leaves

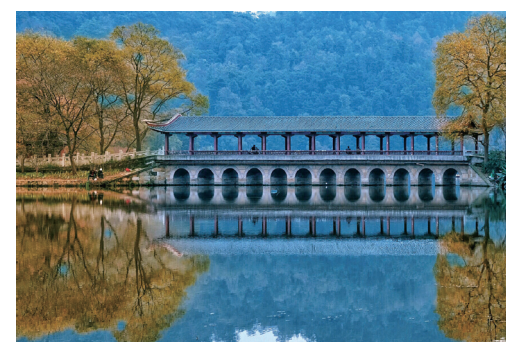
Huanglian village is located on the northern suburbs of Guiyang, 45km away from the city and about 40 minutes' driving along the northern section of the Xintian avenue via the class-2 Yunkai road. The village is famous for its ancient ginkgo trees, amongst which there is an ancient ginkgo tree with a diameter of more than one meter. The tree is dubbed as the "Treasure of the Huanglian Village". In autumn, the leaves of the tree turn yellow and the fallen leaves are like a yellow carpet, attracting lots of visitors.

Huanglian is a village of the simple and sincere Buyi ethnic group, where visitors can buy distinctive agricultural products such as local chicken, farm eggs and sweet potato, and enjoy themselves at rural home inns.

## Kaiyang County Xianghuoyan Scenic Area: maple leaves

Located at Hefeng Township, Kaiyang County, Xianghuoyan Scenic Area features majestic mountains, sheer cliffs, deep gorges, rapid flows, dense woods, mysterious caves and beautiful bridges. The flaming maple leaves, the spectacular waterfall and crystal-clear mountain creeks add spice to the autumn sceneries here.

In the scenic area, tourists can hike to take a closer look at red maple leaves.



## Qianling Mountain Park: a variety of tree leaves

The Qianling Mountain Park at downtown Guiyang is a good destination for enjoying leaves. Apart from common maples and ginkgo trees, there are rare rock red bean trees and Chinese red pines with relatively high ornamental value, etc. In late autumn and early winter, you can see leaves with different colors such as green, red, yellow and orange here. In the park there is a 280,000-square-meter lake, the Qianling Lake, which complements the mountain and the mountain and lake together create a very beautiful scenery.