REGION LEADS HIGH-QUALITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

on the booming economy in the Chengdutwo cities were integrated into the Chi-Chongqing Economic Circle. na-Europe Railway Express (Chengdu-Civil Aviation University of China and the

The economic circle, launched in Janu- Chongqing).

A total of 160 major projects are expected Europe Railway Express (Chengdu-Chongq- the key to the twin-city economic circle.

the country and 30.8 percent of the western industrial development. The transporta- Automobile is an important pillar indus-

Strengthening the construction of trans- Vientiane) international freight trains demand of enterprises' components and portation infrastructure is a priority for the departed from Chengdu and Chongqing, carried out online and offline supply and growth of the economic circle. opening up a more convenient railway demand matchmaking events.

which reach the speed of 350 kilometers also expanded the connection between the ing have integrated into each other's comper hour, Chengdu and Chongqing have southwest region and Indochina Peninsula. plete vehicle packages. lessened the commuting time to one hour In terms of aviation, Chengdu has joined For example, Jetta models, the urban hands with Chongqing to build a world- multipurpose off-road vehicles produced by

The preliminary design of the Chengdu-class airport cluster. Chongqing middle line high-speed rail projAs the largest civil transport airport year, feature more than 10 kinds of parts ect was recently completed and is one step planned and constructed during China's 13 such as sunroofs and pedals manufactured closer to the full-scale start of construction. Five-Year Plan (2016-20), Chengdu Tianfu by Chongqing enterprises. The Chengdu-

Chengdu and Chongqing are among the International Airport recorded a passenger municipality are jointly shoul-highland for the westward opening-up polithis year.

dering the responsibility of cy and becoming a key region along the Silk "The Tianfu airport plays a key role in pro-

ary 2020, is the fourth national key region In the first half of this year, the cumula- "This is reflected in the agglomeration of after the Yangtze River Delta region, the tive number of China-Europe trains (Chengglobal resources, and the coordinated and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay du-Chongqing) exceeded 20,000, covering integrated development of industries as well Area and the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. hundreds of cities in Asia and Europe and as the industrial and the supply chains." This year is crucial for the economic accounting for about 40 percent of the circle to transform from fundamental con- cumulative total of China-Europe trains. **World-class industrial clusters** struction into new development. "The stable operation of the China- Building a modern industrial system is

to be built with a total investment of more ing) has effectively driven the growth of Strengthening industrial cooperation is a than 2 trillion yuan (\$281.3 billion) and an industries such as electronics, automobiles top priority. annual planned investment of 183.5 billion and machinery in the western region," said For more than two years, Chengdu and the relevant person in charge of the man- Chongqing have reached a package of coop-Last year, the GDP of the Chengdu- agement committee of the Chengdu Inter- eration agreements focusing on industrial Chongqing Economic Circle exceeded 7 national Railway Port. "The two cities play cooperation and the common advantageous trillion yuan, accounting for 6.5 percent of a key part in driving the economy, trade and industries of both sides.

tion advantages will help create an export-The economic circle focuses on key oriented industrial cluster in the region." total of 45 automobile enterprises and more areas such as international comprehensive While working together to build the than 1,600 auto parts enterprises in the two transportation hubs, world-class advanced China-Europe Railway Express (Chengducities. The industries are highly complemanufacturing clusters, western science Chongqing) brand, Chengdu and Chongqing mentary and each has its own advantages. cities, western financial centers and mod- also strive to deepen the joint construction of To jointly cultivate a world-class autoa new land-sea corridor in the western area. mobile industry cluster, the two cities have

In December 2021, the China-Laos Rail- implemented the cooperation agreements, way (Chengdu-Vientiane and Chongqing- promoted exchanges on the procurement

ment in western China based On Jan 1, 2021, the train services in the airport cluster and building the fourth pole founder of China's airport economic theory.

FAW-Volkswagen's Chengdu branch every

Since the opening of the China-made channel for the export of products from the The latest data show that 130 compo-Fuxing bullet trains in December 2020, two places to Southeast Asia. The railway nents companies in Chengdu and Chongq-

first cities in the country to open the China- throughput of more than 10 million on the engdu and Chongqing Europe freight trains, creating a frontier first anniversary of its operation in June

leading high-quality develop- Road Economic Belt. moting the Chengdu-Chongqing world-class

western financial centers and modern

This year is crucial

of more than 2 trillion. yuan (\$287.8 billion)

planned investment of 183.5 billion yuan.

based companies including Xiling Power office of the administrative examination

promote the transformation and upgrading es, but also time." quality coordinated development. the achievements of the construction in the As of May this year, a total of 530 hydro- Chengdu-Chongqing economic circle.

In the next step, the Chengdu-Chongqing office matters.

two cities is expanding into larger areas. ployment insurance.

The two cities will join hands to build service" for children.

The industrial collaboration between the benefits and barrier-free transfer of unem-

Science and Technology are also participatand approval bureau of Tianfu New Area.

15 hydrogen refueling stations have been Chongqing successively issued three batches of 311 Sichuan-Chongqing general office The two places have formed a full hydro-items through June, providing enterprises gen energy industry chain and gathered and the masses in the two places with more more than 200 upstream and downstream efficient government services.

lished eight industry alliances includ- threshold and ratio of reimbursement for ing automobiles, electronic information, hospitalization in Chongqing for insured ity and exhibition, modern finance, digital From January to June, the number of economy, headquarters economy, and biomedicine. The pair of new areas will work — medical insurance payments for insured together to build world-class industrial people in Chengdu and Chongqing have Chongqing region launched the "one-stop

window of the Sichuan-Chongqing general tests in tertiary hospitals.

gen fuel cell vehicles have been put into According to an official in charge of the

Liangjiang New Area have jointly estabes shows that there is no difference in the technological innovation, cultural creativ- persons in Chengdu.

a modern international city and provide By the end of June, the Chengdu commore convenient public services for local pulsory education enrollment and service platform had completed the review of about A resident surnamed Zhang from 85,000 applications. In the medical sector, Chongqing obtained the business license of the area promotes the mutual recognition his company registered in Chongqing at the of 16 clinical tests and 41 medical imaging

In the field of education, the Chengdu-

ing in Chongqing's vehicle production. "I registered a company in Chongqing The two cities are also jointly building and I came to Chengdu on a business trip," the Chengdu-Chongqing Hydrogen Cor- Zhang said. "I never expected that I could ridor, a plan officially launched on Nov 30, get the business license in Chengdu. The 2021, to help achieve the "dual carbon" goal, service not only saves me the travel expensof the automobile industry and boost high-

enterprises and scientific research insti- In the first half of the year, the bureau has handled 2,800 Sichuan-Chongqing general region will put into use a group of 400 In terms of promoting the standardizahydrogen fuel logistics vehicles in the tion and facilitation of basic public services, hydrogen corridor within two years and Chengdu has realized the inquiries into about 1,000 hydrogen fuel logistics vehicles mobile personnel files, convenient certification of pensions, work-related injury

Sichuan Tianfu New Area and Chongqing The comparison of loan policy differenc-

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Once one of the most prosperous ancient cities in China dating back to the Tang (618-907) and Song (960-1279) dynasties, Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province, is thriving as a modern city in the booming of the new era. In recent years, guided by the new urban development concept of "Park City", Chengdu has focused on exploring key practices for the harmonious integration of landscapes, modernity and humanity. It has also created a new path for the transformation and development of megacities. At the

same time, it is focusing on continuously satisfying people's yearning for a better life through a series

of livelihood projects that matters most to its citizens' sense of belonging and happiness.

CHENGDU PARK CITY

By YUAN SHENGGAO A park city under the snowy mountains, Chengdu in Sichuan province adheres to a new model of urban development and continuously improves the ecological well-being of its citizens. Cycling along the Chengdu Jincheng Greenway has

> of the Chengdu Huancheng Ecological Park which is built along the Chengdu Ring Expressway, it has a total length of 100 kilometers and 78 "one bridge, one scene" landscape bridges along the entire road, connecting 121 characteristic ecological parks. "I normally don't exercise much, but I couldn't help but join in when I saw the beautiful scenery of every one riding along the way," said Tang Wei, a resident

become one of the most popular outdoor leisure proj-

ects in Chengdu this year. As the first-level greenway

The construction of the Chengdu Huancheng Eco logical Park in city is unique.

Chengdu, a megacity with a population of more than 21 million, is using "green mountains, greenways, water system and parks" as its framework to build large-scale ecological corridors and high-quality green

space throughout the region. The city is constructing an urban interface that sees fields through the window and creates the beauty of the urban pattern that integrates the city and the park. Longquan Mountain, located in the east of Chengdu, has been transformed into a super-large urban a complete ecological network.

of giant panda habitats by adopting a low-interference be no less than 90 percent. The city is building thousands of urban parks, Growth model

The Tianfu Greenway system with a planned total urban spatial layout and realize ecological civilization Five-Year Plan (2021-25), Chengdu will build 200 length of 16,900 km is densely woven into a network, and balanced economic and social development. gradually connecting the city's green water system,

Located on the banks of the Xinglong Lake in

HEALTH IN URBAN CONSTRUCTION development model featuring water and greenery has emerged.

A few years ago, the muddied land overgrown with

weeds became the largest artificial lake in Chengdu

with the construction of the park city, with a water

More than 10 life and cultural scenes, such as eco-

surface area of some 300 hectares.

year, Chengdu has built a greenways at all levels. In the

AREA PROMOTING ECOLOGICAL

logical beaches, underwater bookstores and children's art centers, have been built along Xinglong Lake. Citizens come to play in an endless stream. The science zone built around the lake is home to the Chengdu branch of the Chinese Academy of Sciences as well as a large number of technology companies and scien-

and Industry and Yuncong Technology. greenways at all levels will be "When I first came here, I was attracted most to the huge ecological lake in front of me," said Xu Yan, 33, who quit his job two years ago and came to work of the service radius of park in the science zone. He said the beautiful ecological environment and the perfect balance between work greening activity venues in and life were his biggest motivations for coming to the central urban area will be

Tianfu New Area has transformed the traditional urban area into a path along the mountains, water, and greenery by coordinating the space of production, life and ecology. The model allows the city to grow concept in Tianfu New Area and a microcosm of the

forest park with a total area of about 1,275 square

As of the first half of this year, Chengdu has built a urban construction of Chengdu's unremitting efforts kilometers through artificial afforestation as well as total of 5,583 km greenways at all levels. In the next to build itself into a park city. restoration of degraded forests. The park has become five years, Chengdu will build 1,000 "Road to Home" In recent years, Chengdu has insisted on optimizcommunity greenways every year. By 2025, a total of ing spaces and allocating resources based on urban In Longmen Mountain in the west of Chengdu, the more than 10,000 km greenways at all levels will be functions, improving and strengthening central urban Chengdu area of the Giant Panda National Park with built, and the coverage of the service radius of park areas, new areas and outskirts zones, accelerating the

a total area of 1,459 sq km has restored 4,528 hectares greening activity venues in the central urban area will construction of a multicenter, networking system, and developing via a group-based pattern. To realize the construction of a high-quality modern community, Chengdu officially launched the construc-Linpan, a special settlement in West Sichuan, and

The construction of the park city aims to build tion of the first group of 25 future park communities gardens and increase greenery, solve the problem of in February. According to the plan, during the 14th

forests, lakes and rivers as well as rural areas to form

Tianfu New Area in the south of Chengdu, a green

Scenario creation

creative space for the diversified transformation of ecological value in Chengdu. During the construction of ecological projects such as parks, greenways and Linpan, Chengdu has organically implanted high-quality life scenarios and new consumption scenarios such as culture, sports, tour-

value and create more sense of gain and happiness for the general public and tourists. One example is the Tianfu Feiteng Town, which combines diverse leisure features such as gourmet entertainment, water music, and pastoral experiences

Hotpot Cultural Museum as its soul to form a characteristic block integrating characteristic hotpot tasting

In addition to the pleasant environment, it focuses on vibrant and fashionable consumption. It has built the largest bowl skating stadium in Southwest China, as well as the largest creative beach and infinity pool

A strong ecological background has opened up a

ism, and cultural creativity to promote the transformation of ecological value into economic and social

through the innovative "greenway plus hotpot" model. Feitengli, a core project of the town, is expected to usher in the full completion of the main building by

> culture display and creative experience. Located on the bank of the Jinjiang River in Chengdu, the Jiangtan Park, which was transformed from a wasteland by the riverside, is no longer a park in the

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