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## Guiyang releases sparkling results for H1 2022



Since the beginning of 2022, Guiyang, the capital of Southwest China's Guizhou province, has been moving full-steam ahead towards its goal of being a "strong provincial capital." In the first six months of 2022, Guiyang registered impressive performance. It posted RMB224.099 billion in GDP, beating the target by RMB14.099 billion, and its growth rate reached 4.6%, ranking fourth in the province, 0.1% higher than the provincial average and 2.1% than the national average. The city saw RMB143.7 billion in fixed asset investment, meeting the half-year target and representing a growth rate of 11%.

### ◎ Promoting industrial development

In the first half of 2022, the city posted RMB207.4 billion in total industrial output value, exceeding the half-year target by RMB32.4 billion. Manufacturing accounted for 21.6% of the city's GDP, 2.6 percentage points higher than the annual target. The area of newly built standard plants amounted to 1.668 million square meters, surpassing the half-year target by 773,000 square meters, and the area of standard plants newly started reached 8,165,200 square meters, exceeding the half-year target of 1,875,200 square meters. A total of 12,925.7 mu of land was collected for industrial uses, 5,583.7 mu higher than the half-year target. The total output value

of state-owned manufacturing enterprises reached RMB48.6 billion, exceeding the half-year target by RMB6.6 billion. The seven key industrial segments posted RMB99.46 billion in total output value, exceeding the half-year target by RMB19.46 billion. Paid-in investment of newly introduced projects was RMB82.927 billion, RMB2.927 billion higher than the half-year target, of which newly introduced industrial projects accounted for 56.23%, 1.23 percentage points higher than the target. The software and information technology service industry brought in revenue of RMB31.848 billion, beating the half-year target by RMB8.035 billion.

### ◎ Ramping up urban construction

The Phase I civil engineering project of Guiyang Metro Line 3 completed 93.09% of the tasks for the year, and 112.15 square kilometers of sponge city

infrastructure was completed, accounting for 29.28% of the built-up areas, exceeding the half-year target by 0.95 percentage points.

### ◎ Advancing the development of agriculture and rural areas

In the first half of 2022, the city's total output value of agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fisheries reached RMB13.591 billion, an increase of 6.5% year on year (YoY). The output value

of the farming industry was RMB9.270 billion, which made up 68.2% of that of agriculture, up 6.2% YoY. 59% of agricultural produces were processed, meeting the half-year target.

### ◎ Boosting the development of the tourism industry

Guiyang pressed ahead with the construction of blocks blending commercial, tourism and cultural elements and put into operation a number of featured blocks such as the Xingyuemao high street

close to a metro station in Yunyan District and the Shizijie high street in Huaxi District. The city also carried out a series of promotional events to get the tourism industry back on track.

### ◎ Creating an enabling business environment

New progress was made in the construction of the China (Guiyang) Intellectual Property Protection Center,

and the full-process electronic bidding (procurement) system was officially launched ahead of schedule.

### ◎ Protecting the environment

Guiyang laid out a city-wide plan for waste classification and introduced classification

measures. The rate of days with good air quality was 100% in the first half of the year.

### ◎ Improving people's livelihoods

Per capita disposable income in urban and rural areas grew by 6% and 6.6%, respectively, higher than the half-year GDP

growth, meeting the half-year target. The permanent resident population added 129,900, exceeding the half-year target by 27,900.

### ◎ Increasing employment and talent support

A total of 86,227 new jobs were created, 11,227 higher than the target set for the first six months of the year. The "123" talent program was

launched, which provided RMB113 million in funding for five projects, with another 13 projects being evaluated.

# Guiyang International Land Port officially opens



▲ A bird's eye view of Guiyang Free Trade Zone

In Guizhou, an inland province away from the ocean and the Yangtze River, higher logistics costs and longer lead time pose great challenges to many foreign trade companies and also create bottlenecks for the growth of foreign trade. The Guiyang International Land Port has recently opened, making it much easier and less costly for companies in Guizhou to carry out foreign trade.



▲ The customs supervision and control zone at Guiyang International Land Port

At the beginning of 2022, the No. 2 document issued by the State Council highlighted the strategic positioning of Guizhou to build an inland economy with a new height of openness, and pledged to support Guangzhou Port, Shenzhen Port and Beibu Gulf Port to set up a land port in Guizhou. With the support of government departments at the provincial and municipal levels, Guiyang Free Trade Zone commenced the construction of the Guiyang International Land Port in April.

On June 2, at the symposium on the construction of the land port jointly held by Guangdong and Guizhou in Guangzhou, Guizhou Railway Investment Group Co., Ltd. signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Guangzhou Port Group Co., Ltd. and Hutchison Ports YANTIAN, respectively. A raft of measures was introduced, laying solid groundwork for the construction of the land port.

On June 28, the Guizhou-Guangdong train loaded with 36 coaches of goods produced in Guizhou left the Dulaying International Land-sea Logistics Port for Port of Nansha in Guangzhou and Yantian Port in Shenzhen. The successful launch of the test train signifies that the Guiyang International Land Port can serve the basic functions such as Less-than Container Load (LCL) service, issuance of bills of lading, a comprehensive foreign trade service platform, foreign exchange settlement and tax refund. In other words, the port is basically ready for official opening.

On August 27, a freight train carrying 35 containers of Guizhou-made tires departed from the land port for Port of Nansha. At the same time, a freight train carrying home appliances and kitchenware left Port of Nansha for the land port, from which the cargo will be transported to Volsino of Russia via the China-Europe Railway Express.

This is the first Guiyang-Guangdong train that departed from the Guiyang International Land Port and marks the start of the two-way freight train service between the two ports. Moreover, it also signifies the official opening of the Guiyang International Land Port and the Guiyang-Guangdong rail freight corridor.

The customs, quarantine, sanitation inspection and other agencies in the land port provide customs clearance and related services for companies operating in Guizhou. This not only reduces the costs for road, rail and sea transshipment operations and the storage, loading and unloading costs between the inland port and other ports, but also greatly improves the customs clearance efficiency. Therefore, companies can carry out import/export operations in a more cost-effective, efficient and convenient manner.

The land port provides LCL service for companies that import or export small batches of products. "In the past, when a small quantity of cargo was not enough to fill up the entire container, or the container returned empty, it would be uneconomical for companies, so they might choose other logistics methods. In response, the International Land Port offers LCL service, which also helps ensure the continuous operations of cross-border freight trains," said a chief at Guiyang Free Trade Zone. Goods in general trade, goods for ecommerce and goods in transit or bond transported via various routes such as the China-Europe Railway Express, the China-Laos Railway and the Guizhou-Guangdong Railway can be containerized in the same area, which will further promote the regular operations of China-Europe freight trains.

With the improvement of its functions and facilities, the land port can provide more cost-effective and efficient customs clearance services for foreign trade companies operating in the province. This is expected to attract more companies to the province to engage in foreign trade. In the future, the land port will give full play to its functions to help ensure the regular operations of China-Europe freight trains, and develop a hub economy to ultimately create the effects of industrial agglomeration and accelerate the development of new business formats. In doing so, it will promote high-standard opening-up of the province and the city, integrate into the new development paradigm in which domestic and foreign markets boost each other, and serve the province's endeavor to build an inland economy with a new height of openness.



▲ A freight train departs from Dulaying, Guiyang for Volsino, Russia via the China-Europe Railway Express

# 2022 China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week held in Guizhou

From August 22 to 28, the 2022 China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week was held in Gui'an New Area. Guests from China, ASEAN countries and specified countries along the Belt and Road participated in the event online or offline to share their insights on the sustainable development of education, adding vitality to the building of a closer China-ASEAN community with a shared future.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week. This year's Education Cooperation Week revolved around six fields, namely, higher education, vocational education, youth exchange, Belt and Road educational cooperation, people-to-people and cultural exchange, and talent exchange and match-making. It featured a variety of activities, including seminars, forums, competitions, camps, match-making meetings, training workshops, press conferences, and exhibitions.

Leaders from China's Ministry of Education, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and other ministries/commissions attended the event. Also present at the event included representatives from the embassies and consulates of ASEAN countries in China, China-ASEAN Center, UNESCO Office in Beijing and other international organizations. A cohort of top-notch experts, academicians and foreign guests delivered keynote speeches, and well-known entrepreneurs from home and abroad shared their insights in different fields. The activities were well received by the audiences and garnered widespread praise from all sectors of society.



▲ The opening ceremony



▲ A staff member is introducing Guizhou special products to guests

The Week produced fruitful results. First, the China-ASEAN Education Senior Officials Meeting mechanism on education was established. The Third China-ASEAN Education Ministers Roundtable Conference adopted the *Building a Friendly Homeland: Vision and Actions for China-ASEAN Educational Cooperation and Development (2020-2030)*, identifying focus areas for bilateral educational cooperation in the next stage. Second, the seminars, forums, exhibitions and other activities provided great platforms for the participants to share their experiences and achievements in higher education, vocational education and basic education. The topics covered teacher-student exchange, talent training,

collaboration in running schools, joint research, cooperation between think tanks, etc. Third, the China-ASEAN TVET Consortium was founded, aiming to build a new bilateral and multilateral vocational education cooperation platform and promote mutual learning and exchanges between countries. The ultimate goal is to enable more students, teachers, schools and companies to benefit from cooperation and to build a closer China-ASEAN community for vocational education. Fourth, the "Zhi & Xing Guizhou" Silk Road Youth Exchange Programme was carried out, and the ASEAN-China Smart Education Institute in Colorful Guizhou was launched. These were part of the substantive results of the cooperation week.

## Guiyang, Palmerston North celebrate 30th anniversary of sister city partnership

On August 17, Guiyang and Palmerston North celebrated the 30th anniversary of the establishment of their sister city relationship via video link. Ma Ningyu, Mayor of Guiyang, and his counterpart Grant Smith delivered speeches. Yan Dong, Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), Wang Xiaolong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to New Zealand, Clare Fearnley, New Zealand's Ambassador to China, and Zhang Hanlin, Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Guizhou Province also gave remarks. Lin Ping, Vice Mayor of Guiyang, presided over the meeting.

At the meeting, the two cities signed an agreement reaffirming their sister city partnership, and gave each other souvenirs for the 30th anniversary. The representative of the first Māori people who settled down in Palmerston North delivered opening and concluding remarks, and ethnic groups from the two cities presented their distinctive song-and-dance performances.

Over the past 30 years, the two cities have forged close ties and carried out in-depth cooperation to achieve a win-win outcome. Going forward, the two sides will further their cooperation in various areas such as trade, agriculture, animal husbandry, education, culture, tourism, sustainability and

digital economy, and strive to make greater contributions to enhancing mutual understanding and the friendship between the peoples of China and New Zealand.



# Cool Guiyang, a perfect place to escape the summer heat

Guiyang is one of the best places in China to escape the summer heat and to take a fabulous cultural trip. Here, you can enjoy stunning scenery from Mother Nature, learn about Yangmingism, one of the major philosophical schools of Neo-Confucianism, taste tempting local food, or go on an unstoppable shopping spree.



▲ Yangming Temple

## Cool weather

Guiyang is located at 26 degrees north latitude, with an average altitude of 1,100 meters. The city's average summer temperature is 22.3°C, the concentration of negative oxygen ions in the air is more than 10,000 per cubic centimeter, and the average wind speed is less than 3 meters per second. The weather is pleasant and cool, making it an ideal place to escape the scorching heat in midsummer and enjoy the fresh air and nature.



▲ A bird's eye view of the Golden Avenue at Huaxi National Urban Wetland Park

## History and culture

Guiyang is home to a miscellany of cultural and natural heritage sites, such as Yangming Temple, Wanyiwo, Guanshanhu Park, and Huaxi National Urban Wetland Park, the former two of which are heritage sites of Yangmingism. It boasts a distinctive and vibrant culture due to the amalgamation of diverse ethnic groups. Here, you can view embroidered work of the Miao people, hear Pangu songs at Bouyei weddings, immerse yourself in local festivals that celebrate folk customs, watch the ancient and mysterious Penglai opera and Bouyei lantern opera. If you are interested in cultural tourism, come to Guiyang. It will offer you the most vibrant, and diverse cultural experiences.

## Local food

Guiyang is a food lover's paradise. Here, you'll find local favorites such as changwang noodles, huaxi beef noodles, siwawa (vegetarian spring rolls), and stuffed tofu snacks, or indulge your palate in the delicious sour fish soup, the spicy and glutinous chicken, and bean hot pot. Night markets on Hequn Road, Qingyun Road, and Erqi Road are open all night. They are great places for foodies to explore. If you are in Guiyang, do treat your taste buds to the spectacular flavors that the city has to offer.



▲ Changwang noodles

## Natural scenery

If you are looking for picturesque mountains and rivers, lush forests and a beautiful city, Guiyang is the perfect destination for you. The city is encircled by a vast belt of forest, stretching dozens of miles. The Nanming River flows through the city. In the past five years, Guiyang has built 1,025 parks of various types. Green space accounts for 41.8% of the built-up area and forest coverage reaches 55%, hence the nickname "City of a Thousand Parks". All its residential zones lie within a 300 m radius from parks, and you can experience the unspoiled charm of nature everywhere.

## Shopping

In recent years, commercial complexes such as MixC One and Outlets and shopping streets such as Qingyun Marketplace and Huaxi Shizi Street are thriving in Guiyang. Food marts and convenience stores can be found in all neighborhoods. There are also stores selling local products such as liquor, tea, silver products, Miao embroidery, herbs and fruits. So, if you are in Guiyang, don't miss out on the opportunity of shopping.

## Recreational activities

Guiyang has 41 A-level or above tourist attractions and more than 7,300 scenic spots and heritage sites. Guiyang will continue to offer diverse tourism products, including camping, hiking, bicycling, fun outdoor activities, parent-child activities, city tours, and boutique homestays. You can unleash your inner adventurer with the Big Dipper Camping Season. There will be a lot of deals and discount packages offered by A-level scenic spots, hotels, homestays and airlines to help you save big on your trip. Come and discover the fun of the city and take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.



▲ Tourists are flying kites at a campground in Raorao Village, Gaopo Township, Huaxi District