**Guizhou area pitches big data to Silicon Valley**

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Guizhou, a mountainous province in southwest China, is seeking to attract high-tech startups to the Big Data Comprehensive Pilot Zone, hoping the prefecture-level city can leverage the tech sector to boost economic development in the mountainous province.

**The trend**

In a recent visit to Silicon Valley, Guizhou provincial vice governor Shi Jingyi and Guizhou Provincial Tourism Development Committee member Shi Jingyi met with representatives of tech companies and startups in the region, hoping to develop business partnerships in the area.

**The pitch**

Guizhou, one of China’s poorest provinces, traditionally has been known for its natural beauty and its rich history. However, the province is seeking to transform its economy by attracting high-tech startups and leveraging its strategic position as a gateway to Southeast Asia.

**The context**

In recent years, China has been increasingly relying on data-driven technologies to drive its economic growth. The country has set ambitious targets for the development of big data and artificial intelligence, which are seen as key to maintaining its economic growth and staying competitive in the global market.

**The grand tour**

The Guizhou delegation was part of a larger group of Chinese officials and business leaders who traveled to Silicon Valley in recent weeks. The trip was part of a broader strategy to promote China as a hub for innovation and technology.

**The future**

As China continues to invest heavily in its tech sector, Guizhou and other provinces in the country are hoping to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the growth of big data and artificial intelligence. The province is looking to attract high-tech startups and leverage its strategic position as a gateway to Southeast Asia to boost its economy and create new employment opportunities for its residents.