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Jilin province hopes to modernize the operation and management of its agricultural production and marketing.
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PROVINCE HAS HIGH AMBITIONS FOR 2016 AND BEYOND

Jilin committed to finding new engines for sustainable economic growth

By LI YANG and LIU MINGTAI

Jilin, a province that has long been a heavy industry base, is committed to upgrading its industrial structure and eliminating overcapacity industries, so as to find new growth points and space for emerging industries for sustainable growth of its economy.

Jilin Governor Jiang Chaoliang said the work objectives for the 12th Jilin provincial government this year include growing the province's gross domestic product by a range of 6.5 to 7 percent, increasing government revenue more than 2 percent, decreasing energy consumption per unit of GDP by 3.2 percent, controlling the consumer price index to an increase of about 3 percent, growing residents' disposable incomes as rapidly as the growth of the economy, creating about 500,000 new jobs and keeping unemployment below 4.5 percent.

Jiang spoke about the Jilin government's work plan for 2016 at the 12th Jilin provincial People's Congress' 5th session in the provincial capital of Changchun on Jan 26.

To realize this, he said, the government needs to deepen supply-side reform, focus on improving people's livelihoods and effectively manage and control government debt and relevant risks.

To fulfill the work objectives for 2016 and the 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-20), the Jilin provincial government should consolidate its confidence in Jilin's development prospects, implement appropriate development concepts, solve structural problems in Jilin's economy and improve the efficiency of Jilin's economy and governance, he said.

The slowdown of the Chinese economy constitutes the main characteristics of the new normal, under which the government of Jilin must look for new growth points and develop new driving forces for sustainable growth, the governor said.

Jilin plans to deepen supply-side reform, allocate production factors efficiently, enhance the quality and efficiency of the supply system and adapt the province's economy to better satisfy consumer needs.

The province also plans to reform its State-owned enterprises and make efficient use of State-owned capital, deepen its reform of science and technology to enhance the commercialization of research results and make innovation a foundation for future development.

Jilin is looking to adjust its economic structure. The region has a long legacy of supply industries, which account for a large proportion of its economy, despite a slowdown in growth. Jilin will strengthen

its ability in research and development, make good use of Internet technology and cultivate emerging industries, Jiang said. With new strength from such innovations, the Jilin government plans to refocus its attention from expansion to adjustment, and strike a balance in regional development.

The Jilin government has always regarded the improvement of its residents' livelihoods as its largest responsibility, Jiang said, and sees that as the purpose of development. The government will try its best to solve fundamental problems related to people's interests and take care of those in need, so as to maintain social justice and fairness.

Jiang said the provincial government would improve its work efficiency and services, expedite the construction of a rule-of-law government and contribute to the renewal of its old industrial base.

The key tasks of the provincial government are to do its best to maintain steady economic growth, improve the precision and efficiency of the government's macro-economy control, and play up the role of investment and consumption in spurring economic growth, he said.

The province plans to eliminate overcapacity industries such as iron and steel, cement and coal, and close down "zombie enterprises" that are not profitable.

Jilin plans to improve its infrastructure, in which investment is to increase 10 percent year-on-year in 2016, Jiang said.

The government plans to cultivate new consumption hot points in aged care nursing, information, housing, sports, village consumption, education, e-commerce and medical care.

Jilin intends to increase its input into large science and technology projects, such as satellites, information, advanced equipment manufacturing, new materials, new medicine, telecommunications and rare earth resources. Jiang said the government would accelerate the development of cloud computing, big data, geo-spatial information and smart city construction.

While maintaining an annual grain output of about 34 billion kilograms, Jilin will actively modernize the operation and management of its agriculture production and marketing, Jiang said.

The province plans to develop two city clusters, with Changchun and the city of Jilin as their centers, and integrate the two with the Harbin cluster in Heilongjiang province.

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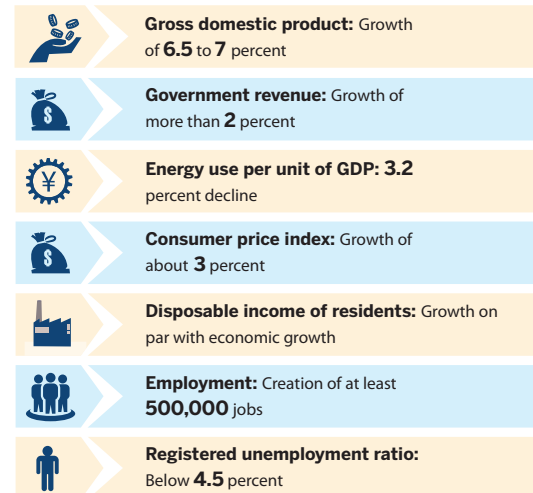


High-speed trains are built at the CRRC Changchun Railway Vehicles production line in Jilin.



Jilin Aodong Yanbian Pharmaceutical is an important company in the province.

JILIN'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN 2016



Economic and social development goals for Jilin in the 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-20):

GDP and income of urban and rural residents to double by **2020** from 2010 levels

Contributions from private economy: About **55** percent of Jilin's economy by 2020

Source: Government work report of Jilin provincial government

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Key factors in draft of 13th Five-Year Plan



Jilin province will seek new development through innovation in the next five years, Jilin Governor Jiang Chaoliang said when introducing the draft of the provincial government's 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-20).

According to the draft plan, Jilin will adhere to five development concepts: innovation, environmentally friendly, balanced, opening-up and fairness. By 2020, Jilin plans to double the average personal income as of its residents and its gross domestic product from the 2010 level, while keeping the consumer price index in a reasonable zone and the environment clean.

Jilin is a less-developed province than most other provinces in the east of China, the governor said. Maintaining a certain level of economic growth and upgrading industries are the No 1 task for the provincial government. Jilin plans to make science and technology innovation its main driving force for future growth, and enlarge consumer demand by innovating supply. Jilin plans to make good use of Internet technology, expand the space of its information economics and improve infrastructures in transportation, resource and energy supplies and water conservancy facilities.

By 2020, Jilin's industries should be more competent and the province plans to have a larger scale service sector as well as more advanced agriculture. The governments at various levels plan to create a more favorable environment for the development of private enterprises and businesses, which are expected to account for 55 percent of the province's economy by that time.

Jilin will also pay more attention to its less developed areas in the west, and help more farmers become urban residents with the development of its cities and industries.

The province plans to reform its State-owned enterprises, further open up to other countries and strengthen its economic and technological cooperation with foreign partners, so as to generate a new vitality in development.

Jilin's provincial government has vowed to eliminate poverty by 2020, provide better pension services to senior citizens and constantly improve people's livelihoods, especially for those living in rural areas.

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Zone aims for modern agriculture, food safety

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The Asia-Pacific Agriculture and Food Safety Industry International Model Zone is further consolidating the development foundation of modern agriculture in Jilin province, said Cao Wanli, chief of the biopharmaceutical industry investment promotion bureau of the Changchun high-tech zone.

The United Nations Office for Project Services, Changchun high-tech zone administrative committee and Changchun Wambang Investment Management Co jointly set up the model zone in October 2014. The UNOPS set up a liaison office in the model zone in Changchun in May of last year.

The model zone expands the scale of Jilin's modern agriculture and shows the importance of food safety, Cao said. "It will become an important platform to transform agriculture into an industry. It will increase farmers' incomes and create new jobs for rural laborers."

Zhu Xinqing, vice-chief of the advanced equipment manufacturing industry investment promotion bureau of the Changchun high-tech zone, said: "The model zone can make good use of Jilin province's good agricultural resources and agricultural technologies in the development of a modern agriculture and food industry."

The model zone aims to use the Internet, mobile Internet and Internet of Things to promote the development of modern agriculture and food security. The project will provide a reference for other developing countries and regions in modernizing agriculture, upgrading industries and solving food safety issues.



Corn is processed at Changchun Dacheng Industrial Group, the biggest corn supplier in Jilin.



Shoppers buy beef at a supermarket in Changchun.

According to the cooperation agreement of the three co-founders of the zone, it will focus on important global issues, such as public health, social stability and development, and seek answers to common challenges confronting the world in agriculture and food safety.

The model zone has a planned area of 37 square kilometers, and plans to develop 12 core industries related to modern agriculture and food industries, such as food processing, quality checks, food equipment, safe packaging and logistics. The total planned investment is 50 billion yuan (\$7.66 billion), with an annual production value of 200 billion yuan and jobs for 20,000 people, and is expected to increase the income of more than 1 million farmers after it is finished.

"The food quality traceability system keeps consumers well-informed of the origins of the food they buy," said Zhu. "This system is a key research project in the model zone."

The zone will have exhibition halls for different countries to display their agriculture and related industries. So far, Denmark, India and Australia have shown interest in having such exhibition halls.

Sun Yaming, the vice-mayor of Changchun, said the city government would strongly support the construction of the model zone with policies covering technology, human resources and industry, and he hoped the project can be accomplished successfully.

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