Chongming-Qidong

Photo shows a berth at Qidong’s Lusigang Port. Only 78 km from the Pudong district of Shanghai, it is the most important harbor in the north side of Shanghai.

City on track to meet goals

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The first year of the 12th Five-Year Plan period (2011-15) was a successful one for Qidong, with the city meeting all of its targets. In 2011, Qidong’s GDP totaled 52 billion yuan (8.3 billion), a 39 percent increase over last year. Its revenue from taxes and fees rose 30 percent over the 2010 figure to 10.4 billion yuan, of which local general revenue amounted to 4.1 billion, a 43 percent year-on-year increase.

Final asset investments reached 30.3 billion yuan, 20.8 percent higher than the 2010 level. The sales volume of total goods expanded by 15.1 percent from the 2010 level to reach 19.7 billion.

The disposable income for urban residents per capita totaled nearly 25,900 yuan, and net income for rural resident per capita amounted to 12,353 yuan, increases of 13.9 percent and 18.4 percent, respectively, over the preceding year. Qidong, a city of 1.12 million people, has been named a national technologically advanced city for the first time. It also climbed 11 places in rankings of the nation’s top 100 counties for scientific development.

The city has been successful in transforming the pattern of the economic development pattern and upgrading its industrial structure. In 2011, 46 enterprises invested more than 10 million yuan in the upgrade of their old facilities. The number of its companies valued at more than 100 million yuan grew into large-scale enterprises.

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Qidong has put a premium on innovation and the development of high-tech industry. Investments in new technology amounted to 14.5 billion yuan, making up 61.7 percent of the total investment in industry, 1 percent higher than the 2010 figure.

The output of the high-tech industry reached 43.1 billion yuan, contributing 41 percent of the total output of large-scale industry, a 2.5 percent surge over the year before.

Qidong has been aggressively attracting talent. In 2011, 1,000 professionals employed in various enterprises and 4,000 elite professionals in high-tech fields were added to the city’s talent pool. Of them, 100 have a master’s degree or higher diploma. Its efforts have made it a first-class county for attracting talent.

Qidong has given priority to large cultural projects and expansions of cultural activities. The city enacted plans to become a center of art and cultural activities. The city enacted plans to become a center of art and cultural activities.

Some 193,000 senior citizens over the age of 60 get benefits from the city. Rates of benefits for the disabled and the employed have increased. The registered urban unemployment rate has stayed below 3 percent.

There has also been a boom in cultural activities. The city enacted plans to become a center of art and culture, and construction of the Yangtze River Museum began this year.

Tourists travel by cruise at Qidong’s scenic Gold Beach.

Qidong poised for economic growth

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Qidong, a city of 1.12 million people, is where Yangtze River meets the sea. Situated on a peninsula, the city is blessed with strategic waterways and a golden coastline.

The city’s functions as a strategic port and a supplement to neighboring Shanghai, which sits some 80 kilometers away.

The city covers more than 1,200 square kilometers of land area, with 12 towns, 316 villages and 26 community office units under its jurisdiction. Established as a county in the March 1928, Qidong has witnessed er strides in 2012 and the years ahead.

It has also been named a national ecological city and national sanitary city.

Qidong is known for its marine industry. It possesses 283 kilometers of coastline and 489 square kilometers of territorial zone. Its Linfa Fishery is one of the six larg-