City ranks in top five among Chinese cities for foreign trade. Xu Xiao reports.

S uzhou has become one of the economic growth poles of the nation in recent times. With its cutting-edge industries and high-tech businesses, the city has become a hub for international trade and investment.

The city is a major player in the global market, with its exports amounting to $311.31 billion. This is an increase of 7.73 percent from the previous year, and 6.8 percent of the national totals in 2014.

The Suzhou Industrial Park and Greater Suzhou are major contributors to the city’s foreign trade. In 2014, the city had built its first 300-square-meter industrial park and opened 16 provincial-level industrial zones, seven comprehensive bonded zones, four national export bases, 16 provincial-level industrial zones and parks dates back to the late 1990s.

The city has also held 30 international exhibitions and meetings in the past five years. In 2014, the number of visits to the city’s international exhibitions reached about 500,000.

The Suzhou Industrial Park has also received more than 250,000 visitors from 18 countries and regions. Suzhou's outbound investment has also increased, with 218 foreign-funded enterprises established in the city last year, including the "Made in Guangdong" project.

The city has been home to 147 Fortune Global 500 companies and represents a quarter of the total actually utilized foreign investment.

The service industry received 37.61 percent of the city’s total foreign investment in 2014, 7.73 percent and 6.8 percent of the national totals in 2014.

The superior city and provincial government have played an important role in the city’s development. The city’s government has invested about 60 million yuan ($9.7 million) in the public sector, according to the city’s government.

The city has also off ered free training programs to local residents and some enterprises. There were also sports events such as the "Run in Suzhou" and "Spring in Suzhou" for residents last year, including the "Made in Guangdong" project.

In addition to the "Made in Guangdong" project, the city has also launched a "Made in Suzhou" project. By 2020, the city plans to develop about 1,000 innovative enterprises and 130 high-tech industrial parks.

In 2014, the city held a total of 900 international cooperation activities, with an increase of 25 percent from the previous year, and 7.73 percent of the national totals.

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Suzhou leads Jiangsu province

Taking unique culture to the world

International talent promotes local standing

Academics welcomed from abroad

The internationalization of education is an important part of China’s efforts to upgrade the city’s economy, improve its infrastructure and enhance its image.

In 2014, half of the city’s domestic and overseas students graduated with a bachelor’s degree or higher. More than 60 percent of the students in Suzhou are international students.

In 2014, the city had received more than 10,000 international students, including those from Chinese universities, universities from other countries and regions, and foreign students.

In addition, there are 800 local schools with internationalized foreign students, such as the International School of Suzhou, the International School of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the World School of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

A total of 237 schools in Suzhou have taken part in various international exchange programs. There are 77,300 students in these schools in the district.

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