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Chengdu's Municipal People Government Passed 7 Annual Working Plans for 2016

Chengdu economic daily

On 22nd Feb, the executive meeting of Chengdu Municipal Government passed 7 annual working plans for 2016---- Innovative Chengdu Construction, Made in Chengdu, Chengdu Service Industry Development, Urban Construction Reform, International Chengdu Construction, Chengdu Ecology Civilization Construction, Balanced Urban-Rural Development.

Key Medical Projects Inked in Chengdu Medical City

On February 23, Wenjiang District Government and iBridge Capital held strategic cooperation agreement and project signing ceremony. According to the agreement, iBridge Capital will help boost Chengdu Medical City development through its unique advantages in capital, talent and research. Inked projects include a 200-million-USD pharma, a 400-million-RMB cell plant co-invested with SiDanSai Biotechnology, a test platform for antibody drugs and a bio-pharmaceutical industrial fund.

Supportive Policies for Foreign Talents Formulated

On February 14, Chengdu announced ten supportive policies to lure talents. Foreign talents will be given maximum convenience in terms of residence permits, stay duration, accreditation, etc. Specific policies include adding more talent identification agencies, issuing talent visa upon arrival at airport, issuing 5-year stay permit or multi-entry permit within 5 years for foreign talents, spouses and children.

General Positioning of Chengdu Pilot Free Trade Zone Finalized

According to Chengdu Commerce Commission, the general positioning of Chengdu Pilot FTZ are to comply with new global economic governance pattern, take systemic innovation as the core and Yangtze River Economic Belt and Chengdu-Chongqing Cluster as the support, make full play Chengdu's important role along the Belt and Road route and geographic advantage towards the West and South in terms of trade, forge a strategic carrier that is based in inland while serving the whole country, links the East and West while extending to Asia and Europe, nurture new advantages for international cooperation and competition by inland regions, build up new pattern for opening-up, and explore new economic systems for outward economy.

International Chengdu Construction Annual Plan for 2016

18 targets and 24 specific tasks have been proposed. Passenger throughput of Chengdu Airport is expected to reach 47 million, and the scheduled international (regional) direct airlines is going to reach 44 this year. Link: http://e.chengdu.cn/html/2016-02/23/content_555012.html

Made in Chengdu Annual Plan for 2016

8 specific propelling projects will start implementation, including industry development, industrial investment, space layout, zone construction, driven innovation, business incubators, "Internet plus Manufacturing", and army civilian integration.

International Chengdu Construction Annual Plan for 2016

10 major projects will be implemented this year, including National Independent Innovative Demonstration Zone, Chengdu Science City First-Step Project, Advanced R&D Capability Construction Project, Innovation Imbark Talents Accumulating Project, Start-up City Dream Project, and Innovative Enterprises Cultivating Project

Chengdu Selected as State Pilot City for Service Trade Innovation

At s State Council executive meeting on Feb. 14, Chengdu was selected as a State Pilot City for Service Trade Innovation. Ten provinces and municipalities and five state-level development zones were in the shortlist, and Chengdu is the only western city. Technology trade, bonded aircraft maintenance and culture trade will be given priorities to explore new mechanisms for service trade.

Framework Agreement for Deepening Strategic Cooperation Signed between Chengdu and CRCC

On February 25, Chengdu Municipal People's Government and China Railway Construction Corporation Limited signed framework agreement for deepening strategic cooperation. According to the agreement, during the 13th Five Year Plan, CRCC will invest over 100 billion RMB in Chengdu's infrastructure, Northern Chengdu Redevelopment Program, urban comprehensive development, underground pipelines, etc.

Over 7000 FIE Registered as of 2015

Development Report on Chengdu Foreign-invested Enterprises 2015 was publicized recently. According to the report, total number of FIE in Chengdu reached 7091, with total investment value exceeding 60 billion USD. In the year 2015, 863 new FIE were registered in Chengdu, with 3.98 billion USD of investment value and 1.7 billion USD of registered capital, a 20.6% growth year-on-year. Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea contributed the most new FIEs in 2015.

China, Germany to Co-build Vocational Education & Entrepreneurship Park

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A vocational education training conference between China and Germany, organized by the Delegations of German Industry and Commerce (DGIC), was convened on January 21st. At the meeting, the DGIC Shanghai, Chengdu Industrial Vocational Technical College and Chengdu's Pujiang County inked an agreement about strategic cooperation in vocational education, symbolizing the Sino-German (Chengdu) Vocational Education, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Park started construction officially. According to the agreement, the three parties will work closely together to promote the AHK training, testing, admission and employment, as well as teacher training systems, and introduce German companies and vocational schools into China. To continuously improve the work on the Sino-German (Chengdu) AHK Vocational Education Center and well construct the Sino-German (Chengdu) Vocational Education, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Park, they are going to gather top resources of governments, industries, enterprises, colleges and universities, foreign vocational education, and research institutes to establish a platform for the development of all sides involved, so as to realize the multiple values of Germany's dual-education system, and the park's functions of hi-tech training, product R & D and commercialization of scientific fruits, cultivation of innovation and entrepreneurship talents, and cultural exchanges between China and Germany, and ultimately, to help Chengdu and southwest China to attract investment and contribute to Chengdu's economic and social growth.

Link: <http://www.gochengdu.cn/news/whats-news/china-germany-to-co-build-vocational-education-entrepreneurship-park-a2434.html#sthash.xVXbRecy.dpuf>

Chengdu-Europe Express Railway to set up Distribution Centers in the Netherlands and Belgium

According to Chengdu Transport Commission, Chengdu-Europe Express Railway networks will be further expanded. Nuremberg has already been included in the route. More distribution centers will be built in Tilburg and Antwerp. Domestic cities like Mianyang, Panzhihua, Dazhou and Yibin will also launch cargo railways to Chengdu.

Sichuan Airlines to Launch Chengdu-Los Angeles Air Service

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The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) announced on February 3rd that the Sichuan Airlines had applied for launching three weekly flights from Chengdu to Los Angeles via Jinan, Shandong, starting from June.

Chengdu-New York Direct Flight to be Launched This Year

Recently, The Port and Logistics Office of Sichuan Provincial Government publicized 97 Key Logistic Projects 2016, which included Chengdu-Europe plus International Transport Passage, new international flight routes of Sichuan Airline, etc. According to the project catalogue, Chengdu is expected to launch direct flight to New York, Sydney, Rome and Johannesburg within this year.

Masterplan to Build up International Metropolis 2025 Publicized

On March 10, Chengdu Masterplan to Build up International Metropolis 2025 was publicized. By 2025, the core functions of international metropolis will be constantly enhanced, outward economic growth deepened, overall strength and social-economic development quality notably improved, capabilities of urban element aggregation and radiation further strengthened, with more frequent international exchanges and prominent living quality. By 2025, annual import-export growth rate will reach 6.5%, paid-in FDI hit 15 billion USD, number of Fortune 500 investors amount to 300.

CDHT and Shuangliu District to Jointly Build Biological Industrial City

On March 14, Chengdu Hi-tech Zone and Shuangliu District signed cooperation agreement on jointly build biological industrial city. Planned area of 45 square meters, the city will focus on Sino-Cuban cooperation and embrace global bio-pharmaceutical resources, prioritize bio-pharmaceuticals, biological engineering, healthcare service, etc, and build bio-pharmaceutical park, biological engineering park and healthcare park.

First Special Train of CEER Departed from Chengdu

On March 24, the special train for TCL of Chengdu-Europe Express Railway, or CEER, departed from Chengdu. The train carried 82 containers, with 51 filled with TCL products. According to Liu Guifang, Project Director of TCL Multimedia Operation Center, 20,000 color TV sets valuing 5 million USD are shipped to Europe by this train. TCL is planning to transfer its domestic capacity from other cities and build its largest production and processing base in Chengdu. Through partnership with CEER, TCL products are exported to ASEAN and European markets.

Sichuan gas field delivers its first supplies

China Daily

A natural gas project jointly developed by Chevron Corporation and PetroChina Company Ltd delivered its first gas on Monday—a significant move toward increasing domestic supplies of the cleaner-burning fuel. The Luojiashai gas field, also the first phase of the Chuandongbei project in the Sichuan Basin, has an annual production capacity of 3 billion cubic meters, according to a statement by the Chinese oil and gas company, which is the listed arm of State-owned China National Petroleum Corporation.

Link: http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2016-01/26/content_23260854.htm

Sichuan Entrepreneurs Federation Inaugurated

On February 23, Sichuan Entrepreneurs Federation was inaugurated. This is China's second entrepreneur federation after Zhejiang Entrepreneur Federation. 32 non-local Sichuan Chambers of Commerce and over 400 Sichuan entrepreneurs attended the inauguration ceremony. Liu Yonghao, Chairman of New Hope Group, was elected president, while Wang Jianlin, Chairman of Dalian Wanda Group, elected honorary president.

Sichuan Automobile Industry Academy Approved

Sichuan Science and Technology Department approved the establishment of Sichuan Automobile Industry Academy on March 20. The academy was incorporated by Chengdu Automobile Industry Academy and 8 partners. In the future the academy will focus on auto electrification, intellectualization, and informatization, especially new energy vehicle, smart cars, etc. strive to make breakthrough in technology research, commercialization, talent development and technological services.

Chongqing will hold the Global Summit of World Tourism Cities Federation

Chongqing Daily

The 2016 Global Summit of World Tourism Cities Federation will take place at Chongqing International Expo Center from 18th Sep to 21st Sep. It is the first time for the summit to be held in western China. There will be around 500 delegations from 200 world famous tourism cities and agencies around the world to participate in the summit and discuss about the problems and opportunities facing world tourism.

Link: http://epaper.cqrb.cn/html/cqrb/2016-03/05/006/content_126838.html

State Council Passed Chengdu-Chongqing City Cluster Development Plan

A State Council executive meeting, presided over by Premier Li Keqiang on March 30, passed a development plan for Chengdu-Chongqing City Cluster. The Plan noted that a western China leading city cluster, based on the radiation effect of Chengdu and Chongqing and supported by innovation, eco-protection and improved industrial foundation, will be built. Main tasks include to strengthen equipment manufacturing, bio-medicine, agricultural processing, prioritize commerce, logistics, tourism and creative industry, further open to the outside world, promote international cooperation on industries and innovation, enhance infrastructure connectivity of transport, energy, water conservancy and information.

Chongqing, Zhoushan favorites as new FTZs

Media: China Daily

Chongqing, and the coastal city of Zhoushan, in Zhejiang province, are being tipped by shipping experts as hot favorites to be chosen as new free trade zones for the third round selection, as the central government devotes more resources to developing the Yangtze River Economic Belt within its 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-20). Eager to enhance the earning ability of inland regions, China has been keen to support the growth of city clusters in the Yangtze River Economic Belt, the middle reaches of the Yangtze River Delta and Chengdu-Chongqing region, as well as encouraging more foreign companies to invest in central and western regions. Selecting Chongqing as a new free trade zone would result in upgraded development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt, where growing shipping activities offer a diversified business platform for 11 provinces and municipalities.

Link: http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/regional/chongqing/liangjiang/2016-03/25/content_24132855.htm

Chongqing keeps 'steady growth'

Media: China Daily

After leading the country's growth rate for two consecutive years, Chongqing expects to maintain its double digit record. It has set its target at 10 percent in 2016. The municipality's GDP growth led the country at 10.9 percent in 2014 and 11 percent in 2015. The national growth rate was 6.9 percent last year."Chongqing overcame economic downward pressures and achieved stable and steady growth," Mayor Huang Qifan said during his annual report on Sunday at the ongoing session of the municipality's People's Congress, its top legislative body.

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/cndy/2016-01/26/content_23244054.html

Guizhou

Guizhou GDP surpasses 1 trillion yuan

China daily

Even though Guizhou province is considered a backward place, when its 12th People's Congress opened its fourth meeting, on Jan 26, the acting governor, according to Sun Zhigang, announced an unexpectedly large provincial GDP of 1.05 trillion yuan (\$159.6 billion) for 2015, compared to 2010's 459.4 billion yuan, making it a leader in GDP growth for 5 consecutive years. It also helped at least 6 million people get out of poverty and, in addition to the economic development; it saw its infrastructure grow, including its high speed railways with a historic 700 kilometers. And it had 1.07 trillion yuan (\$162.6 billion) in fixed assets, for a 29.5-percent year-on-year growth, and registered capital up 41.2 percent, with Sun announcing that, "Guizhou has had great development which lays a good foundation for a better off society, even though there are challenges and problems ahead," referring to the small economy, large number of impoverished people, and big rural-urban gap. Over the next five years, Guizhou has said it will continue its economic and ecological development, poverty relief and big data strategy. Link:

http://www.eguizhou.gov.cn/2016-01/27/content_23314143.htm

SW China region leading the country in economic growth

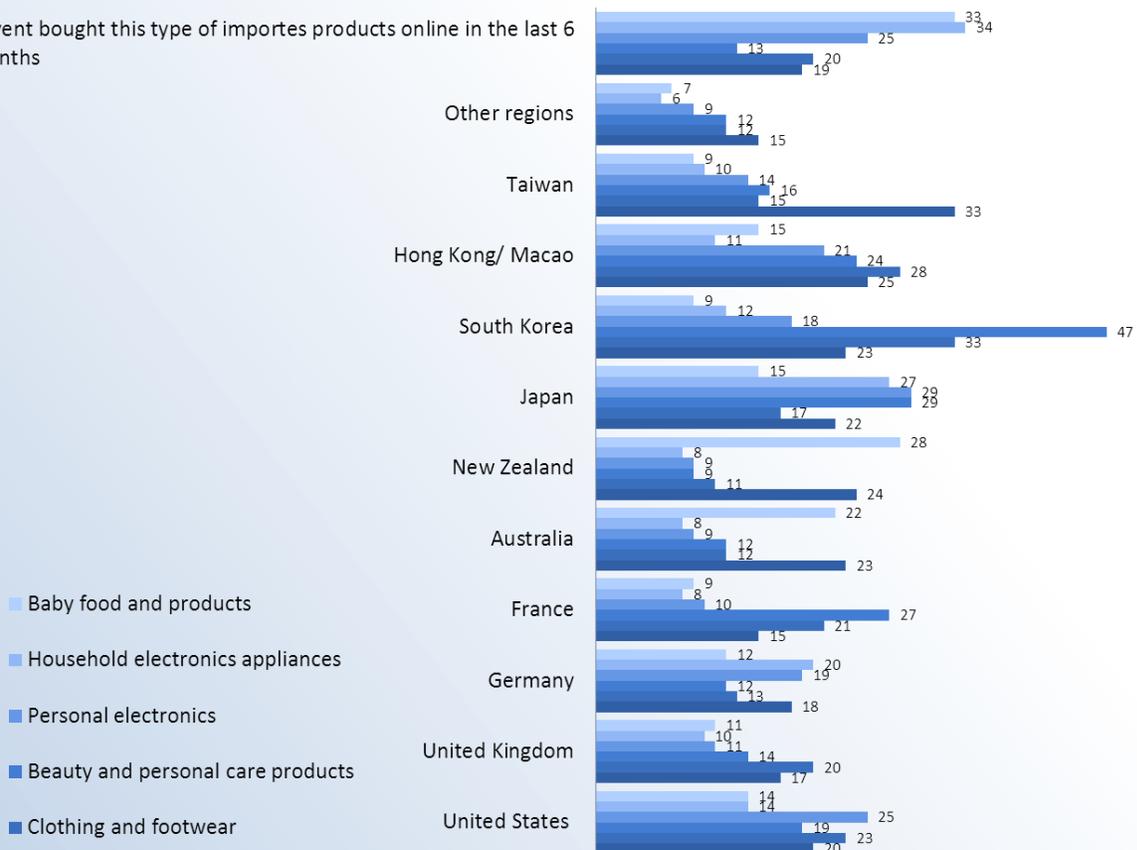
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The opening ceremony of Guizhou province's 12th People's Congress's 4th Session took place on Jan 26 in the city of Guiyang city, with the government reporting Guizhou's production output as amounting to 1.05 trillion yuan (\$159.6 billion) in 2015, for an annual growth of 12.5 percent, putting it among the country's top three for five consecutive years. In commenting on this development, Lu Qilun, head of the provincial Development and Reform Commission's economic department, remarked, "Guizhou's economic development can be attributed to national and local policies and reform," while a government work report noted that the province aims to get the production rate to increase by 10 percent in 2016 with greater investment. The province says it expects to maintain growth during the 13th Five-year Plan (2016-2020) and to make the best of big data, tourism and the ecology and to make every effort to reduce poverty, add infrastructure and promote education and medical care.

General issues

Overseas online shopping by Chinese mainland buyers (June- November 2015)

haven't bought this type of imported products online in the last 6 months



Blue book reveals unbalanced regional growth

Media: China Daily

The Blue Book of China's Provincial Competitiveness (2014-15), calculated a competitive score and found remarkable gaps in the eastern, central, western and northeast regions. "High quality public resources are mainly concentrated in the economically developed regions," said Pan Jiahua, director of the Institute of Urban and Environmental Studies at the CASS. "The resources in the eastern region should be transferred to the central and western regions on a large scale." The eastern region was the most competitive, with a rating of 48.8. The western region, with a rating of 33 points, lagged far behind.

http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2016-02/26/content_23651226.htm

