

The City of Guangzhou (Canton)

Guangzhou, one of the five national central cities in China, is also the capital of Guangdong Province and a major hub in the Pearl River Delta. Built 2228 years ago, it is the first city in China that had trade links with outside world and is reputed as China's "Southern Gateway".

The whole city covers an area of 7,434 square kilometers and is home to a population of more than 16 million. It is among the first "Socially Developed" cities in China and is famous for its innovation, civilization and role as an information hub. 58% of the information on the internet is transmitted through Guangzhou to the outside world. Its economic aggregate amounted 1.67 trillion RMB Yuan in 2014, ranking 3rd in China for consecutively 25 years. The city is also an important international trade hub, registering 130.6 billion USD in import and export, a growth of 9.8% over the year 2013.

Guangzhou is a preferable location for multi-national companies, attracting more than 70 billion USD investment from 10,000 foreign institutes, among which 235 are Fortune 500. The business environment of Guangzhou is second to none. The Forbes magazine rated Guangzhou as the best commercial city in China for four times. The passenger traffic of Baiyun International Airport ranked 16th worldwide and Guangzhou Port ranked 5th and 8th in cargo and TEU volume. Guangzhou has twined with 36 international cities such as Fukuoka, Japan and has 23 international friendly cities. 51 countries opened consulates in Guangzhou.

Guangzhou is the center of international trade and economic cooperation in South China. The Chinese Import & Export Commodities Fair has been held biannually in Guangzhou since 1957. The City's overall economic strength ranks the third in China. Its GDP reached RMB1542.01 billion in 2013, increased by 11.6% over the previous year, and the import and export trade reached USD 118.89 billion, increased by 1.5% over the previous year.

Opening-up and inclusiveness is the characteristics of Guangzhou City. It is home to 51 foreign consulates and 235 Fortune 500 companies. More than 100,000 international experts work and live in Guangzhou, which accounts for about 15% in the nation. The total import and export volume of the year 2013 reached 118.89 billion US Dollars. At present, Guangzhou City has 36 Sister Cities and 23 Friendly Cooperation Cities, establishing a dynamic network of "sister cities – friendly cooperation cities – sister districts – sister institutions".

Introduction of Guangzhou Municipal Commission of Commerce

Guangzhou Municipal Commission of Commerce is a comprehensive administrative authority of Guangzhou Municipal People's Government, responsible for Guangzhou's trade and economic cooperation. It is responsible for the city's domestic and foreign trade development, market system establishment and investment; monitoring and analyzing Guangzhou's import and export, business circulation and foreign investment; the development of convention and exhibition, e-commerce and commercial services; the development of distribution industry; the foreign investment in Guangzhou and outward investment and economic cooperation.

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China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Guangzhou Council (referred to as CCPIT Guangzhou) and China Chamber of International Commerce Guangzhou Chamber of Commerce (referred to as CCOIC Guangzhou) are the local standing bodies for CCPIT and CCOIC. They are both international and comprehensive cluster organizations composing of representative business personnel, enterprises, associations and organizations from Guangzhou region, with purposes as follow: to conduct international economic and technical cooperations in terms of foreign trade, utilization of foreign investments and introduction of foreign advanced technology; to promote foreign trade and economic relations between Guangzhou and other countries and regions all over the world; and to strengthen the mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples.