

## A Brief Introduction of Fuzhou

Fuzhou is the capital city of Fujian Province with the praised name of City of blessings. It has 6 districts, 1(county-level) cities and six counties under its jurisdiction. The city covers a total area of 12,000 square kilometers, of which 1786 square kilometers is urban area. The city has resident population of 7.57 million.

Fuzhou boasts of a long history and profound culture. In its 2200 years' history, Fuzhou has been an important gateway of Maritime Silk Road. Zheng He started his sailing to the West from Fuzhou for 7 times and in modern times it become the cradle of China's modern navy as well as its modern industry and technology.

Fuzhou boasts of economic prosperity and good comprehensive strength. In 2016, the city's GDP amounts to RMB 619.977 billion yuan, fiscal revenue RMB 93.406 billion yuan, social investment in fixed assets RMB 518.436 billion yuan, retail volume of social consumables RMB 376.314 billion yuan.

Fuzhou enjoys convenient transportation and unique geographical conditions. Located on the southeast coast and between the Yangtze River Delta and Pearl River Delta, Fuzhou has formed a multi-level and multi-functional transport network system, composed of sea, land and air transportation.

Fuzhou boasts of beautiful landscapes and good environment. Fuzhou is one of the greenest cities in China with a forest coverage of 56% ranking the second among the capital cities. It is also one of the cities with the best air quality. In 2016, Fuzhou boasts of a good air quality rate of 98.6%, also ranking the second among the capital cities. Fuzhou boasts of gathering of talents and high degree of opening up. Fuzhou is the political, cultural, educational and medicalcare center of Fujian Province. It has now 2507 schools of different types and levels including 37 colleges and universities and 300-plus scientific research institutions. It has 1995 medical institutions including 107 hospitals. Meanwhile, Fuzhou is also famous as the home of Overseas Chinese. According to roughly statistics, the number of overseas Chinese from Fuzhou exceeds 4 million, spreading over 160-plus countries and regions all over the world.

In recent years, Fuzhou has held tightly to the strategic opportunity of establishing Fuzhou National New District, Free Trade Pilot Zone, Core Area of the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road, Ecological Civilization Pilot Zone and National Independent Innovation Demonstration Zone, and other preferential policies with broad prospects. Fuzhou has started the construction of Binhai New City on Feb. 13 this year with a planning area of 188 square kilometers and a core area of 86 square kilometers. It is a great action Fuzhou has taken to speed its construction to become a modern international city.