

WUHAN 武汉

PROVINCE: HUBEI 湖北省

BASIC INFORMATION Source: China City Statistical Yearbooks

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GDP (RMB bn) | 259.1 | 314.2 | 396.0 | 462.1 |
| GDP per capita (RMB) | 29899 | 35582 | 44290 | 51144 |
| FDI (US\$m) | 2639.0 | 3155.5 | 2573.4 | 2935.0 |
| FDI projects (number) | 228 | 207 | 171 | 145 |
| FAI (RMB bn) | 132.5 | 173.3 | 225.2 | 300.1 |

| GROUPING BY ACTIVITY | GRADE |
|----------------------|-------|
| Overall | 2 |
| Overall domestic | 1 |
| Overall export | 3 |
| R&D | 1 |
| Sales | 2 |

| GROUPING BY CATEGORY | GRADE |
|----------------------|-------|
| Air | 2 |
| Rail | 1 |
| Automotive | 1 |
| Built Environment | 1 |
| Energy | 2 |
| Education | 1 |
| Health | 1 |
| Retail | 2 |



Insights

- Provincial capital of Hubei Province
- Hubei is one of only two eastern and central provinces which saw a real-term increase in FDI from 2006-09. Now attracts 3 per cent of national FDI
- The Yangtze and Han rivers divide Wuhan into three districts; Wuchang, Hankou and Hanyang. Wuchang is known as the educational centre, Hankou as the commercial region, and Hanyang as the industrial area

Key Industries

- Automotive
- Equipment manufacturing
- Household appliances
- ICT
- Pharmaceuticals
- Iron and steel

Wuhan has well-established industrial capabilities in iron and steel, automotive and advanced engineering. Current city plans are to build upon this success and develop national aerospace and rail-industry clusters.

Foreign Direct Investment

Foreign investors include:

- Peugeot
- Nissan
- Honda
- Foxconn
- IBM
- Siemens
- Coca-Cola
- Associated British Foods
- HSBC
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Burberry
- Tesco

Opportunities

- Adoption of solar PV, biomass and wind power as the key sectors to boost the new energy industry
- Development of a city-wide e-health system

- Three new metro lines connecting suburban districts with the city
- Enhancement of Wuhan's position as one of China's big four railway hubs by improving facilities at Wuhan, Hankou and Wuchang railway stations, and constructing Wuhan-Xi'an high-speed rail
- Establishing China's biggest R&D and manufacturing base for rail carriages and rolling stock

Wuhan is one of four provincial capital cities that are partners in the UK-China Sustainable Cities Initiative. Working with MOFCOM and the local city authorities, it has initiated a rolling programme of active project identification to develop opportunities for UK and Chinese companies to partner in delivering sustainable urban development and low-carbon solutions, covering the built environment, mass transport and water/wastewater resource management.

Projections

Currently, Hubei accounts for 4 per cent of the national population but only 3 per cent of GDP. Only in the last two years has the proportion of FDI approached 3 per cent. Taking full advantage of its position as one of China's north-south / east-west transportation hubs, Wuhan is encouraging rail and aerospace to reach the same levels of automotive production, thus enhancing Wuhan's status.

Useful Contacts

UK Support

UK Trade & Investment:
www.ukti.gov.uk

British Embassy Beijing:
www.ukinchina.fco.gov.uk

China-Britain Business Council:
www.cbcb.org

British Chamber of Commerce in China:
www.britcham.org

Local Government

Wuhan City Government:
www.wuhan.gov.cn

Wuhan Administration of Industry and Commerce:
www.whhd.gov.cn

Wuhan Foreign Affairs Office:
www.whfao.gov.cn

Development Zones

Wuhan Economic and Technological Development Zone/Wuhan Export Processing Zone:
www.wedz.com.cn