

TANGSHAN 唐山

PROVINCE: HEBEI 河北省

BASIC INFORMATION Source: China City Statistical Yearbooks

	2006	2007	2008	2009
GDP (RMB bn)	236.2	277.9	356.1	381.3
GDP per capita (RMB)	32429	37765	48054	51179
FDI (US\$m)	126.7	342.9	836.2	792.8
FDI projects (number)	34	38	21	24
FAI (RMB bn)	76.5	103.7	136.2	218.0

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

GROUPING BY CATEGORY	GRADE
Air	1
Rail	2
Automotive	3
Built Environment	1
Energy	2
Education	3
Health	3
Retail	3



Insights

- Largest economy in Hebei Province. 20 per cent larger than the provincial capital, Shijiazhuang, though half the size of Tianjin and a third the size of Beijing
- The Caofeidian Port Development Zone is becoming northern China's major port for crude oil and iron-ore imports.

Key Industries

- Coal
- Mining and equipment
- Iron and steel
- Rail rolling stock
- Automotive components
- Cement
- Ceramics
- Textiles
- Petrochemicals

Tangshan's major industries include metallurgy, mining, coal and relevant engineering manufacturing.

Tangsteel is one of China's top 10 steel manufacturers. In 2008, it was merged into Hebei Iron and Steel Group. Together they produce over 40 million tonnes of steel per annum.

Tangshan Railway Transportation Equipment was the first rolling-stock manufacturer in China. It is now a division of China Northern Railways (CNR).

Foreign Direct Investment

Foreign investors include:

- Panasonic
- NGK
- Sumitomo
- ThyssenKrupp
- Kobe Steel
- Matsushita
- Toyota Aisin

Opportunities

The following are projects which the city government is promoting in the next five years.

- Preparations for the 2016 World Gardening Exhibition require dramatic landscaping in the city
- Encouragement of private foreign investment in schools and universities
- Continued expansion of Caofeidian and diversification to petrochemical refinement
- Development of Leting, Luannan and Nanbao wind-power projects

Projections

In the last four years Tangshan has been successful in attracting enterprises from home and abroad.

With a development plan clear and balanced between industry and social requirements, long-term growth looks promising.

The service sector, currently accounting for 35 per cent of the economy, has plenty of room for growth.

Useful Contacts

UK Support

UK Trade & Investment:

www.ukti.gov.uk

British Embassy Beijing:

www.ukinchina.fco.gov.uk

China-Britain Business Council:

www.cbbc.org

British Chamber of Commerce in China:

www.britcham.org

Local Government

Tangshan City Government:

www.tangshan.gov.cn

Tangshan Administration of Industry and Commerce:

www.tsgsj.gov.cn

Development Zones

Caofeidian Industrial Zone:

www.caofeidian.gov.cn