

CHANGCHUN 长春

PROVINCE: JILIN 吉林省

BASIC INFORMATION		Source: China City Statistical Yearbooks			
	2006	2007	2008	2009	
GDP (RMB bn)	174.1	208.9	256.2	284.9	
GDP per capita (RMB)	23677	28132	34193	37753	
FDI (US\$m)	717.8	684.3	2035.6	635.0	
FDI projects (number)	149	123	67	27	
FAI (RMB bn)	95.0	135.1	181.9	229.2	

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

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



Insights

- Provincial capital of Jilin Province
- Second-largest city of the North East after Harbin
- Strong automotive sector, with numerous foreign investments
- GDP and GDP/capita slowing to a rate of approximately 11 per cent y-o-y in 2009
- FDI in 2009 remains on parity with 2006

Key Industries

- Automotive
- Agriculture, food and food processing
- Bio-medical
- Optoelectronics
- ICT

The pillar industries of Changchun include the production of automobiles, agricultural product processing, biopharmaceuticals, construction materials and energy. The automotive industry accounts for over 60 per cent of the city's industrial output.

Agriculture, food and food processing to constitute Changchun's second-largest sector. Grain production accounts for over 5 per cent of the national total and other crops are also produced in high volume.

Foreign Direct Investment

Foreign investors include:

- Toyota
- Siemens
- Henkel
- Tokico
- Volkswagen
- General Motors
- Burberry

Despite a high spike in 2008, FDI in 2009 (US\$635 million) was much in line with 2006

levels. This is still a good performance compared with other Chinese cities and follows the pattern of other urban centres in the region.

The majority of FDI is in the automotive sector.

Opportunities

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

- R&D and the manufacture of rail passenger coaches (high speed, metro, light rail) with Changchun Railway Coach Co. and Changchun Railway Vehicle Co. (subsidiaries of CNR) for both domestic and overseas markets.
- Extension of the light-rail transfer system to over 100km by 2015
- Upgrade and extension to existing coal and gas power stations
- Development of new bonded zone

There are supply-chain opportunities for UK companies in automotive, as well as opportunities in training, tech-transfer and agri-business.

Projections

It is expected that growth will continue at a stable, if not dramatic, rate, based on further investment in the automotive and rail sectors.

Useful Contacts

UK Support

UK Trade & Investment:

www.ukti.gov.uk

British Embassy Beijing:

www.ukinchina.fco.gov.uk

China-Britain Business Council:

www.cbcc.org

British Chamber of Commerce in China:

www.britcham.org

Local Government

Changchun Foreign Affairs Office:

en.changchun.gov.cn

Changchun Bureau of Commerce:

www.ccmbc.gov.cn

Changchun Administration for Industry and Commerce:

www.cccgs.gov.cn

Development Zones

Changchun Economic Technological

Development Zone:

www.cetdz.com.cn

Changchun High-technology Industry

Development Area:

www.chida.gov.cn