

INTRODUCTION OF XUZHOU CITY

I. Advantageous Location

Xuzhou is the geographic and economic center of over 20 cities covering Jiangsu Province, Shandong Province, Henan Province and Anhui Province. In China's regional economic layout, it is the juncture of east coastal opening-up area and middle west developing area, bridging the Yangtze River Delta and the Bohai Rim Economic Circle. It is an important water and land transportation hub and an important intersection for all directions. It is the central city of the Huaihai Economic Zone.





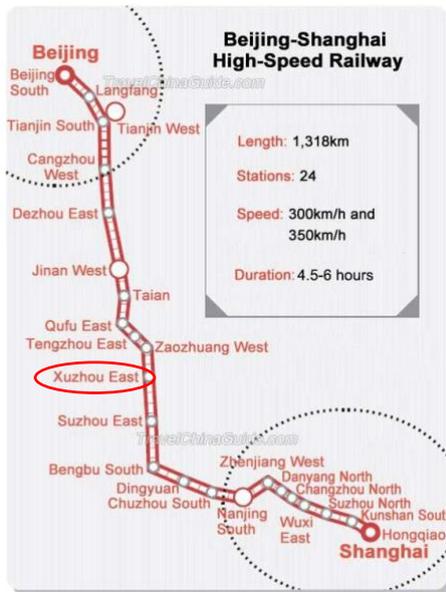
II. Transportation

Xuzhou is an important comprehensive national transportation hub, including railways, highways, waterways, airlines, and pipelines. Xuzhou's market can cover 20 cities in its surrounding areas with a population of 120 million. The one-hour-traffic circle can cover 50 million people. In 2011, the Beijing-Shanghai express railway went into operation and Xuzhou has entered the two-hour economic circles with either Beijing or Shanghai as the core.

Railway

Railways from Beijing to Shanghai, from Lianyungang Port to Xinjiang and from Harbin to Sanya all meet in Xuzhou. The Beijing-Shanghai express railway, Xuzhou-Lanzhou express railway and the under-construction Beijing-Fuzhou express railway will join here. The Beijing-Shanghai express train leaves Xuzhou every 6 minutes, and it takes only 2.5 hours from Xuzhou to Beijing and Shanghai.

The total length of Beijing-Shanghai express railway is 1,318 km and there are totally 21 passenger stations along the way. As one of the seven main stations, Xuzhou has 55.3 km of railway running within its territory.



Highway

There are 9 national highways, 13 provincial highways and 6 express highways in Xuzhou with a total mileage of 441 km.

Aviation

Xuzhou Guanyin Airport, the center airport in Huaihai Economic Zone, has passed the national level airport acceptance and become an important window opening to the outside world for Xuzhou and its surrounding cities. At present, it operates flights to Seoul, Bangkok, Taipei, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Changsha, Guangzhou, Dalian, Xiamen, Fuzhou, Sanya, Kunming, and other cities. It is estimated that by the end of the 12th Five-Year Plan (2015), the passenger handling capacity will reach 2.3 million and the freight handling capacity will reach 50,000 tons.

Inland Water Transport

As one of the 28 main inland river ports in China, Xuzhou has 121 ports, and 328 quay berths with a total terminal extension of 21,715 meters.

Ocean Transport

Xuzhou is over 200 km away from Lianyungang Port, 400 km (railway mileage of 700 km) from Qingdao Port, 600 km from Shanghai, 500 km (railway mileage of 840 km) from Yantai. The above ports can be accessed by railways and express highways.

Petroleum Pipeline Transportation

Pipeline transportation has a length of 128 km in Xuzhou, being an important component of China's national petroleum supply.

III. Economy

With the philosophy of developing the city through strong industries, we encourage the joint and reinforcing development of the pillar industries, emerging industries and service industries, providing good support for the development of upper and lower reach industries. The pillar industries of equipment manufacturing, food and agricultural products processing, coal power energy, coal & salt chemical, green metallurgy as well as construction and building materials industries have all reached considerable scale and have a strong supporting cluster of businesses, especially the equipment manufacturing and the energy industry. Xuzhou has already formed an equipment manufacturing industrial system from parts production to machine assembly and a complete new-energy industrial chain from poly-silicon materials to photovoltaic power generation. XCMG has ranked 5th place among its global peers in terms of overall strength. Zhongneng Silicon has topped the world in poly-silicon output volume. VV Group is a leading enterprise in the food industry in China. The overall competing edge of the industry is quite prominent. With regard to the emerging industries, the six sectors of new energy, electronic information, new materials, new medicine, high-end equipment manufacturing, and energy-saving and environment-protection technology, are experiencing rapid development, becoming the breakthrough in the process of industrial upgrading. Internet of Things in the city, in particular, has seen the birth of a group of key technologies including coal mine safety information collection and sensor control. An IoT business cluster has formed covering such fields of smart mining, wireless communication and intelligent control. As for the modern service industries, with the consistent improvement of urban functions in Xuzhou, Xuzhou has seen rapid development in the commerce & trade, logistics, tourism, real estate and financing industries. The total retail sales of consumer goods last year exceeded 200 billion yuan. A group of modern service industries in commerce and trade, logistics, and platform economy are gaining increasing influence in the Huaihai Economic Zone. Xuzhou is the strongest city in the Huaihai Economic Zone both in economic volume and strength. It is now aiming to build itself into a regional center in economy, commerce, trade, logistics, financial services, science and research as well as education, to push forward the building of the Xuzhou Metropolitan Area. We have drawn up the 2+6+15 urban zoning plan to create a new-type five-level urban and town system consisting of urban center, middle cities, central townships, distinctive townships and new-type rural communities, to achieve contiguous, mixed and integrated development. A group of key projects including the urban rail transit lines, relocation of main hospitals, Suning Plaza are progressing smoothly, significantly improving the capacity and attraction of Xuzhou as a central city. As a rare landscape city in north China, Xuzhou has been recognized as the National Model City for Environment Protection, National Forest City, National Hygiene City, National Ecological Garden City, boasting the reputation of the city of green hills and lakes.

IV. Overview of Xuzhou



English: Xuzhou/Hsuchow

Area Code: +86516

City Flower: Grape Myrtle

City Tree: Gingko

Location: Northwest of Jiangsu Province

Location in China: East of China

Longitude and Latitude: The downtown is located in north latitude $34^{\circ}15'$, east longitude $117^{\circ}11'$

Area: 210 km from east to west, 140 km from north to south, with a total area of 11258 km² including 3,038 km² of urban area

Jurisdiction: Fengxian County, Peixian County, Suining County, Pizhou City, Xinyi City, Tongshan District, Jiawang District, Gulou District, Yunlong District, Quanshan District.

Population: The city has a total population of 10.36 million, including 3.26 million urban residents.

History:

With a civilization of over 5,000 years, Xuzhou was built 2,600 years ago and is one of the most ancient cities in China. Xuzhou was one of the nine states of the country over 3,000 years ago.

As a city of Han Dynasty Culture, Xuzhou was the hometown of Liu Bang (256-195BC), the first emperor of Western Han Dynasty. The Han Dynasty was divided into Eastern Han and Western Han periods (206BC-189AD) lasting for over 400 years. During which the local kings in Xuzhou left numerous historical heritages, including Han clay

figurines, Han stone relief carvings and Han Tombs, which are called "Three Wonders of the Han Dynasty". They are representatives of the Chinese Han culture.

V. Science & Education

Science, Technplogy and Education

Xuzhou is "a city of science and education" with a galaxy of talents. There are altogether 31 independent scientific research institutes, 335 R&D institutions and 14 colleges and universities, including China University of Mining & Technology, Xuzhou Medical College, Xuzhou Normal University, Xuzhou Institute of Technology, etc, which jointly provide Xuzhou with solid and strong intellectual support for its economic and social development.

Note: The introduction is from the website of Xuzhou government. You can learn more from it. http://www.xz.gov.cn/ZGXZ_English/004/004001/