

City of TIANJIN

Tianjin city is situated in the Hebei province, at the centre of the Bohai region, which represents one of the main industrial areas supported by the Chinese Central Government economic development policy.

The Tianjin area represents 6% of the PRC's land and 21% of the GDP. It counts around 200 million inhabitants, 10 of whom are living in Tianjin urban areas.

Tianjin is one of the four Chinese municipalities under the direct jurisdiction of the Central Government and the main city in the north-east coast of the country.

It sits on the Gulf of Bohai and develops for over 150km along the coastline and is 120km eastbound of Beijing capital city. Its geographical position is strategic and enjoys a well-served transport system and communication network which makes Tianjin city an excellent gate to the Chinese market.

The development of key economic sectors (such as electronics and IT engineering, automotive manufacturing, bio-technologies and pharmaceutical engineering, heavy industries, chemical industries, petrol and sustainable energy production and environment protection industries) is focusing on the recruitment and training of highly skilled human resources. Tianjin city hosts 37 universities with a yearly output of 51,000 graduates and 26,000 technicians.

Tianjin is undoubtedly a strategic city from the logistics point of view and the bridge between Europe and Asia given as follows:

- _ second ranking seaport in China,
- _ key road and rail network junction,
- _ third ranking city for population number in the PRC,
- _ 600 years of history heritage,
- _ 11,900 sq.mt. of land.

Sea-port:

Tianjin seaport is the leading commercial port of the north and is among the first ranking seaport of the country in terms of capacity and cargo traffic level. It develops 140 docklands and 11 container terminals with the option of RO-RO cargo and is connected with 300 seaports in 180 foreign countries. It is served by 80 different container shipping lines.

It is the main container terminal of north China:

- _ 206 millions of tons of goods shipped in 2005,
- _ 3.8 millions of TEU/container in 2005.

The forecast of growth by 2010 is:

- _ 300 millions of tons of shipped goods,
- _ 10 millions TEU/container shipped.

Railway network:

The overall surface travelled by the railway newtwork is 1,363 km

- _ the yearly cargo turnover is around 175.000 tons,
- _ 6 are the main lines,
- _ 1 is a suburban line.

Road network:

- _ 8 highways,
- _ 6 inter-province highways,
- _ 2 dedicated highways between Beijing and Tianjin.