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## A Long and Rich History

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## Tianjin in Ancient Times

Zhuan Wei Tu: A Qing Dynasty Painting Illustrating Grain Transport in Tianjin under the Reign of Emperor Kangxi (1662–1722) ▶

Tianjin, located on an alluvial plain shaped by an ancient retreat of the sea, has been a cradle of human civilization since the Paleolithic era. Over 100,000 years ago, the area that is now known as Jizhou District was already a thriving human habitat.

Over 4,000 years ago, the land that evolved into the heart of modern Tianjin emerged from the sea. The legendary Emperor Yu the Great, known for his feats in flood control, carved out the Yu River, channeling the mighty Yellow River's waters into the sea through the area that is today's Tianjin. This area has since witnessed the Yellow River's waters meet the sea on three separate occasions. The combined forces of the "nine downstream rivers", including the Daqing River, Yongding River, and Ziya River, have sculpted an alluvial plain and nudged the coastline steadily eastward over time.

During the Spring and Autumn Period (770BC–476BC), the plains of Tianjin were dotted with numerous bustling villages. Archaeological excavations reveal that the outskirts of Tianjin alone were home to as many as 50 ancient village sites. These settlements were so close-knit that "one could see the smoke from neighboring villages and hear the crowing of their roosters and the barking of their dogs".

### A History of Human Development for over 100,000 Years

Taiziling, the Prince Mausoleum, is a significant Paleolithic site in Tianjin. It is renowned for its deep cultural layers, unbroken stratigraphic sequence, and a rich trove of stone artifacts unearthed from the site. The finding of a polished stone tool, nestled in the site's sixth layer, attests to Tianjin's rich human history spanning at least 100,000 years. This discovery underscores Tianjin's pivotal role as a key region for early human proliferation, ongoing interaction, and evolution in not just North China but the broader northern region of the country.

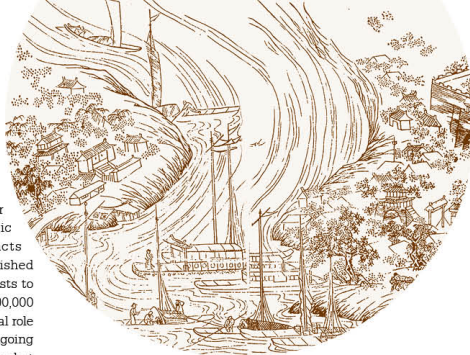


### First Discovery of Transitional Remains from the Old to New Stone Age in Tianjin

Between October and December of 2023, the Tianjin Archaeological Department undertook its fourth excavation at the Qingchi site in Jizhou District. This effort yielded over a thousand artifacts across two dig sites, encompassing a diverse array of materials. Finds included chipped stone tools, polished stone implements, pottery, bone tools, and animal bones from both the Old and New Stone Ages. The unearthing of New Stone Age remains at this site has significantly pushed back the timeline of human history in the Tianjin area, tracing it back to the middle stage of the New Stone Age, approximately 8,000 years ago.

## The Founding of Tianjin Garrison

The city name "Tianjin", meaning "the Ford where the emperor, Son of Heaven, crossed the river", was first coined during the Ming



Dynasty (1368–1644). The city is also referred to as "Jingu" or "Jinmen". Its earliest official mention, "Sanhui Haikou" (the mouth of three rivers), can be traced back to the Tong Dian (General Records) of the Tang Dynasty (618–907).

With the opening of the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal during the Sui Dynasty (581–618), Tianjin, favorably situated at the lower reaches of the rivers and near the Bohai Sea, emerged as a crucial transportation nexus linking Chang'an, the capital, to regions east of the Hangu Pass and the Taihang Mountains. From the middle of the Tang Dynasty onwards, Tianjin assumed a pivotal role as a terminal for both water and land routes, facilitating the transport of grain and silk from the south. The Jin Dynasty (1115–1234) saw the construction of a fortress named "Zhiguzhai", and the Yuan Dynasty (1271–1368) witnessed the establishment of a town called "Hajinzhèn" at Zhigu (near present-day Sanchahekou). Both served as significant military bases and centers for grain transportation.

In 1400, Zhu Di, Emperor Jianwen's uncle, marshaled his forces to cross the river

at Zhigu, successfully seizing the throne three years later. Due to its strategic military importance, Tianjin was officially established as a garrison on December 23, 1404. The left and right garrisons were put in place in 1405 and 1406, respectively. By 1652, during the ninth year of Emperor Shunzhi's reign (1644–1661) in the Qing Dynasty (1616–1911), the three garrisons were consolidated into the Tianjin Garrison. The establishment of the garrison was a pivotal move marking the birth of Tianjin as we know it, and the flourishing water transport industry laid a robust foundation for its future growth and development.

Under the reign of Emperor Zhengde (1506–1521) in the Ming Dynasty, Tianjin blossomed into a vibrant nexus of river and sea commerce. Its waterways teemed with vessels laden with grain while its streets bustled with shops peddling an array of goods. Trade was predominantly in grain and southern groceries. By the end of the Ming Dynasty, Tianjin had evolved from a mere garrison into a thriving metropolis.

Tianjin holds the unique distinction of being the only city in ancient China with a precisely documented date of establishment. Since its official inception in 1404, it has enjoyed an extraordinary journey spanning 620 years.





The Grand Canal (Jinghai section) winds for 49 kilometers, passing through 110 villages.

### The Site of the Fourteen Storehouses of the Yuan Dynasty

On August 18, 2023, archaeologists made a significant discovery in Wuqing District, unearthing remnants of storehouses from the Yuan Dynasty. This finding affirmed that the site of the Fourteen Storehouses was integral to a major national canal transport and storage system anchored by the Grand Canal from the Yuan Dynasty. The site encompasses a network of interconnected remains, including the North Canal, diversion canals, artificial lakes, roads, storehouses, and even sunken ships.

Archaeologists are conducting soil sample analysis at the site of the Fourteen Storehouses. ▶



## Tianjin in Modern Times

As one of the earliest Chinese cities to engage with modern Western civilization, Tianjin has been at the forefront of advancements in industry, finance, trade, commerce, education, and military affairs, boasting over a hundred pioneering “firsts” in China:

- The first university;
- The first polytechnic school;

- The first public hospital;
- The first post office;
- The first mint;
- The first gunpowder factory;
- The first alkali factory;
- ...

In the early 20th century, Tianjin swiftly

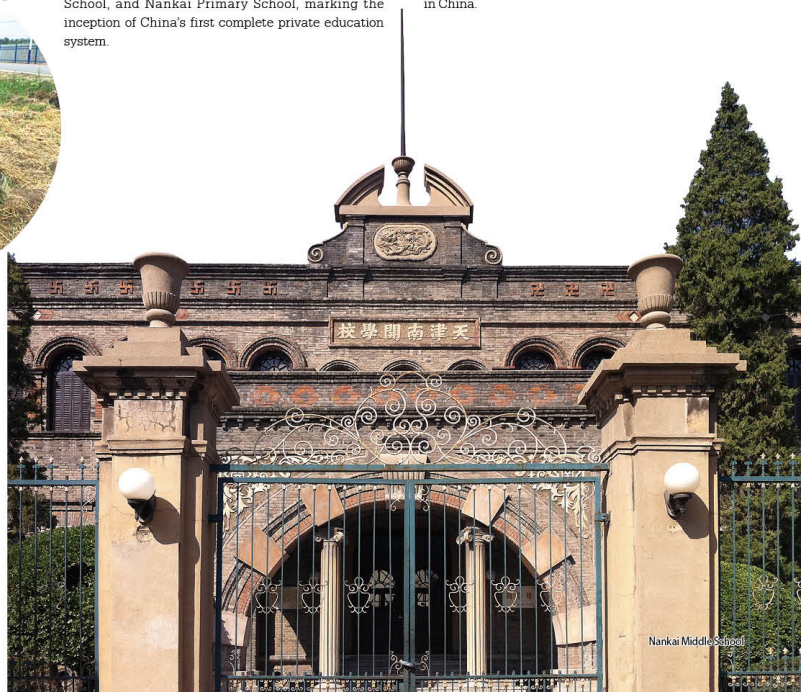
emerged as a pivotal hub for foreign trade, industry, and finance in northern China. Following the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, Tianjin became North China's manufacturing powerhouse. It produced iconic brands like the “Beijing” televisions and “Flying Pigeon” bicycles, playing a crucial role in shaping the development of the country.

### Nankai Schools—China's First Complete System of Private Education

Between 1898 and 1919, Yan Xiu and Zhang Boling blazed a trail for modern education in China. They revolutionized traditional teaching methods and advocated for contemporary education in Tianjin. Their efforts led to the establishment of Nankai Middle School, Nankai University, Nankai Girls' Middle School, and Nankai Primary School, marking the inception of China's first complete private education system.

### Zhongying Primary School—China's First Compulsory Education School

Zhongying Primary School, initiated in 1905 and operational on March 5, 1906, is notable for being Tianjin's first public primary school to implement compulsory education. The first principal Liu Baoci introduced a comprehensive curriculum, marking a significant advancement in modern primary education in China.



## Geographical Advantages

The total land area of Tianjin is 11,966.5 square kilometers, stretching from the Yan Mountains to the coastal plain, with the alluvial plain area accounting for 93%. The average elevation in the north is 1,052 meters, with the highest point being the summit of Jiushanding in Jizhou District, at an elevation of 1,078.5 meters. The southeastern part is adjacent to Bohai Bay, with an average elevation of only 3.5 meters, making it the lowest point in the North China Plain.

Boasting a geological history spanning 2 billion years, Tianjin is home to a diverse array of landforms, including mountains, rivers, lakes, seas, springs, and wetlands. The Tianjin Jizhou District National Geopark stands out as China's sole national geopark that chronicles the geological evolution of the earth during the Middle and Upper Paleozoic eras.

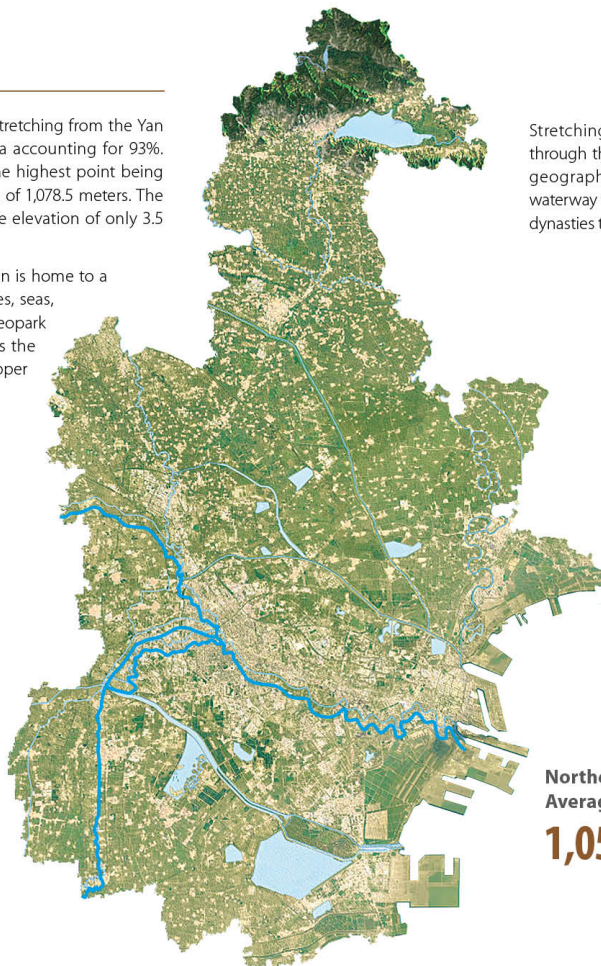
### Total Land Area

**11,966.5km<sup>2</sup>**

Highest Point of the Northern Part:  
the Summit of Jiushanding in Jizhou District

**1,078.5m**  
above Sea Level

Alluvial Plain Area  
**93%**



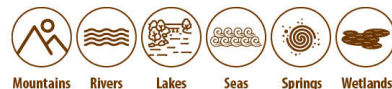
Stretching 73 kilometers, the Haihe River gracefully winds its way through the city before merging into the Bohai Sea. Tianjin's distinctive geographical position has established it as a pivotal north-south waterway transit hub for over 1,300 years, spanning from the Sui and Tang dynasties to the Ming and Qing dynasties.

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A diverse array of land forms, including:



Northern Part:  
Average Elevation  
**1,052m**

Average Elevation: the  
Lowest Point in the North  
China Plain  
**3.5m**

Situated at the crossroads of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei urban agglomeration and the Bohai Sea Rim Economic Circle, Tianjin is a crucial terrestrial and maritime nexus along the Belt and Road. Strategically located with the expansive hinterlands of North, Northeast, and Northwest China to its rear while facing Northeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific Economic Circle, Tianjin serves as a significant gateway to the sea not only for North China but also for China's neighboring inland countries. Tianjin Port, the city's strategic cornerstone and prime asset, has established shipping routes that connect all major global ports, boasting an annual container throughput of 22.19 million TEUs. It is currently being transformed into an international hub

port dedicated to serving the Belt and Road initiative and promoting China's comprehensive opening up to the outside world.

Container Throughput

**22.19 million TEUs**



A cargo ship of HMM Hyundai Merchant Marine near the ShuangPort Area of Tianjin Port



## High-Quality Development

- Manufacturing Progress
- Financial Innovations
- Industrial Upgrading
- Business Environment Improvement
- Rural Vitalization



Lajin (Tianjin) Auto Parts Co., Ltd., a Supplier of Beijing Benz

Since the initiation of the "Ten Actions" for high-quality development in 2023, Tianjin has witnessed robust economic growth. The city has placed significant emphasis on scientific and technological innovation, industrial upgrading, and urban renewal. By capitalizing on its existing resources, Tianjin has actively cultivated new growth engines and enhanced the overall quality of development.

Tianjin's GDP

**1.67373** trillion yuan

**↑ 4.3%**  
over the Previous Year

Tianjin's General Public Budget

**202.73** billion yuan

**↑ 9.8%**  
over the Previous Year

Percentage of Tax Revenue

**77.9%**

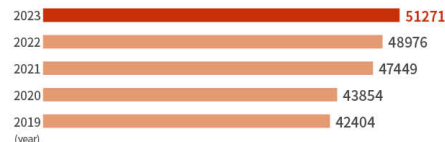
Tax Revenue Growth Rate

**17.2%**

Tax Revenue Growth Rate of the Private Economy

**26.1%**

Per Capita Disposable Income of Tianjin Residents, 2019–2023 (yuan)



Key Achievements in Various Industries in 2023:

- Integrated circuits, traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), automotive networking, high-end equipment, and aerospace industry witnessed a value-added growth rate exceeding 10%.
- Investment in the high-tech industry saw a notable increase of 5.9%.
- Strategic emerging services and science and technology (S&T) services experienced significant growth, with operating revenues rising by 14.4% and 14.2%, respectively.

## Manufacturing Progress

Tianjin's Thriving Industrial Sector:

- Industrial fixed asset investment grew by 5.4%, comprising 35.1% of total fixed asset investment.
- 12 key industrial chains showed continuous growth, with added value accounting for 79.8% of industries above designated size.
- The Modern TCM Innovation Center earned national recognition as a manufacturing innovation hub.
- The construction of SMIC's 12-inch silicon wafer factory, SINOPEC's 1.2 mtpa ethane cracker, and Huawei's regional headquarters was accelerated.
- The 360 Science and Technology Innovation Park became operational.
- Three enterprises, including ROCKCHECK, received national acclaim as intelligent manufacturing demonstration factories.

Tianjin's 12 Key Industrial Chains

- IT Application Innovation
- Light Industry
- Green Petrochemicals
- Automotive & New Energy Vehicles
- High-End Equipment
- Aerospace
- New Materials
- New Energy
- TCM
- Biomedicine
- Automotive Networking
- Integrated Circuits



An Airbus aircraft ascends from the Tianjin Airport.

### Tianjin's Flourishing Manufacturing Sector:

- 28 national and 115 municipal manufacturing champion enterprises;
- 253 "Little Giants" (national specialized and innovative enterprises);
- 1,579 municipal specialized and innovative SMEs and over 3,000 innovative SMEs;
- Formation of seven national competitively distinct SME industrial clusters and certification of 32 municipal industrial parks such as the Xinchuang Valley.

### Substantial Investments in Tianjin's Industrial Sector:

- 75 key projects totaling 97.4 billion yuan were signed and implemented, including the second production line of Airbus A320, Geely Commercial Vehicles, Henghe's C5/C9 fractionation, Tianjin Base of Dalian Shipbuilding, and Novo Nordisk Expansion.
- The Haihe Industrial Fund directed investments towards IT application innovation, biomedicine, and other critical industrial chains. This initiative resulted in 280 projects securing reinvestment, amounting to 181.77 billion yuan.

### Tianjin's Exciting Strides in Investment Promotion:

- Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area (TEDA) effectively utilized domestic capital of 70 billion yuan, up by 24%, and foreign capital of 1.28 billion US dollars.
- 12,500 new market players emerged, marking a 28% increase.
- Enterprises like Zhejiang NHU, INEOS, and Meiji Milk expanded their capital investments.

### High-End Equipment Manufacturing in Tianjin Binhai High-Tech Industrial Development Area

Tianjin Binhai High-Tech Industrial Development Area has developed four distinct industrial chains within its high-end equipment manufacturing sector:

- An aerospace industry chain, spearheaded by China Academy of Space Technology (CAST);
- A marine equipment industry chain, led by CNNOC;
- A rail transportation industry chain, represented by Siemens Mobility and Keyvia Electric;
- An intelligent manufacturing industry chain, involving prominent players such as Schneider Electric and John Crane.

Notably, the assembly and testing of major modules for the Tiangong Space Station, including Tianhe, Wentian, and Mengtian, were conducted at the Tianjin Base of CAST.

## Financial Innovations

### Tianjin Financial Innovation and Operation Demonstration Zone has made major strides in serving the real economy.

- The balance of loans to technology-based SMEs grew by 41.3%.
- The balance of loans to the manufacturing industry grew by 13.9%.
- National pilots such as Digital RMB and regional equity market system and business innovation were steadily implemented.
- The value-added ratio of the financial sector reached 13.4%.

### Tianjin's financial leasing continued to lead nationally.

- By the end of 2023, Dongjiang Comprehensive Bonded Zone had completed leasing and disposal for 2,228 aircrafts, 673 ships, and 77 offshore platforms. Accelerated construction of a world-class ship leasing center is underway.
- Commercial factoring's total assets reached 298.3 billion yuan, with the factoring financing balance standing at 252.4 billion yuan, both maintaining the top national rankings.
- The outstanding balance of financial guarantees amounted to 37.7 billion yuan, with 3.076 million accounts under guarantee. The multiplier stood at 3.06 times, with an average guarantee fee rate of about 0.8%.

National Leasing and New Finance Exhibition Center in Dongjiang Comprehensive Bonded Zone



### Tianjin's financing landscape for diverse enterprises has expanded significantly.

- The balance of loans to technology-based enterprises surpassed 230 billion yuan, marking a 30% year-on-year increase.
- The balance of loans to specialized and innovative enterprises reached 78 billion yuan, up by nearly 90% since the beginning of the year.
- The balance of green loans exceeded 600 billion yuan, representing a growth of over 20% year-on-year.
- 47 green bonds were issued, raising a total of 27.1 billion yuan.

### Tianjin Pilot Free Trade Zone has been included in the National Pilot Program of Aligning with International High Standards and Promoting Institutional Opening Up.

- The Free Trade Zone implemented 615 institutional innovation initiatives and replicated 39 experience cases nationwide.
- Commercial factoring companies boasted the highest total assets and factoring financing balance nationwide, with green

financial leasing also leading in total assets.

- Financial leasing companies' assets surpassed 2.1 trillion yuan.

### Tianjin substantially enhanced financial services for S&T innovation by:

- Establishing 23 specialized institutions through 15 financial entities like ICBC, offering targeted investment and financing services for S&T-based enterprises;
- Implementing a special action plan to improve financial services for S&T innovation enterprises;
- Developing a dedicated platform to facilitate financing for S&T innovation enterprises;
- Creating a whitelist to identify S&T innovation enterprises;
- Providing loans to 3,787 enterprises through financial institutions.

### Tianjin actively facilitated enterprises in going public.

- Five enterprises were successfully listed, bringing the total number of domestic and foreign listed enterprises to 93.
- Seven enterprises initiated the application and examination processes for stock exchange listing, with 13 enterprises receiving guidance from the Municipal Securities Regulatory Bureau. At the end of 2023, five enterprises were undergoing examination, and 29 enterprises were receiving counseling.
- Five enterprises were listed on the New Third Board, contributing to a total of 122 listed enterprises.

### Tianjin's financing costs for the real economy continued to decrease.

- The average interest rate on newly-issued enterprise loans decreased to 4.09%, down by 0.25 percentage points compared to the previous year. Notably, the weighted average interest rate on newly issued inclusive small and microloans dropped to 5.14%, down by 0.3 percentage points year-on-year.
- Financial institutions persisted in enhancing their payment and settlement services, resulting in a cumulative reduction in service fees exceeding 800 million yuan. This initiative benefited 2 million small and micro enterprises.



## Industrial Upgrading

Tianjin has remained committed to reinforcing the construction of a modern industrial system, with a focus on enhancing the competitiveness of industrial chains, promoting intelligent upgrading, accelerating green transformation, and facilitating integrated development, so as to foster new industry driving forces.

### National Core Technologies:

- Tianjin boasts 134 vital national technologies spanning 34 areas across 8 major industries.
- Tianjin hosts 80 national enterprises technology centers, ranking third among major cities in China.

### Innovation Platforms:

- Tianjin is home to the Tianjin Institute of Industrial Biotechnology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, serving as a national manufacturing innovation center.
- The city hosts several industrial innovation platforms, including the Tianjin Institute of Pharmaceutical Research and the Xinhua Platform for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.
- Tianjin boasts 11 basic service platforms for industrial technologies.

### Core Technologies in High-Tech Areas:

- Significant breakthroughs were achieved in several core technologies, including the development of a self-propelled transportation and installation vessel for submerged



tubes by the First Harbour Engineering Company of China Communications Construction Company, the release of the Tianhe-Tianyuan Big Model by the National Supercomputing Center in Tianjin, and the innovation of i-line photoresist by Jiuri New Materials.

- KyLinSoft has maintained its position as the top Linux OS in China for 12 consecutive years and ranked first among local vendors in both desktop and server markets.

- The construction of China Xinchuang Valley was expedited, with its industry scale surpassing 80 billion yuan. The valley is now home to over 1,000 IT application innovation-based enterprises, forming an IT application innovation industrial chain focusing on basic hardware, software systems, and services.

### Emerging Industries:

- Tianjin's industrialization and informatization integration index ranked among the top nationwide.
- Investment in high-tech industries saw a notable growth of 5.9%.
- The strategic emerging service industry expanded by 14.4%.
- Operating revenues of the S&T service industry surged by 14.2%.
- The establishment of 300 smart factories and digitized workshops contributed to industrial advancement.
- Leading enterprises in the platform economy, including Accumulus, 58.com, and Lalamove, maintained a growth rate exceeding 20%.



Tie Ke Hua Tie Jing Wei (Tianjin) Information Technology Co., Ltd. has been recognized as a leading enterprise in Tianjin's strategic emerging industries and listed among the NDRC's promising advanced manufacturing firms.

## Business Environment Improvement

### Tianjin actively promoted business development and enhanced the business environment by:

- Implementing 56 preferential policies, benefiting eligible entities or individuals as no application is required;
- Compiling a list of 285 items exempted from application materials, forms, signatures, or seals;
- Reducing unnecessary certificates by 189 items for the convenience of the people;
- Enabling handling of 160 administrative procedures across provincial boundaries for enterprises or individuals.

### State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs):

- Tianjin's SOEs received consecutive A-grade evaluations from SASAC during the Three-year Action of SOE Reform.
- Taxes and fees paid by Tianjin's municipally-administered SOEs rose by 8.3%.

### Private Economy:

- A conference was convened to advance the high-quality development of the private economy, introducing 29 measures to foster growth.
- The number of newly established private enterprises surged by 13.3%, totaling 301,000.

### Export-Oriented Economy:

- Tianjin attracted a substantial \$5.77 billion in foreign capital investment.

- The city excelled in deepening innovative trade in services, achieving successful pilot outcomes.
- Tianjin maintained its dominance in the total volume of parallel imported automobiles.
- As a national leader, the city's cold chain trade continued to flourish.

### Heping District was named the Model for Constructing an Internationalized Business Environment in 2023.

- The district established a 500-million-yuan fund to support the high-quality development of private enterprises and individual businesses.
- Implementing convenience measures, the district introduced one-stop services for over 10 administrative procedures, including medical institution registration.
- Promoting collaboration, the district initiated the Building Economy Development Alliance, facilitating demand matching among enterprises.
- Leading in healthcare innovation, the district formed Tianjin's first pharmaceutical and healthcare industry alliance with Tianjin Medical University, the Blood Disease Hospital of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, and Tianjin Medical University General Hospital, resulting in the signing of 11 projects.



The city's one-stop service center boosts efficiency.



Yangsi Village, Ninghe District

## Rural Vitalization

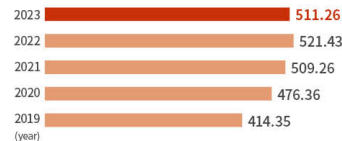
Tianjin has prioritized rural vitalization and agricultural development, resulting in:

- 3.41 billion yuan raised for modernization in agriculture and rural areas;
- Designation of Xiaozhan Rice Industry Cluster as a national competitive industry cluster;
- Recognition of Shangcang Town in Jizhou District as a national agricultural industry leader.

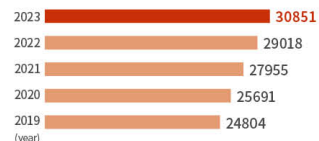
### Achievements in Food Production:

- Grain production reached 2.557 million tons.
- Vegetable output amounted to 2.537 million tons.

### Total Agricultural Output Value in Tianjin (hundred million yuan)



### Per-Capita Disposable Income of Rural Residents in Tianjin (yuan)



- 320,000 mu of new and upgraded high-standard farmland were added.
- Grain farmers received a subsidy of 95 yuan per mu.
- A policy subsidizing agricultural machinery was implemented, benefiting 4,657 farmers who purchased 10,441 units of agricultural machinery and equipment.

#### Advancements in Agricultural S&T:

- Supported the conservation of germplasm resources for various crops, forest fruits, edible fungi, aquaculture, and meat goats, alongside research on seed industry innovation.
- Officially inaugurated and utilized the State Key Laboratory of Vegetable Biological Breeding, storing and preserving approximately 60,000 crop germplasm resources.
- Achieved a comprehensive utilization rate of 98% for crop straw.
- Made efforts to build a beautiful and harmonious countryside.
- Enhanced the sanitary conditions of 8,985 rural toilets.
- Recognized villages excelling in living environment standards.
- Maintained rural sewage treatment facilities.
- Upgraded 251 kilometers of rural roads.
- Successfully completed the three-year action plan for investigating and remediating potential rural housing safety hazards.

#### New Breakthroughs in Paired Assistance in 2023

Deployed **543** professionals  
 Trained **679** professionals  
 Implemented **the Spring Breeze Action**  
 Held **219** job fairs  
 Provided **181,000** job positions  
 Secured employment for **107,400** people

Collaborated with  
**Gansu Province**  
 for workforce cooperation

Implemented **66** poverty alleviation projects in other regions



Recognized **53** rural revitalization demonstration villages

Allocated **696** million yuan for paired assistance from fiscal fund

Conducted **267** training sessions on workforce cooperation in paired areas

Trained **10,141** workers



Demonstration Base of Maotian Rice High-Standard Farmland, Xuyi District

#### Paired-Up Assistance in Poverty Alleviation:

- Assisted 83 economically weak villages in developing their industries.
- Awarded the first 10 model villages of rural revitalization.
- Recognized 30 villages as model villages of rural revitalization.
- Witnessed the establishment of over 20,000 new agricultural business entities.
- Increased the number of agricultural products bearing the brand "Jinnong Jingpin" (high-quality agricultural brands of Tianjin) to 225, with annual sales exceeding 10 billion yuan.

#### Full Coverage of Basic Financial Services in All Villages:

- Agriculture-related loans reached a balance of 292.3 billion yuan, marking an 8.1% year-on-year increase.
- Agricultural loans saw a growth of 14.6%.
- Rural loans experienced a growth of 10.8%.
- Loans to rural households grew by 10.1%.

#### Tianjin rural property rights exchange spearheaded rural revitalization.

In 2023, the Tianjin Rural Property Rights Exchange facilitated 8,492 transactions totaling nearly 10.5 billion yuan. It established a comprehensive rural property rights transfer and trading market service system across the entire city, exempting service fees for rural collective economic organizations and households. Moreover, it maintained the lowest average fee for other market entities nationwide. These efforts resulted in a substantial increase in farmers' incomes, amounting to 1.380 billion yuan, benefiting 332,700 rural households.



## Coordinated Development

- Coordination in Innovation Projects
- Coordination in Ecological Protection
- Coordination in Industry Development
- Coordination in Transport Networks
- Coordination in Public Service System

On May 12, 2023, General Secretary Xi Jinping chaired a meeting aimed at promoting the coordinated development of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region (or the BTH region). In his keynote speech, he designated the BTH region as the "vanguard and model of Chinese Modernization", thereby setting a clear course for this strategic move.

2023 saw the region's GDP hit 10.4 trillion yuan, while 2024 marks the tenth anniversary of this national strategy. Therefore, Tianjin prioritizes "enhancing regional coordination" within its "Ten Actions" for high-quality development, continuously assisting Beijing, Xiong'an New Area, and the Beijing Municipal Administrative Center (BMC). In 2023, Tianjin conducted over 230 site visits and signed new strategic agreements with Beijing and Hebei. The Beijing-Tianjin "1+7" agreement and the Tianjin-Hebei "1+6" agreement are being fully implemented. Joint efforts are also made to

organize a regular symposium for coordinated development.

#### BTH Action Plan for Coordinated Development of the Pilot Free Trade Zone

On December 25, 2023, the three places jointly unveiled an action plan in Xiong'an New Area, including five major measures as follows:

- To facilitate trade and investment;
- To enhance cooperation and connectivity of ports in the region;
- To promote collaboration in financial innovation;
- To accelerate industrial integration;
- To boost resource flow efficiency.

## Coordination in Innovation Projects

Tiankai Higher Education Innovation Park was inaugurated on May 18, 2023. As a result of collaborative innovation, it has attracted over 1,300 companies within only 9 months and facilitated technological commercialization for companies such as Tsing Micro, Metaphase, and Inmuu.

15 national key laboratories were established to a high standard. The BTH National Technology

Innovation Center has collaborated with Nankai University and Tsinghua Advanced Equipment Research Institute in establishing seven innovation platforms. The National Supercomputer Center in Tianjin has helped over 1,000 key research institutions, enterprises, and government agencies achieve more than 1,000 innovative accomplishments. The Tianjin Science and Technology Achievement



Tianjin Xinsong Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd. is located in Beijing-Tianjin Science and Technology City, where its researchers are testing a newly developed electric inspection robot.

Network has seen 420 BTH enterprise users publish 8,575 achievements and also gathered 3,836 experts from the region.

#### Wuqing District has enhanced its role as a link between Beijing and Tianjin.

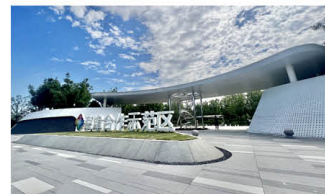
- The Beijing-Tianjin Industrial New City (JJNC) has secured 27 coordinated projects with a total investment of 14.86 billion yuan.
- 77 sci-tech achievements from universities and institutions have been commercialized.
- The first express bus tailored to Wuqing-Beijing commuters has started operation.
- 320 business items have been facilitated through regional government coordination.
- 15 educational communities and alliances have been formed.

The Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area has attracted an investment of 163.4 billion yuan from 492 coordinated projects. Central SOEs such as China Energy Coal, Sinochem New Material, National Pipeline Storage and Transportation, and Sinopec Talent have established their secondary and tertiary headquarters successively. The Supercomputer



#### Beijing-Tianjin Pharmaceutical Valley

The Valley, located in the National Demonstration Zone for Integrated Industrial and Urban Development in Beichen District, has seen the district sign contracts worth 7.3 billion yuan with 30 enterprises, including central state-owned enterprises, leading private biopharmaceutical firms, international hospitals, biopharmaceutical funds, and other companies specializing in intelligent medical equipment.



#### Beijing-Tianjin Cooperation Demonstration Area

The Beijing-Tianjin Cooperation Demonstration Area completed its infrastructure construction, attracting multiple projects with a total fixed asset investment of 93 million yuan.

Center has been approved to establish a national public AI computing platform. The Tianhe Digital Economy Industry Park has also been recognized as one of the top ten BTH-themed parks, with the launch of 62 digital industry projects.



Beidagang Wetland

## Coordination in Ecological Protection

Tianjin is enhancing coordinated ecological protection in the BTH region by improving early warning systems, emergency responses, and emission reduction efforts. Scientific restoration measures are also being taken to preserve the extensive wetland area.

- Sharing air quality data through the national

network promotes coordination in the prevention and control of heavy pollution.

- The Tianjin-Hebei eco-compensation fund aims to protect the environment around the upstream and downstream areas of the Luanhe River, the source of water diverted into Tianjin.



### Chaobai River: Key to Preserving Ecosystem of the Region

The Chaobai River, one of the five major rivers in the Haihe River system, flows through the BTH region. In the Chaobai River National Wetland Park, 21,000 mu have been afforested with 800,000 trees, and over 5,000 mu of wetlands have been restored to preserve the ecosystem.

Chaobai River National Wetland Park



## Coordination in Industry Development

Tianjin is promoting industrial synergy in the BTH region, aligning the development of key industries such as biomedicine, large-scale machines, and cybersecurity with the national plan. At the 2023 BTH Industrial Chain and Supply Chain Conference, the three places jointly initiated a major cross-regional chain map of six sectors, namely, hydrogen energy, biomedicine, industrial Internet, high-end large-scale machines, new energy & intelligent connected vehicles, and robotics.

### Collaborative Research on Industrial Synergy in the BTH Region:

- 5G strategic cooperation agreements worth over 10 billion yuan have been signed with China Mobile and China Unicom respectively; China Telecom has invested over 10 billion yuan to establish the BTH Big Data Intelligent Computing Center.
- Sinopec has invested 28.8 billion yuan in constructing a 1.2-million-ton ethylene project in Nangang, driving the development of downstream new materials industries.



Beijing-Tianjin Industry Partnership Expo & Joint Investment Promotion Conference

- The secondary headquarters of General Technology Group's Machine Tool Division in Tianjin produces large-scale machines at a national level.
- Lenovo's 1.8 billion yuan innovation industrial park was completed in November, where one laptop is produced every nine seconds.
- At the first BTH Eco-Industry Innovation and Development Conference, the "BTH Technology Innovation Community of Environmental Protection" was established to boost the green development of 12 key industrial chains.
- More than 2,500 Beijing-based enterprises have settled in Wuqing's JJINC.
- A pilot scheme is being promoted in the BTH region along the Tongzhou-Wuqing-Langfang corridor.
- The "Beijing-Tianjin Industry Collaboration Center" is under co-construction by Wuqing District and Daxing International Airport Economic Zone.



In Lenovo's industrial park, one laptop is produced every nine seconds.



Binhai-Zhongguancun Science Park



Tianjin Jingbin Industrial Park

- A regional innovation platform is being co-founded by Tongzhou District, Baodi District, and Tangshan City.
- 4,913 companies have registered in the Binhai-Zhongguancun Science Park.
- 1,328 companies have registered in Baodi's Beijing-Tianjin Zhongguancun Science and Technology City.

### The First China International Supply Chain Expo

On November 28, the International Expo in Beijing saw over 240 Tianjin companies sign contracts worth 22 billion yuan with companies like Beijing Medkon Medical Supplies. A connectivity project for the BTH industrial chain was initiated, engaging 28 industry professional associations, including 9 at the state level and 19 at the regional level (6 from Tianjin).

### Binhai-Zhongguancun Science Park

The Innovation-Driven Alliance for Industry, Academia, and Research in the Park was jointly launched by nine institutions on January 17, 2024. The opening of the Tianjin Binhai-Zhongguancun Collaborative Innovation Service Center, a community of collaborative innovation, has attracted ten sci-tech companies.

- Over 700 companies register in the park on average each year.
- The park is now home to 193 national high-tech enterprises.
- 259 tech-based small and medium-sized enterprises have settled in.
- The city's first large-scale M0 new industrial land project is under construction, with a 50% reservation rate.
- Liaoning Petrochemical University & Binhai Petrochemical Industry Research Institute is in operation.
- Rainforest Space Incubator has been approved as a state-level incubator, the country's first Overseas Professional Exit-Entry Service Center was inaugurated.



Fuxing High-Speed Train Departing from Baodi Station

## Coordination in Transport Networks

### Promoting the Transportation Network to Enhance the BTH Connectivity:

- The newly opened Tianjin-Daxing Railway, together with the Beijing-Tianjin, Beijing-Shanghai, and Beijing-Binhai high-speed railway lines, is set to form a transportation network linking Beijing and Tianjin.
- The railway efficiency is optimized with an extra 31,000 high-speed train seats provided daily, a 20% increase in overall transport capacity.
- The express bus service from Tianjin's Wuging District to Beijing offers six round trips daily, with a 35-minute travel time each way.

### Advancing the Building of Xiong'an New Area and BMC:

- Tianjin Port has provided a "green channel" service for Xiong'an New Area, handling over 8,400 standard containers.
- The Beijing CBD-Tianjin Port Coordinated Service Center was unveiled in Beijing, allowing Beijing enterprises to access services of Tianjin Port from over 150 kilometers away.

### Improving Facilities and Internal/External Rail-Road Networks at Tianjin Port:

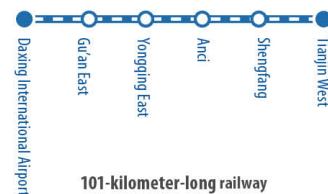
- Construction has commenced on the container yard project on the west side of Huisheng Wharf.
- The rail-freight terminal at Yuanhang South Cargo Yard has started operation, increasing Nanjiang Port Area's rail capacity by 15 million tons.
- 16 projects are being accelerated, including the electrification renovation of the Huanghua-Tianjin Port Railway (Tianjin section) and a new warehouse construction by Zhongchuang (Tianjin) Binhai Logistics Co., Ltd.

### The Opening of Tianjin-Daxing Intercity Railway

The railway reduces the travel time from Tianjin West Railway Station to Daxing International Airport to only 41 minutes. The newly completed 47-kilometer section between Shengfang Station and Gu'an Station is designed for trains to run at speeds of up to 250 kilometers per hour.

The railway line has six stations, including the newly built Anci Station and Yongqing East Station.

The intercity railway will connect the high-speed lines from Tianjin West Railway Station and Tangshan Station to Xiong'an Station.



**101-kilometer-long railway**

**250km/h design speed**

**8 daily high-speed train services**



Tianjin-Daxing Intercity Railway started operation on December 18, 2023.

### Tianjin West Railway Station as a Transportation Hub

Tianjin West Railway Station is utilizing its current infrastructure to create a shared transport network for high-speed rail, aviation, and other transportation services in the BTH region.

An exclusive bus tour from Tianjin West Railway Station to Dongjiang Port allows tourists from the BTH region to enjoy sea views via a bus reservation app.

## Coordination in Public Service System

Tianjin is actively accelerating shared public services in medical care, education, and elderly care.

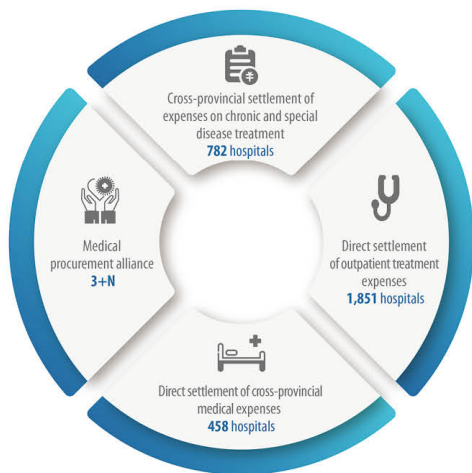
The integrated medical insurance system allows BTH residents to access cross-provincial medical care without administrative pre-approval, realizing barrier-free medical services.

- 2.323 million direct settlements have been processed for insured patients seeking medical care in Beijing and Hebei.
- 3.966 million direct medical settlements have been processed in Tianjin for insured

patients from Beijing and Hebei.

- 458 designated medical institutions offer direct settlements for cross-provincial medical treatment, 1,851 for outpatient care, and 782 for chronic disease services.
- The average prices of 229 types of drugs have been reduced by 30% in four batches through the "3+N" Medical Procurement Alliance.
- The procurement of 12 types of medical consumables has led to an average price reduction of 78.29% for four types, including coronary guidewires.

### BTH Coordinated Development in Medical Care



### Coordinated Education:

- The Tianjin campus of Peking Union Medical College is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2026 with a capacity of 5,000 people.
- In the latter half of 2023, the China National Nuclear Corporation Graduate School in the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City completed onboarding training programs for over 100 engineering masters and doctors, while also providing training for 156 mentors.
- The design of the new campus (phase II) at Civil Aviation University of China has been approved.

### Collaboration Between Tianjin Universities and Enterprises in Beijing and Hebei:

- The Institute for BTH Coordinated Development was founded in Nankai University.
- Tianjin University signed a memorandum of understanding with China National Nuclear Corporation (Beijing).
- A project agreement was signed with Xiong'an Guochuang Center Technology Co., Ltd. for the R&D and demonstration of key technologies in the intelligent computing power scheduling platform.



## Innovation-Driven Development

- Sci-Tech Innovation
- Workforce Development
- Port-Industry-City Integration
- Digitalization

**Tianjin is dedicated to fostering a modern industrial system through innovation in science and technology. By upgrading and transforming industries, the city aims to enhance the quality of development.**

## Sci-Tech Innovation

Six Haihe laboratories are now fully operational in Tianjin.

- The Haihe Laboratory of Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) and Human-Machine Interface (HMI) has been inaugurated.
- These laboratories have attracted over 3,000 researchers and nearly 400 high-end talents, including academicians, Distinguished Young Scholars sponsored by the National Science Fund, and Changjiang Scholars.
- Out of the 140 major projects independently established by the laboratories, nearly 80% are application-oriented, serving economic and social development.
- Over the past two years, these laboratories have successfully incubated and introduced 41 sci-tech enterprises.

Researchers

over **3,000**

High-End Talents

nearly **400**

**Six Haihe laboratories are now fully operational.**

- Haihe Laboratory of Cell Ecosystem
- Haihe Laboratory of Information Technology Application Innovation
- Haihe Laboratory of Modern Chinese Medicine
- Haihe Laboratory of Synthetic Biology
- Haihe Laboratory of Sustainable Chemical Transformations
- Haihe Laboratory of BCI and HMI

Tianjin has achieved significant advancements in sci-tech innovation.

- The city has received approval to establish a national open innovation platform for next-generation artificial intelligence computing power.
- A conference was held in 2023 to initiate the creation of a national supercomputing internet consortium led by Dawning Information Industry Company Limited.
- In 2023, under the guidance of Zhang Boli, honorary president of Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Graph Intelligence, a local artificial intelligence company specializing in graph databases, initiated internal testing of a TCM LLM.



Artificial Intelligence Computing Center, Tianjin

**Tianjin has experienced rapid growth in sci-tech enterprises.**

- The city's technology contract value surpassed 190 billion yuan in 2023.
- The number of both national high-tech enterprises and national science and technology-based small and medium-sized enterprises has exceeded 11,000.
- A total of 1,500 technology-based enterprises have been introduced and cultivated in the city, with 10 enterprises showing potential for listing.

**Tianjin is committed to science popularization.**

- The city now boasts 58 newly recognized popular science education centers, totaling 309.
- Six exploration laboratories have been established, offering tailored science experiment courses for teenagers.

**Tianjin's Breakthroughs in Brain-Computer Interface Technology**

On the 50th anniversary of the brain-computer interface concept, "2023 China's Top Ten Advances in Brain-Computer Interface" was announced, showcasing innovative achievements by Chinese scientists in this field. Among the advancements, three hailed from Tianjin. These include the key technology for ultra-large-scale instruction set BCI decoding and encoding with hybrid EEG features, brain-computer intelligent artificial neural information system, and non-invasive high-precision acquisition chip for neurophysiological signals.



Professor Duan Feng from Nankai University achieved a groundbreaking milestone by conducting the world's first "non-human primate interventional" brain-computer interface trial in Beijing.

Tiankai Higher Education Innovation Park flourishes as a hub for science and technology enterprises.

Tiankai Higher Education Innovation Park attracted over 1,200 science and technology enterprises by the end of 2023, garnering orders and investments exceeding 100 million yuan. The park has welcomed renowned incubators such as TusHoldings and Joinscience, each establishing 5,000 square meters of specialized facilities. Additionally, it has brought in 95 science and technology service organizations, formed a 30-member mentor team, and established the Tianjin Technology Manager Development Promotion Association with 289 members. Furthermore, the park has inaugurated the Tianjin Proof-of-Concept Center and Pilot Platform Advisory Committee. In 2024, the park plans to enhance its financial services further.

Science and Technology  
Enterprises

over **1,200**

Specialized  
Facilities

**10,000m<sup>2</sup>**

Science and Technology  
Service Organizations

**95**

Tiankai Higher Education Innovation Park receives five billion-yuan FOF to drive technological innovation.

On January 20, 2024, Tiankai Higher Education Innovation Park witnessed the establishment of a five-billion-yuan FOF (Fund of Funds) led by Tianjin Tiankai Development Group Co., Andon Health Co., Haihe River Industry Fund, and Peiyang Begonia Fund. This fund aims to support technological innovations in Tianjin. The city plans to further develop a cluster of funds within the innovation park by collaborating with centrally-administered SOEs. Additionally, it seeks to leverage the roles of existing funds such as the Haihe River Industry Fund, Angel Capital Guiding Fund, Tiankai Higher Education Innovation Park Entrepreneurship Seed Fund, and High-Growth Sci-Tech Start-Ups Special Investments.



## Workforce Development

Tianjin is dedicated to nurturing a vibrant community of postdoctoral fellows.

- 55 new postdoctoral workstations have been established.
- A streamlined process has been established for leading enterprises, Haihe laboratories, and other new R&D organizations seeking to set up postdoctoral workstations.
- Through the Haihe Talent Plan, the city has attracted 479,000 professionals from various fields.
- A collaborative funding initiative between the city and the China Postdoctoral Science Foundation has been launched.
- Tianjin achieved remarkable success in the Second National Postdoctoral Fellow Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition, ranking first in the nation in terms of the total number of gold awards and medals garnered.

Tianjin actively welcomes and supports skilled professionals returning from abroad.

- An annual list of urgently needed workforce is regularly published.

### Legal Support for Workforce Development: Tianjin's New Regulations

On January 26, 2024, the Tianjin Municipal People's Congress passed the Regulations on Workforce Development, effective from March 1, 2024. These regulations institutionalize successful workforce development practices and address barriers to further optimization of the workforce environment, ensuring legal support for ongoing improvements.

- Various events, including entrepreneurship competitions and city tours, are organized to attract and retain returning skilled professionals.
- Special attention is given to recruiting professionals needed by the city's strategic emerging industries.
- Skilled professionals returning from abroad are seamlessly integrated into the "Haihe Yingcai" plan, ensuring they receive convenient services for medical care, travel, and their children's education.

## Port-Industry-City Integration

Tianjin is promoting the synergy among Tianjin Port, industries, and urban development.

- Tianjin Port unveiled the world's first fully integrated IoT container terminal and implemented the policy of tax refund at departure ports in 2023.
- As of 2023, Dongjiang Comprehensive Bonded Zone proudly hosted over 2,000 shipping and logistics firms and approximately 5,000 trading enterprises. Its leasing endeavors encompass aircraft, international shipping vessels, and offshore platforms, constituting a remarkable 80% of the nation's scale. Recognized as a national cornerstone, it serves as a vital cold chain logistics hub.
- The First Tianjin International Shipping Industry Expo marks a significant milestone in the city's maritime sector.



Tianjin Port, an Intelligent Port

Tianjin is striving to become a world-class port city.

- Tianjin International Cruise Home Port has hosted over 30 international cruise voyages.
- From September 2023, when China's northern cruise market fully recovered, to the end of 2023, Tianjin welcomed 85,000 inbound and outbound visits in just over three months, ranking first in the country.

Tianjin has made steady progress in advancing its shipping industry.

- In 2023, Guohang Ocean Shipping (Tianjin) Co., Ltd. was founded, operating four ships and adding 300,000 DWT of ship capacity to Tianjin.

- The city saw the establishment of six new shipping enterprises, contributing to an increase of 920,000 DWT in shipping capacity, representing over 15% growth from its previous capacity.
- Tianjin exceeded its annual growth target for waterway freight turnover in 2023.

Tianjin has witnessed remarkable advancements at Tianjin Port.

- Tianjin Port is actively enhancing its connectivity with Beijing's land ports and airports, aiming to integrate into a world-class cluster of ports and airports.
- Tianjin Dongjiang Port-Industry-City Investment Group was established in 2023, facilitating further development.

- With 145 container routes and over 40 sea-railway intermodal transportation channels, Tianjin Port has significantly expanded its transportation network.
- Tianjin Port achieved a record high container throughput of 22.19 million TEUs, marking a notable year-on-year growth of 5.5%.



Tianjin International Cruise Home Port, Tianjin

## Digitalization

Tianjin has extensively embraced digitalization to enhance and support various aspects of urban development.

- The City ranked among the nation's leaders in digitalization development, according to the latest Digital China Development Report.
- Abundant governmental data supports over

### Tianjin's Progress Toward World-Class Port City

In 2023, Tianjin made significant strides toward becoming a world-class port city. Heping District emerged as a hub for shipping, hosting over 700 core enterprises and achieving full coverage of the shipping industry ecosystem. Meanwhile, construction began on Tianjin COSCO Shipping Building Phase II in Hebei District. Collaborating with Hexi District, Tianjin Port built a comprehensive service center for international shipping services and advanced the development of a shipping service center with the Dongjiang Comprehensive Free Trade Zone Administration.

370 application scenarios.

- The Northern Region Big Data Exchange facilitated transactions totaling 200 million yuan in 2023, including China's first offline transaction of data products in response to the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.

### Propelling Industrial Growth:

- 16 5G fully-connected factories were established in companies such as Offshore Oil Engineering Co., Ltd., Tianjin Institute of Pharmaceutical Research, and Tianjin Aerospace Long March Rocket Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
- Eleven of these factories were recognized by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology as 5G factories, positioning Tianjin as the municipality with the highest number of such factories.

### Enhancing Social Governance:

- "Jinxinban" integrates government services for convenient access by enterprises and residents.
- "Jinzhitong" serves as an integrated application for enhancing social governance.
- Enterprises and residents can efficiently handle high-frequency administrative procedures across provincial boundaries.
- Self-service options for administrative procedures are now accessible for Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, and Xiong'an New Area.
- The completion of the country's sole pilot project for multi-level linkage application of the "Internet + supervision" system marks a significant achievement.

### Facilitating People's Lives:

- The city has opened 212 Internet hospitals, providing accessible healthcare services.
- Residents' social security cards have been enhanced to enable usage in travel, tourism, and medical care.



Tianjin's governmental services advance digitalization across the city.

- Ongoing efforts have improved the functionality of service platforms for building intelligent communities.
- The Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City has launched intelligent applications for medical care, flood control, and gas services, enhancing urban living standards.

### Tianjin achieved the 5G target in the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021–2025) ahead of schedule.

By the close of 2023, the city had erected 72,000 5G base stations, surpassing the plan's objective by two years. Tianjin's fixed and mobile broadband subscriber download rates experienced rapid improvements, ranking second and third in the country respectively. Furthermore, the city maintained its lead in overall communication infrastructure construction.

### Tianjin expands its intelligent networked car test road network.

Adding to the previously test roads in Hebei District, Xiqing District, The Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City, and Dongjiang Comprehensive Bonded Zone, Tianjin has announced the opening of new test roads in Jinnan District, Wuqing District, Baodi District, and Jinghai District. This expansion brings the total mileage of test roads in Tianjin to 1,300 kilometers.



## A City of Charms

- Urban Renewal
- International Consumption Center
- Upgraded Infrastructure
- Effective Safety Management

## Urban Renewal

In 2023, Tianjin initiated a five-year urban renewal plan to optimize the city's functional layout and enhance its industries. Construction began on 14 projects, including the No.1 Machine Tool Factory. Idle assets were revitalized to accommodate new industries like finance, technology, information, design, and shipping.

### Revitalizing the Old Downtown Economy:

- The Tianjin Industrial Sewing Machine Factory has been transformed into an incubation center, hosting 36 high-tech enterprises. In its first year, the total revenue

of the center reached 120 million yuan.

- "Squared<sup>2</sup>", formerly an underused office building complex, now thrives as the first online and offline market for second-hand volume luxury goods, with its transaction volume increasing by 20 million yuan per month.
- Tian Tuo is undergoing revitalization as traffic bottlenecks have been alleviated in its east, south, and west. With better access to Tiankai Higher Education Innovation Park and nearby residential areas, it will soon become a commercial center.



Sales at Squared<sup>2</sup>

## Investing in Public Transportation

- Tianjin Metro operates 10 lines, with a total length of 286 kilometers and 182 stations, including 23 interchange ones.
- Metro Line 4, connecting 10 large commercial complexes, was put into operation.
- The highest passenger volume reached 2.2318 million on Dec 31, 2023.
- The network of high-speed rail, urban rail, metro, light rail, and expressways reaches every corner of Tianjin.



## 72 Key Projects with 88.2 Billion Yuan Invested:

- Relocated: Bohai Chemical Industry Group—Chlor-Alkali Integration Facility (Phase II);
- Accelerated: Software Base for Industries in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, Dongjiang Cold Chain Food Logistics Base, "Inventory+" for Xiao Zhan Rice;

- Upgraded: Tianjin Port's 300,000-ton general-purpose terminal (in operation);
- To be enhanced: The Grand Canal, Attractions for Haihe River Cultural Tourism;
- Invested: 6 billion yuan from subsidiaries of central-government-owned enterprises settled in Tianjin, like China Nuclear Industry 24 Construction.

## Infrastructures Built and Upgraded in 2023

### Upgraded



Outdated Residential Buildings

4.1million m<sup>2</sup>



Gas Pipelines  
637km



Heating Pipelines  
136km



Water Pipelines  
135.9km

### Added



Public Charging Poles in Residential Areas  
21,000



Parking Spaces  
5,000  
Car Registration Permits  
35,000



Franchised Supermarkets  
8  
Brand-Name Convenience Stores  
69

### Transportation

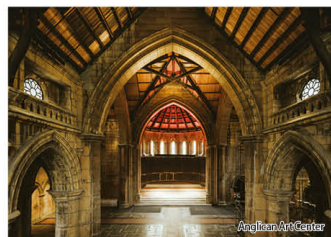


Phase One of Metro 11 Put in Operation



Bus Routes Optimized  
85

Critical sectors like gas, transportation, construction, firefighting, and hazardous chemicals underwent safety inspections to bolster energy security, cybersecurity, and food and drug safety.



## International Consumption Center

Tianjin has made strides toward an international consumption center. It upgraded cultural landmarks like Tianjin Bay Square, Ancient Cultural Street, Tianjin Eye and areas along Haihe River, for public consumption. Immersive performances were held at the former residences of famous figures like Liang Qichao and Cao Yu. Small yet popular artistic hubs, like Anglican Art and Culture Center, Minyuan West, and No. 225 Chongqing Road, popped up, boosting local consumption. The city boasts over 100 shopping centers, spanning 10 million square meters in total.

In 2023, Tianjin upgraded its landmarks and built new ones. The Golden Street of Heping Road, a bustling commercial district, saw a surge in daily foot traffic to 300,000 visitors. Among the new landmarks is the largest Huawei flagship store in Northern China, alongside Heping In City. This complex features outdoor pedestrian streets, pocket parks, traditional shopping malls, and rooftop parks. Additionally, Florence Village introduced V1 Auto World and Milan Creative Plaza, blending consumption with business, travel, culture, and sports. Targeting consumers from Beijing and Hebei, the Town attracted 10 million visitors in 2023.

The city developed sites of historical, cultural and industrial heritage by introducing a new business model that combines retailing with experiential exhibition. Successful cases include Italian-styled New Economic Industrial Park in Dongjiang, Jinmao Place, and Mian 3



Creative Blocks. The newly opened Shanshan Outlets Square is fully indoor, being the first of its kind in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, becoming a landmark for fashion consumption.

Tianjin leveraged conventions and events to enhance consumption and urban vitality. It hosted prominent events like the World Intelligence Congress, the China Tourism Industry Expo, the International Auto Show, and the Annual Meeting of the New Champions, drawing over 1,500 political and business leaders from more than 90 countries. Additionally, it organized the Haihe International Consumption Summit and the 2023 Tianjin Marathon, which after a 17-year hiatus attracted over 50,000 visitors.

### Tianjin's Everyday "Sparks" Celebrated by All

In 2023, Tianjin's sold-out concerts and bustling shopping district became viral sensations on social media. Trendy tourist attractions along the Haihe River, light show at the largest building in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, and fireworks displays aboard the Tianjin aircraft carrier, drew massive crowds of tourists. During the Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day holidays, Tianjin attracted 16.12 million visitors, with 45.2% from other cities, making it one of China's top ten destinations.

### Three flagship stores opened in the city center.

- Tianjin JD Mall officially opened in March 2024, featuring over 200 renowned brands and 200,000 products.
- The forthcoming opening of Haiguang Mall in Haiguangsi (literally Haiguang Temple) Area was confirmed by contract.
- Sam's Club signed the contract for its first urban center store in China to locate in Hongqiao District.

## Upgraded Infrastructure

- Five sewage treatment plants in the central urban area were upgraded, resulting in a citywide sewage treatment rate of 96.42% and a water reuse rate of 42%.
- The harmless treatment rate of urban domestic waste reached 100%.
- Old water supply pipelines totaling 30 kilometers were renovated, improving water

quality for 80,000 households in surrounding areas.

- A total of 9,751 meters of drainage pipes were repaired across four roads.
- The Yangliuqing Water Plant was expanded to increase capacity by 100,000 tons per day, enhancing water security for 460,000 people.



Tianjin's heating boilers were upgraded to achieve "ultra-clean emissions" ahead of schedule and clean energy was raised to 34.6% of installed capacity. The city stepped up efforts on Sponge City, leading to success in national assessment of two pilot areas: Jiefang South Road and the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City.

An ecological passage linking Tianjin Zoo and Water Park was open, facilitating access for over 200,000 residents from more than 60 nearby communities

56 Pocket Parks Upgraded



The City's Urban Green Coverage Rate  
**37.59%**



Green Space Rate  
**34.46%**



Average per Capita Park Green Area  
**10.31m²**

## Effective Safety Management



In 2023, Tianjin focused on preventing and mitigating risks in key areas. It did a good job in flood prevention, flood control, and disaster relief, effectively managing a super large flood in the Haihe River basin. Nearly 92,000 affected people were promptly evacuated and resettled, with no casualties, dam collapses, breaches in key embankments, or damage to critical infrastructure. Post-disaster recovery and reconstruction proceeded smoothly.

The city enhanced its stability by implementing a comprehensive fiscal debt restructuring plan, successfully meeting its annual target in this regard.



## Opening-Up and Cooperation

- Sister Cities
- International Exchanges
- Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)
- Investment Attraction
- International Conventions and Exhibitions

**Tianjin, one of China's pioneering coastal cities to reform and opening-up, has always pursued internationalization. It has extensively deepened its engagement with the world and actively contributed to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), fostering robust economic relations, sound cultural exchanges, and higher trade with other nations.**

Tianjin has entered into friendly relations with 99 local governments across 53 countries.

- It has 29 sister cities from 22 countries.

## Sister Cities

Tianjin fosters civil diplomacy by engaging with enterprises, universities, think tanks, and civil societies from its sister cities. As part of this effort, a book highlighting Tianjin's civil exchanges over the past 50 years has been published. Additionally, a three-year action plan has been signed to deepen cooperation between Tianjin and Mogilev Region of Belarus, one of the achievements of the Belarusian President's visit to China.

### Tianjin Forging Its 99th International Sister City Relationship

During the China-Central Asia Summit held from May 18th to 19th, 2023, witnessed by President Xi Jinping and Zaparov, Kyrgyzstan President, Tianjin and Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, signed an agreement on the establishment of twinning relations between the city of Bishkek (Kyrgyz Republic) and the city of Tianjin (PRC). With this signing, Bishkek became Tianjin's 99th international sister city since its first in 1973.

- It engages in exchange and cooperation with 33 cities from 24 countries.
- It has signed an MOU for friendly exchanges with 37 cities from 29 countries.



### Centennial Twin Cities: Tianjin and Albert

The century-old friendship between Tianjin and Albert, France, was renewed by economic cooperation and trade. Since WWI destroyed much of Albert's urban infrastructure, donations from Tianjin helped the French city build a hospital and a children's cafeteria. In 1920, the street in front of the hospital was named Tianjin Street, symbolizing Sino-French friendship.

### Sino-French Friendship

Tianjin stands out not only as the exclusive site of Airbus' assembly line in Asia but also as a growing hub for French companies, including Schneider Electric. Additionally, 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and France. During the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in 2023, Laurent Fabius, the special representative of the French President and former Prime Minister, expressed his anticipation for deeper bilateral friendship.



### Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Sisterhood with Kobe

Tianjin and Kobe became sister cities in 1973, marking the first such bond not only between China and Japan but also between China and any other country.

- On June 24, 2023, the anniversary of the cities' sisterhood, Tianjin and Kobe's office in Tianjin jointly hosted a commemorative event at the Kobe Garden in the Water Park.
- In September, delegations from Tianjin visited Kobe.
- In October, a delegation from Kobe visited Tianjin.
- Tianjin held the inauguration ceremony for commemorative stamps, a themed photo exhibition, and a light show at the Tianjin Tower.
- From October 29 to November 4, a delegation of 55 Kobe youth visited Tianjin.

Tianjin's diplomatic footprint spans both at home and abroad, including:

#### International Events

- Celebration of the 30th anniversary of sisterhood with Incheon, South Korea
- China Tianjin World Port City Cooperation Forum
- 2023 China Tianjin International Forum on Urban Governance—the 7th East Asia Gateway City Policy Forum
- Coordination of overseas exhibitions featuring Tianjin Museum and representatives of intangible cultural heritage
- Coordination of donations of relief supplies to disaster-stricken provinces and cities in Pakistan

#### Domestic Exhibitions

- Exhibition showcasing archival photos of Tianjin, titled "My Hometown in Tianjin", by Hisayoshi Kondou of Japan
- Photo exhibition of Tianjin's involvement in BRI
- Exhibition series on Italy's world cultural heritage

#### Acknowledgement of Excellence

- Hisayoshi Kondou of Japan and Joseph W. Polisi, President Emeritus of the Juilliard School were both named "Honorary Citizen of Tianjin". Mr. Polisi also received the first Lifetime Honorary Award at the inaugural Orchid Awards ceremony.

Tianjin's International Sister Cities (By January, 2024)		
Sister City	Country	Starting Date
Kobe	Japan	1973-06-24
Philadelphia	United States	1979-12-06
Melbourne	Australia	1980-05-05
Yokkaichi	Japan	1980-10-28
Sarajevo	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1981-05-28
Nord-Pas-de-Calais	France	1984-10-10
Lombardy	Italy	1985-05-09
Groningen	Netherlands	1985-09-12
Chiba	Japan	1986-05-07
Plovdiv Region	Bulgaria	1989-10-15
Izmir	Turkey	1991-09-23
Abidjan	The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire	1992-09-26
Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia	1992-09-27
Kharkiv	Ukraine	1993-06-14
Jonkoping Municipality	Sweden	1993-09-23
Incheon	Republic of Korea	1993-12-07
Saarland	Germany	1994-09-28
Lodz	Poland	1994-10-11
Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	1995-04-18
Orange County	United States	1997-08-01
Estado do Amazonas	Brazil	1997-10-20
Haiphong	Viet Nam	1999-01-08
Wellington	New Zealand	2011-07-23
East Java	Indonesia	2012-09-24
CREA (Agglomeration Community of Rouen-Elbeuf-Austreberthe)	France	2013-05-21
Oregon State	United States	2014-06-10
Reunion	France	2014-10-17
Kolding (sister district of wuqing district)	Denmark	2015-11-25
Bishkek	Kyrgyz Republic	2023-05-19



Incheon, South Korea



Wellington, New Zealand



Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



Izmir, Turkey



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Melbourne, Australia



Saarland, Germany



Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

## International Exchanges

In recent years, Tianjin has contributed to 15 significant national events, such as the China-US talks, China-Japan talks, and the resumption of diplomatic relations between China and Nepal.

- Sending China's first provincial-level delegation to Japan, South Korea, and Singapore since pandemic restrictions were lifted, Tianjin secured many business projects, playing a demonstrative role nationwide.
- It revised the Guidelines for APEC Business Travel Card Application in Tianjin.
- Eleven substantial tasks were completed to enhance coordinated foreign affairs in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region.
- Tianjin Urban Internationalization Research Center was established.

- Tianjin pioneered "Chartered Express" with South Korea and Germany, opening five international direct flight routes.
- A campaign on risk prevention for overseas projects was held across the city, featuring popular open lectures.

In 2023, the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City marked its 15th anniversary, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of General Secretary Xi Jinping's inspection of the Eco-City. On December 7th, Chen Min'er, the Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee, and Zhang Gong, Deputy Secretary and Mayor, met with Lawrence Wong, Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister, and his delegation in Tianjin. This meeting achieved significant outcomes, advancing key cooperation projects between the two countries.



Philadelphia Orchestra's Performance in Tianjin



Tianjin Football Association Presenting a Jersey to Tory Whanau, Mayor of Wellington

On November 11, 2023, marking the 50th anniversary of Philadelphia Orchestra's first performance in China, Matías Tarnopolsky, President and CEO of the Orchestra, led a delegation of musicians to perform at the Tianjin Juilliard School. The performance by musicians from the Tianjin Symphony Orchestra, Tianjin Conservatory of Music, and Tianjin Juilliard School, enhanced cultural exchange and friendship between China and the US. Before the performance, Matías received a reply from President Xi Jinping, underscoring the significance of people-to-people exchanges and expressing expectations for increased cultural exchanges between the two nations.

In 2023, Tianjin Juilliard School was in the spotlight for its role in musical diplomacy, as it celebrated the inauguration of its campus, hosted a seminar on the 50th anniversary of Sino-US music exchange, and held the inaugural graduate commencement. President Polisi became the sole recipient

of the Lifetime Prize of the inaugural Orchid Award.

On September 20, 2023, Mayor Tory Whanau led a delegation from Wellington, New Zealand, including representatives from local government, education, sports, and other sectors, to visit Tianjin. Both sides engaged in in-depth discussions about leveraging the sisterhood to expand practical cooperation in education, culture, sports, economy, trade, and port-related fields.

### International Sister Cities Extending Lunar New Year Wishes to the Tianjin People

Many cities extended their best wishes before the 2024 Spring Festival.

- Representatives of sister cities from 13 countries including Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Switzerland, Poland, Egypt, and the US sent 18 video messages.
- Sister cities from 10 countries including Australia, Hungary, Belgium, Mongolia, Cambodia, and Belarus sent 19 letters of greetings.

## Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

Tianjin plays a critical role in the BRI and China's overall diplomacy as it's where the land meets the sea along the BRI, the starting point of the China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor, a significant stop for the New Eurasian Land Bridge Economic Corridor and China's maritime cooperation.

Tianjin is developing into the center of international shipping in North China, and key projects include Tianjin-Mongolia Dongjiang Logistics Park and the China-Mongolia Agricultural Technology Cooperation Demonstration Zone. As RCEP took effect, Tianjin pursued greater cooperation with Japan, South Korea, and ASEAN countries. Furthermore, it expands friendly exchanges with Africa and Latin America.

As the Luban Workshop is going global, it has been taken as a diplomatic achievement by the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit, China-Central Asia Summit, and the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. The Luban Workshop is listed as a typical case in the White Paper *The Belt and Road Initiative: A Key Pillar of the Global Community of Shared Future*.

Tianjin successfully hosted important conferences such as the World Port City Cooperation Forum, CEE-China Business Forum, "Investing in Egypt" Conference, the BRI China (Tianjin)-South Asia and Southeast Asia Business Dialogue. The city formulated and implemented opinions on developing the overseas security guarantee system along the



Launch of the Luban Workshop in Uzbekistan

BRI, revised plans for foreign emergencies, and effectively handled over 300 foreign-related cases in the past three years.

### The Signing Ceremony of the Luban Workshop in Uzbekistan Held in Tianjin

On the 31st anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Uzbekistan in 2023, the Luban Workshop, a joint initiative between Tianjin Maritime College and Tashkent State Transport University, was officially established through a signing ceremony. The workshop aims not only to provide courses for students, but also to enhance local teachers' expertise.

- Majors: IT and Logistics
- Tasks: venue construction, equipment provision for training, teacher training, professional standards setting, and instructional resource development.

### The Luban Workshop: Contributing to China's Overall Diplomacy

Since the establishment of the world's first Luban Workshop in Thailand in 2016, Tianjin has built 22 Luban Workshops in 21 countries across Asia, Africa, and Europe. In 2023, the Luban Workshop:

- Was listed as an outcome of China-Central Asia Summit and the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation;
- Was featured in two major white papers: *A Global Community of Shared Future: China's Proposals and Actions* and *The Belt and Road Initiative: A Key Pillar of the Global Community of Shared Future*;
- Became a hub of teaching innovation, recognized by prestigious state-level awards.



The Luban Workshop in Egypt



China (Tianjin) Pilot Free Trade Zone

## Investment Attraction

Tianjin introduced measures to enhance the environment for foreign investments in order to attract them more effectively. Meanwhile, by actively preparing for a city-wide opening-up conference and formulating action plans, it aims to better align with the new development paradigm and achieve a higher level of openness. By the end of 2023, 291 Fortune Global 500 companies invested in Tianjin, with 68 foreign-funded R&D centers.

### Key Progress in Foreign Investment

#### Events Involving Foreign Investors:

- The Roundtable organized by the Ministry of Commerce (MOC): participated by foreign enterprises such as Otis, Ecolean, and

Samsung Battery.

- Session Agenda and Outcomes: green energy usage, green standard formulation, 10 suggestions.

#### During Winter Davos, Tianjin:

- Held 6 bilateral talks with executives of multinational companies;
- Engaged with 24 key foreign investment enterprises;
- Pressed ahead with key projects under negotiation.

The innovation of the pilot free trade zone system is accelerating. *The Enterprise Data*

*Classification and Grading Standards in China (Tianjin) Pilot Free Trade Zone* has been officially released, becoming the first of its kind in China. The city is also working on breakthroughs in whole-industrial-chain policies, such as “financial leasing + bonded maintenance”.

### Tianjin Port Approved as National Pilot for Smart Port

In accordance with the requirements outlined in the 14th Five-Year Plan for Port Development, pilot development of the smart port in Tianjin, where rivers meet the sea, will enhance the city's business environment by facilitating international trade. Going beyond traditional ports, one pilot project focuses on waterways, with plans for:

- Smart infrastructure foundation;
- Intelligent control environment;
- Smart customs clearance services;
- Intelligent collaborative applications;
- Smart operational dashboard;
- Integrated support system.

### Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2023 Held in Tianjin

The 14th Annual Meeting of the New Champions of the World Economic Forum (also known as the 2023 Annual Meeting of the New Champions) took place in Tianjin from June 27th to 29th, 2023. It marked the Forum's return to China after four years and to Tianjin after a five-year hiatus, making it the 17th year of the event in China. Over 1,500 political and business leaders from nearly 100 countries and regions convened to discuss pressing issues about the global economy, technology, environment, and more.



## International Conventions and Exhibitions

Tianjin is boosting the exhibition sector, aiming to become the exhibition hub in North China. In 2023, it hosted:

- The Annual Meeting of the New Champions;
- The 2nd National Vocational Skills Competition;
- The China International College Students' Innovation Competition;
- The China Tourism Industry Expo;
- The World Snooker International Championship
- Tianjin Marathon;
- Concerts and cultural, commercial, and tourism activities.

On May 18, 2023, the 7th World Intelligence Congress opened in Tianjin, drawing together leading academicians, experts, and entrepreneurs in intelligent technology. Focused on the forefront of intelligent technology, the Congress delved into topics such as smart connected vehicles, generative artificial intelligence, brain-computer interaction, and other hot economic, social and cultural topics.

The World Intelligence Congress organizing committee has announced the merging of the Congress and the China International Intelligent Industry Expo. The combined event will be known as the World Intelligent Industry Expo and co-hosted by the Tianjin Municipal Government and the Chongqing Municipal Government. The 2024 World Intelligent Industry Expo, China's sole international exhibition focusing on intelligent industry, is set to debut in June at the National Convention and Exhibition Center (Tianjin).



## Green and Low-Carbon Growth

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- Circular Economy
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## Eco-Friendly Environment

### Consistent Enhancement of Ecological Livability:

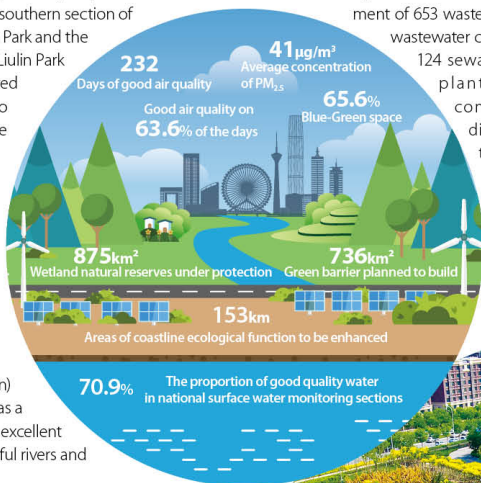
In 2023, the annual average  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration dropped to 41 micrograms per cubic meter, marking a 19.6% decrease from 2019. The city enjoyed good air quality on 63.6% of the days. The southern section of New Meijiang Park and the first phase of Liulin Park were completed and opened to the public. The proportion of excellent water quality in the nearshore sea area reached 70.9%, and the Ziya River (Hongqiao District section) was selected as a national-level excellent case of beautiful rivers and lakes.

### More Pocket Park

In 2023, Tianjin built 56 pocket parks across various districts, with plans to add 50 more in 2024. These parks are strategically located in areas underserved by traditional green spaces, including residential neighborhoods, school vicinities, and near public transit stops. This enhances accessibility to nature, making it easier for citizens to enjoy the outdoors.

### Persistent Efforts for a Bluer Sky:

Key industries such as steel, petrochemicals, flat glass, and waste incineration power generation have undergone ultra-low emission modifications or intensive treatments. The networking of online monitoring equipment of 653 waste gas firms, 462 wastewater companies, and 124 sewage treatment plants has been completed. Additionally, close to a million outdated and yellow-label vehicles have been phased out.



### Cleaner Surface Water Bodies

Following a three-year remediation initiative, Tianjin has achieved a 58.3% increase in the proportion of high-quality surface water bodies, thereby establishing a robust foundation for the development of rivers and lakes to enhance residents' sense of happiness.

### 2021–2023 Achievements in River and Lake Governance

- 225 Model River Chiefs at the township (community) level;
- 424 Model River Chiefs at the village level;
- 323 Model Rivers and Lakes;
- 1,300 Model Rivers and Lakes in the rural areas.

### Green and Low-Carbon Growth

In 2023, Tianjin advanced steadily in its pursuit of green and low-carbon growth. The Green Innovation Industrial Park broke ground, and China's first peaking carbon emission and carbon neutrality center, a collaborative effort between government and enterprise in the power sector, commenced operations.

The city nurtured over a thousand nation-level high-tech enterprises specializing in green and low-carbon fields. Additionally, 49 new nation-level green manufacturing units, including green factories and green supply chains, were established, bringing the total to 203 and placing Tianjin among the leading major cities in the country.

The State Power Investment Asset Management Company spearheaded the development of action and implementation plans, culminating in the establishment of Tianjin's inaugural hydrogen refueling station. This initiative has paved the way for a national hydrogen energy industry demonstration zone in Tianjin.

Tianjin Energy Group has successfully engineered an intelligent heating system that harmonizes various heat sources, including cogeneration, clean coal utilization, gas boilers, and



Jiaxing Park, Jingwu Town, Xiqiao District



A Panoramic View of the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City

geothermal energy. This system facilitates interconnected heating operations across the central urban area and the core of the Binhai New Area.

In addition, the Tianjin Expressway Group has completed the first phase of a distributed photovoltaic project across 24 sites, boasting a total capacity of 18.1 megawatts. Of this, 1.98 megawatts have been successfully integrated into the power grid.

Tianjin's power grid has become nationally prominent, with the city's renewable energy capacity soaring to 4.34 million kilowatts. The National Pipeline Network, Sinopec, and Beijing Gas have progressively commissioned their LNG receiving stations. Tianjin Port's LNG unloading capacity has hit an annual high of 12 million tons, reinforcing a diversified supply chain of multiple gas sources.

#### Peaking Carbon Emission and Carbon Neutrality Strategy of the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City

Singapore's Ministry of National Development and Tianjin Municipal People's Government have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Together, they champion the enhanced Eco-City, a flagship project in the National Green Development Demonstration Zone. The Binhai New Area's Green Power Development Service Center has found its home in the Eco-City. Four pioneering projects, including ultra-low energy passive houses and the zero-energy building exhibition center, have been recognized as 2023 low-carbon (zero-carbon) application scenarios in Tianjin. The Eco-City has also been acknowledged as the first national environmental health management pilot. With an annual influx of over 12 million tourists, it has earned the distinction of being a "benchmark for innovation-driven development in China's leisure tourism". At present, the Eco-City spans 22 square kilometers with green spaces covering 11 million square meters. The nearshore waters boast a 100% excellent water quality rating. The city has earned recognition as a national innovation base for practicing the idea that "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets." Furthermore, the Eco-City section has been listed as an exemplary case for Beautiful Bays.



#### National Convention and Exhibition Center (Tianjin), the largest exhibition complex in the north, is now fully operational.

In August 2023, the second phase of the National Convention and Exhibition Center (Tianjin) successfully passed its final joint inspection and hosted its inaugural exhibition. The center, entirely constructed with assembled steel structures, incorporates 114 low-carbon technologies, including solar photovoltaic panels and ground-source heat pumps. Its overall energy consumption is 8% less than traditional venues. It is the first in the country to achieve a comprehensive integration of smart exhibition halls, digital business, and intelligence experience.



The National Convention and Exhibition Center (Tianjin)

## Circular Economy

Tianjin is vigorously developing a circular economy by unlocking the potential of “urban mines”, as demonstrated by the Ziya Circular Economy Industrial Zone.

In 2023, Tianjin has advanced the construction of seven energy-saving and environmentally friendly projects with a total investment of 1.684 billion yuan. Among these, the following three newly initiated projects will have a total investment of 704 million yuan:

- High-Precision Machine Tool Components Project Tianjin Beijin Resource Recycling and Utilization Co., Ltd.;



Turning Waste into Treasure in the Production Workshop of TCL Aobo

### Tianjin Circular Economy Demonstration Project receives China Civil Engineering Zhan Tianyou Award.

The Jingu Sewage, Reclaimed Water, and Sludge Circular Economy Demonstration Project is China's pioneering large-scale urban initiative, focusing on reclaiming resources and harnessing energy from urban wastewater. Annually, it supplies 240 million

- Waste Printed Circuit Board Processing Technology Upgrade Project of TCL Aobo (Tianjin) Environmental Development Co., Ltd.;

- New Energy Power Battery Recycling, Remanufacturing, and Circular Utilization Project of Tianjin Power Battery Regeneration Technology Co., Ltd.

The other four projects will have a total investment of 0.98 billion yuan. Among these, the project for the comprehensive utilization of 100,000 tons/year of waste mineral oil, to be constructed by Tianjin Guofu Environmental Technology Co., Ltd., will:

- Have a total investment of 210 million yuan;
- Resolve oil pollution in the Beijing-Tianjin area;
- Produce approximately 80,000 tons of high-quality recycled lubricating oil and hydraulic oil products;
- Generate an annual output value of 700 million yuan, with annual tax revenue of 210 million yuan, and create nearly 200 jobs.

tons of high-quality ecological replenishment water to parks and water systems. By employing cutting-edge large-scale membrane filtration technology, the project caters to the water demands of power plants, residents, and municipal green areas. Moreover, it achieves substantial water savings—approximately 25 million tons each year—setting a benchmark for low-carbon emissions and resource efficiency.



Shuixi Park in Spring

## Ecological Barriers

Tianjin has formulated a work plan to propel the maintenance and operation of ecological areas, achieving a successful start in pilot projects such as the Guangang Forest Park, Ninghe Forest and Water Ecological Area, Jinnan Green Dynamic BOX District, and Dongli Lake. The cumulative operating income has reached 30 million yuan.

- 73 ecological projects encompassing demolition, ecological restoration, afforestation, and environmental governance, with a total demolition area of 16,000 square meters of have been completed;

- 15 pollution and environmental management projects, including the denitrification project of Rongcheng Steel;
- 1,753 mu of newly-planted forest and 193,000 mu of forest land under primary control;
- Forest and green coverage rates and blue-green space reaching 28% and 65.6%, respectively;
- 700 mu more newly planted forest, increasing blue-green space to 66.2%.



#### Qilihai Wetland Reserve

The Qilihai Wetland Reserve has restored reed beds, protected bird habitats, and reconstructed wetland ecosystems. Over 80 kilometers of waterways have been dredged, 15,000 mu of shallow water have been restored, and 16,000 mu of wetland vegetation have been rehabilitated.



#### Beidagang Wetland Reserve

The Beidagang Wetland Reserve has restored wetlands using native plants such as reeds and *suaeda salsa*. It has also continuously managed invasive alien species and smooth cordgrass while integrating ecological water replenishment and water environment management. As a result, the wetland area with water has expanded from 140 square kilometers in 2017 to 260 square kilometers in the current year.



### Continued Progress in Protecting and Restoring the Four Wetlands

The revised "Tianjin Wetland Protection Regulations" were approved by the Tianjin Municipal People's Congress on November 29, 2023, and will be enforced starting from January 1, 2024. In accordance with the Tianjin Wetland Protection Plan (2022–2030), Tianjin will maintain overall stability in wetland reserves and achieve a wetland protection rate of 60% by 2025.

Approximately 220,000 mu of land in the Qilihai and Dahuangpu Wetland Nature Reserves have been successfully circulated and transferred.

#### Dahuangpu Wetland Reserve

In the Dahuangpu Wetland Reserve, 1,401 mu of wetlands have been restored in the Cuijin Lake Project Area, while 525 mu have been rehabilitated in the Yanwang Lake Project Area. The core starting area has been revitalized, progressively enhancing the wetland ecosystem.



#### Tuanbo Wetland Reserve

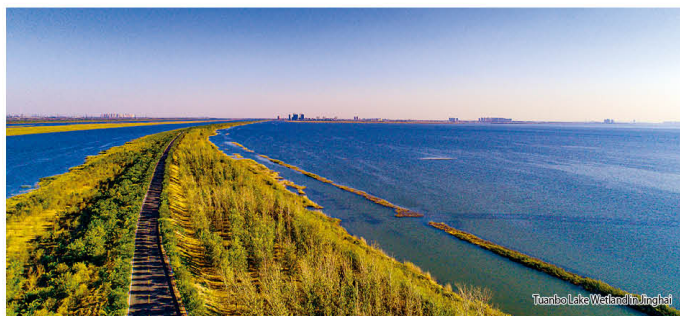
In the Tuanbo Wetland Reserve, continuous efforts have been made for ecological conservation and restoration. The reserve has restored the degraded wetlands along the western embankment, safeguarded bird habitats for breeding and nesting, and witnessed an increase in the bird population to 202 species.



#### Full Video Coverage for Mountain Fire Monitoring

The Tianjin Smart Forest Fire Monitoring Phase II Project has completed acceptance. With 113 dual-spectrum intelligent cameras now operational, it achieves full video monitoring coverage across Tianjin's mountainous areas. Phase II, comprising

59 additional cameras, addresses visual blind spots from the initial deployment in Phase I. These cameras communicate directly, ensuring round-the-clock surveillance for forest safety. Since implementation, monitoring accuracy has reached 100%, establishing a coordinated fire prevention and control network that extends to adjacent areas in Beijing and Hebei.





## Public Well-Being

- Education
- Public Health Services
- People's Livelihood
- Social Assistance



### Basic Education

Tianjin is advancing its efforts to build a high-quality education system and enhancing the integration of moral, intellectual, physical, aesthetic, and labor education. The city has included the expansion of enrollment for compulsory education into 20 public interest projects for three consecutive years. As of the end of 2023:

- An additional 28,500 seats and 10,400 seats were added to, respectively, compulsory education schools and senior high schools;
- A total of 551 secondary schools were providing education for 603,200 students, including 207,600 enrollees and 181,600 graduates;

- A total of 873 primary schools were providing education for 818,400 students, including 155,700 enrollees and 124,600 graduates;
- And as many as 2,048 kindergartens were serving the needs of 290,600 children.

In 2024, Tianjin will deepen its commitment to the national program for comprehensive reform of basic education. The city plans to build and expand 12



### A New Action Plan to Expand and Improve Basic Education

The action plan aimed at improving basic education sets out eight objectives, including securing inclusive access to preschool education, enhancing compulsory education quality, and improving the educational standards of senior high schools. Moreover, a new batch of senior high schools will be built or expanded, aiming to create over 26,000 additional seats. And project 2.0 for distributing high-quality resources in basic education will be carried out on a five-year cycle.

In 2023, the following achievements were attained:

- 37 new privately-run public-interest kindergartens were opened to the public, raising the coverage rate of such kindergartens to 87%.
- 39 educational partnerships were created through collaboration between schools managed by the Tianjin Municipal Education Commission and the governments of various districts.
- 14 education clusters and 95 school-running groups were formed.
- District-based schooling reached 100% of the compulsory education schools.



Contestants in the 2023 National Vocational Students Skills Competition

### Skills Competitions

The Second Vocational Skills Competition of the PRC, held in Tianjin on September 16, 2023, attracted 4,045 contestants from 36 delegations. With 3,270 judges participating in 109 competitive events, the competition covered 75% of the categories of national economic sectors, all designed to serve the real economy.

Tianjin also hosted six events of the 2023 National Vocational Students Skills Competition and organized the 2023 Tianjin Vocational Students Skills Competition.

compulsory education schools with 20,000 more seats. Furthermore, Tianjin will promote the integration between industry and education, and host the Second World Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference.

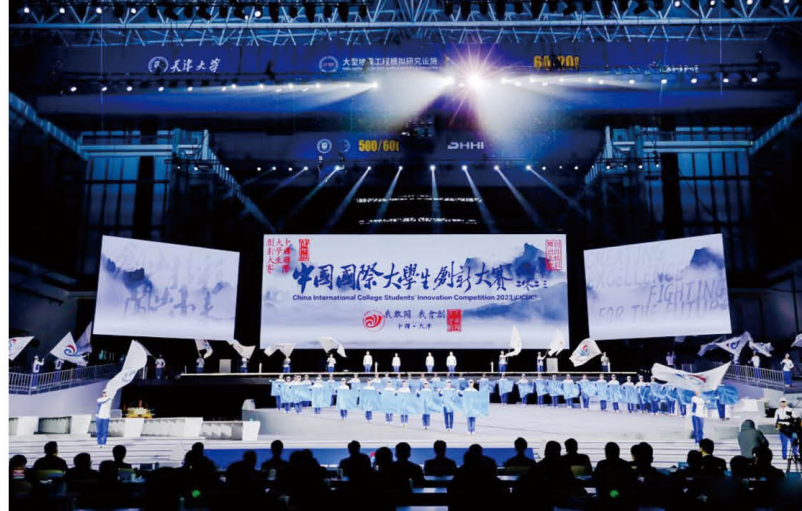
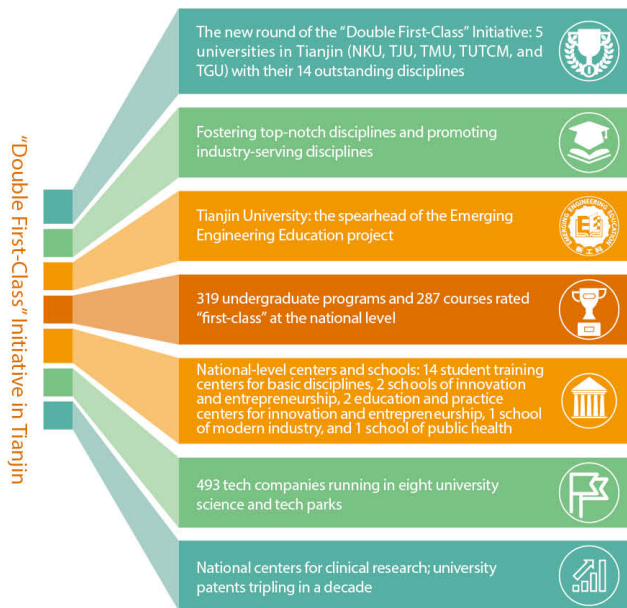
### Vocational Education

In 2023, a new plan for vocational education reform was jointly formulated by the Ministry of Education and Tianjin Municipal People's Government. Tianjin's outstanding achievements as a national pilot zone for

vocational education reform and innovation have earned incentives and support from the State Council for two consecutive years. Currently, the city is home to 23 independent vocational colleges and 42 secondary vocational schools with nearly 300,000 students.

Innovation takes precedence in Tianjin's vocational education system, where

efforts are underway to integrate high-quality programs with key industries. So far, the city has formed industry-education communities in the fields of biomedicine, marine engineering equipment, IT innovation, and digital economy, as well as in high-end equipment manufacturing, new energy, smart supply chain, and smart energy, encouraging broader and deeper involvement in vocational education from these industries.



## Higher Education

Tianjin is actively fostering the innovation and public service capabilities of higher education institutions.

By the end of 2023, there were:

- 25 institutions and universities offering postgraduate programs to 98,400 postgraduate students, including 32,900 enrollees and 26,200 graduates;
- 30 colleges and universities offering undergraduate and junior college programs to 596,600 students, including 174,700 enrollees and 168,900 graduates.

## A Successful Innovation Competition

The China International College Students' Innovation Competition 2023, hosted by Tianjin University, attracted 17.09 million participants from 5,296 colleges and universities in 151 countries and regions with a total of 4.21 million projects. The final results are as follows:

- Among the 1,260 exceptional projects that reached the final stage, 423 projects were awarded gold medals
- Projects from colleges and universities in Tianjin achieved notable success, with 30 gold medalists, 16 silver medalists, and 66 bronze medalists. This achievement broke the previous record of zero gold medals for university projects from the Chinese mainland.



Balitai Campus of Nankai University

**Nankai University**, established in 1919 by esteemed educators Yan Xiu and Zhang Boling, is a globally renowned institution directly managed by the Chinese Ministry of Education. It proudly counts among its alumni the first Premier of the People's Republic of China, Zhou Enlai. Following the motto of "dedication to public interests, acquisition of all-round capability, and aspiration for progress with each passing day", the university has produced many notable graduates, including playwright Cao Yu, mathematician Shiing-Shen Chern, and geometrician Wu Daren, and made significant contributions to China's revitalization.

Nankai University is committed to building itself into a world-class university distinctive for its unique character. By December 2023, the university ranked in the top 1% in 17 ESI-

#### Popular Science Education Centers of Nankai University

Nankai University now proudly hosts a total of 8 municipal-level centers for promoting popular science, including two newly recognized centers specializing in medical science and pharmacy. Its ongoing commitment to advancing popular science education is evidenced by the organization of science camps, science weeks, and events featuring scientists sharing their stories.



Popular Science Education Center of Nankai University for Physics

defined fields and earned a spot in the global top 1% in chemistry, materials science, and engineering science.

**Tianjin University**, founded in 1895 as Peiyang University, stands as China's first modern university. Guided by the principle of "developing education to save the nation," it has earned a distinguished reputation as a highly esteemed institution directly administered by the Chinese Ministry of Education. Upholding its motto of "seeking truth from facts", the university has nurtured leading professionals in many fields, including revolutionary pioneer Zhang Tailei, economist Ma Yinchu, diplomat Wang Zhengting, mathematician Qin Fen, poet Xu Zhimo, metallurgist Wang Chongyou, and jurist Wang Chonghui. Its faculty has also been graced by such prominent scholars as bridge expert Mao Yisheng, machinery engineer Shi Zhiren, and chemical expert Hou Debang.



#### TJU Winning Grand Prize of National Teaching Achievement Award

Tianjin University, as the spearhead of the Emerging Engineering Education project, was awarded the grand prize of the National Teaching Achievement Award in 2023. Its initiative for mapping out the route to better engineering education represents the university's contribution to the comprehensive reform of engineering training and offers a Chinese solution to the global challenge of fostering and preparing engineering talents.



**Tianjin Medical University** traces its history back to 1951 when Tianjin Medical College was founded with Professor Zhu Xianyi, a renowned endocrinologist and medical educator, as its first president. Hospitals affiliated with the university feature 21 national key clinical specialties, one nationally recognized regional medical center, and four collaborative regional medical centers, with five of the hospitals having been approved to build ten national centers for clinical research. The university has partnered with 98 leading universities and research institutes across 26 countries to push the boundaries of medical science and set up a foreign expert advisory committee. It ranks among the top in China in terms of international student education.



The **Tianjin Juilliard School** is a prestigious performing arts institution in China that offers US-accredited master's degree programs in Instrumental and Orchestral Studies, Instrumental and Chamber Music, and Collaborative Piano. Located in Binhai New Area, the school has a construction area of 45,000 square meters and stands 38 meters

high with two floors underground and six floors above ground. Its unique architectural style and state-of-the-art acoustic design have earned it the China Construction Engineering Luban Prize. The school boasts the Tianjin Juilliard Ensemble and the Tianjin Juilliard Orchestra, and has successfully held the Festival Connect and the Tianjin Juilliard Piano Festival.










## Public Health Services

Tianjin is upgrading its public health and medical services system, enhancing disease prevention, emergency services, and the use of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). Through the procurement of high-value medical consumables and 600 types of drugs, the average price of artificial lenses and sports medicine supplies has been cut by 70%; the agreement on the procurement of artificial joints is being renewed.




Digital-based platforms enable primary-level healthcare services to shift the focus from medical treatment to disease prevention and public healthcare.

Healthcare Institutions	6,282	Including Hospitals	435
Beds in Various Health Institutions	68,500	Including Hospital Beds	62,200
Healthcare Professionals	124,400	Including Practicing (Assistant) Physicians	52,500
		Including Registered Nurses	48,300

## Major Medical Institutions in Tianjin

Hospital	Brief Introduction	WeChat Account
Tianjin Medical University General Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A hospital integrating medical treatment, teaching, research, and disease prevention</li> <li>A designated hospital for overseas staff</li> <li>One of China's five major hospitals at the time of its founding</li> <li>A hospital listed in China's "Double First-Class" Initiative</li> </ul>	
Tianjin First Central Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A hospital integrating medical treatment, teaching, research, and disease prevention</li> <li>A designated hospital for overseas staff</li> <li>A hospital distinctive in organ transplantation, emergency medical treatment, and otolaryngology</li> <li>One of Tianjin's leading medical centers</li> </ul>	
TEDA International Cardiovascular Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A cardiovascular hospital and cardiovascular research institute</li> <li>The Cardiovascular Clinical Center of Tianjin Medical University</li> <li>The National Base for Coronary Heart Disease and Arrhythmia Intervention Treatment</li> <li>The National Training Center for Resident Physicians</li> <li>Validated HIMSS stage 7 provider (twice)</li> </ul>	
Tianjin Children's Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A comprehensive pediatric hospital integrating medical treatment, teaching, research, disease prevention, health care, rehabilitation, and health management</li> <li>Its main branch on Machang Road and the other branch in Longyan with 1,721 beds in total serving patients from across North China</li> </ul>	
Tianjin Central Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A obstetrics and gynecology hospital integrating medical treatment, teaching, research, and disease prevention</li> <li>A hospital affiliated to Nankai University</li> <li>The Clinical Hospital of Tianjin Medical University</li> <li>The Teaching Center for Tianjin TCM University and Tianjin Medical College</li> </ul>	
Tianjin Cancer Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A hospital integrating medical treatment, teaching, research, and disease prevention</li> <li>The cradle of cancer medicine in China</li> <li>One of China's largest research centers on cancer prevention and treatment</li> <li>One of the first national clinical medical research centers for cancer</li> </ul>	
The First Affiliated Hospital of Tianjin TCM University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A hospital and Tianjin's Center for TCM</li> <li>The National Clinical Medical Research Center for Acupuncture</li> <li>The National TCM Clinical Research Base</li> <li>The state base for epidemic prevention and TCM emergency rescue</li> <li>The Export Base for TCM Services</li> </ul>	

## Major Medical Institutions in Tianjin

Hospital	Brief Introduction	WeChat Account
Tianjin Chest Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A hospital integrating medical treatment, teaching, research, and disease prevention</li> <li>A hospital specializing in heart and lung diseases</li> <li>A leading hospital in the number of cardiovascular interventions, cardiac electrophysiological treatment cases, and cardiac surgeries.</li> </ul>	
Tianjin Huanhu Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national Grade A hospital, integrating medical treatment, teaching, research, disease prevention, and rehabilitation</li> <li>A hospital distinctive in neurology and neurological surgery</li> <li>The regional medical center for neurological diseases</li> <li>The national key clinical specialty of neurosurgery</li> </ul>	
Institute of Hematology and Blood Diseases Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The only Grade A blood disease hospital in China</li> <li>The national leader in diagnosing and treating malignant blood diseases</li> </ul>	



The dispatch system at Tianjin Emergency Center can manage 240 concurrent emergency calls through 95 operators.

## The Emergency Medical Service System Enhanced

Tianjin 120 Emergency Center is implementing a rapid response system, in which pre-hospital first aid serves as the core, with six major centers for chest pain, stroke, trauma, critical maternal care, critical neonatal care, and poison treatment. 205 emergency rescue stations have been set up and 449 ambulances

are in service. The city is at the national forefront with an average response time of about 8 minutes and a 100% answer rate within 10 seconds on emergency calls. The mobile mini app, Accessible First Aid Platform, enables users with hearing impairments to easily reach emergency services through position tracking, AI-powered voice-to-text features, and quick input options.

## People's Livelihood

Tianjin spends over 70% of its yearly fiscal expenditure on improving people's well-being. Every year, the city implements 20 major projects to enable its residents to live a better life.

### Promoting Employment:

- Helping 39,700 people with difficulties to find jobs and creating new job opportunities for 356,900 people.
- Creating internship opportunities for 29,300 people and providing 135,000 subsidized vocational training sessions.
- Offering 318 million yuan subsidies and special loans of 4.314 billion yuan for promoting employment.
- Benefiting more than 28,000 people through a one-time subsidy to enterprises for job expansion.

### Expanding Affordable Rental Housing Supply:

- Rolling out 40 affordable rental housing projects with 14,000 apartments (rooms) to ease housing pressure for new residents and young people.
- Providing housing subsidies worth 468 million yuan to 79,000 low-and-middle-income households.
- Upgrading 275 old residential areas and benefiting 129,300 households.

### Providing Elderly Care:

- Taking particular care of seven vulnerable elderly groups including seniors without family support, and improving the living conditions of more than 5,800 households.
- Setting up 30 comprehensive elderly care centers with 3,168 beds.
- Providing training by 11 social organizations for 1,100 caregivers of elderly people with disabilities.



### Tianjin Elderly Care: Happy and Healthy Aging

A "Tianjin Style" service for the elderly to address their urgent concerns:

- 386 elderly care institutions in operation, including 180 comprehensive service centers;
- 1,348 community-based elderly day-care centers with 81,200 beds;
- Meal assistance service for the elderly now available in 1,634 communities on 164 subdistricts (towns);
- 1,874 canteens exclusively for the elderly;
- 29,000 recipients of the subsidy for home-based elderly care and nursing services.

## Social Assistance

Tianjin has streamlined the evaluation procedures for social assistance and established a dynamic monitoring platform to facilitate regular visits and surveys for 215,000 low-income individuals.

- 10 million yuan designated to individuals who are ineligible for assistance or recipients who still need help;
- 6.1197 million yuan provided for 3,037 people as of the end of November;
- Over 50 million yuan in funds and goods donated to the flood-affected population in the BTH region;
- 2.285 billion yuan spent on social assistance;
- 151,000 recipients of medical aid worth a total of 300 million yuan;
- 2.99 million volunteers, over 20% of the city's permanent population, serving through the Tianjin Volunteer Service Network;
- Over 19,000 voluntary teams offering services.



Volunteers Helping Passengers at Binhai International Airport

The staff at Tianjin Children's Welfare Institute provides rehabilitation training.

### Disability Evaluation and Home Care Service

Tianjin has established a municipal comprehensive service center and 21 district centers in collaboration with 6 insurance companies to provide long-term care insurance services.

- 28,000 disabled people eligible for health care services;
- 484 designated care centers;
- 10.919 million home-based services provided;
- 932 million yuan offered to help families with members who have severe disabilities;
- 5,293 apartments remodeled to be barrier-free;
- Annual per capita subsidy raised to 24,000 yuan from 20,000 yuan for rehabilitation training of children aged 0—7 with autism and other severe disabilities;
- 4,476 disabled children provided with assistance.



## Culture and Tourism

- Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Folk Customs and Culture
- Cultural Facilities
- Tourism

Tianjin, a well-known historical city in China, boasts various cultural arts and plentiful tourism resources. It is home to:

- 49 national intangible cultural heritage items such as Yangliuqing Woodblock New Year Prints and Clay Figurine Zhang painted sculptures;
- Historical heritage along the Grand Canal;
- Mazu culture, operas, performing arts, and other forms of folk cultures and arts;
- Two 5A-rated national tourist attractions and thirty-three 4A-rated ones.

Tianjin remains actively engaged in promoting high-quality cultural tourism. For many years in a row, it has been the organizer of:

- The Wudadao Cultural Tourism Festival;
- The Haihe Cultural Tourism Festival;
- The Great Wall Marathon;
- The Mazu Cultural Tourism Festival;
- A series of themed events aimed at boosting tourism in the city.



Events Held at the Drum Tower, Tianjin

Proactive measures have been taken to encourage international cultural exchanges.

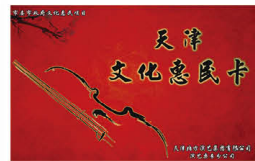
- The Tianjin Art Museum has organized the second photography exhibition in celebration of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania.
- Masterworks from the Tianjin Museum have been presented by the China Institute Gallery in New York at the exhibition entitled "Flowers on a River: The Art of Chinese Flower and Bird Painting, 1368–1911".
- Tianjin's intangible cultural heritage, such as Yangliuqing Woodblock New Year Prints, has been showcased at the Chinese New Year's Culture Gala held in Singapore.

Tianjin has been active in staging cultural and artistic events.

- The Eighth Tianjin Citizens Art Festival kicked off with 50 themed events featuring four seasons.
- "Ning Fang", a group dance created by Tianjin Song & Dance Theatre, was listed in the 14th National Dance Exhibition.
- The symphony "The Great Wall" was successfully selected for the 15th National Vocal Performance Exhibition.
- The adaptation of the classic Pingju Opera "Liu Hulan" by a theatre troupe in Jizhou District debuted at the 12th Pingju Opera Art Festival and was awarded for its outstanding performance.

#### Tianjin Cultural Welfare Card: A Benchmark in China

Tianjin is the first city in China to offer subsidies directly to citizens instead of performance troupes, allowing them to enjoy various performances ranging from operas and dramas to songs and dances with subsidized and discounted tickets. As many as 1.02 million people have applied for the Cultural Welfare Card, with subsidies exceeding 250 million yuan. In 2023, a total of 9,920 performances were put on through the website of Tianjin North Performing Arts Group.



The Ancient Town of Yangliuqing

#### Tianjin Devoted to Boosting New Forms of Tourism

In 2023, Tianjin hosted the 13th China Tourism Industry Expo, attracting more than 2,000 enterprises.

- The expo saw transactions of over 240 million yuan, both online and offline.
- Transactions made onsite at the expo exceeded 144 million yuan.
- Live streaming and online sales totaled 96 million yuan.
- The expo also featured a series of activities aimed at promoting economic and trade exchanges in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, with more than 300

projects showcased, over 20 agreements signed, and a transaction volume of 28.57 billion yuan.

Tianjin also advanced its efforts to promote cultural and sports tourism in key areas.

- The Ancient Cultural Street and the Italian Style Town were included in the second national recommendation list for tourism and leisure.
- A series of events were staged, including the "Starry Sky Coffee" in Wudadao, promotional events in the Italian Style Town, sea-themed activities in Binhai New Area, and the China Endurance Championship held in V1 Auto World in Wuqing District.

## Intangible Cultural Heritage



**Yangliuqing Woodblock New Year Prints**, originating in the Ancient Town of Yangliuqing during the Chongzhen Emperor's reign (1628–1644), feature a combination of woodblock prints and hand coloring. With realistic and symbolic techniques, they serve as records of local people's daily life, folk customs, and historical stories, and are acclaimed as the acme of Chinese folk woodblock New Year Prints for their widespread popularity. In May 2006, Yangliuqing Woodblock New Year Prints were included in the first national intangible cultural heritage list.

**Clay Figurine Zhang Painted Sculptures** are well-known traditional handicrafts of Tianjin created by Zhang Mingshan (1826–1906). Zhang developed a masterly technique to mold true-to-life clay figurines inside his sleeve with casual ease. His creations, whose themes ranged from folk customs and folk stories

to staged operas, were not only exquisite in shape but also vivid in spirit. Made from well-chosen materials in bright colors, the clay figurines would remain lifelike and intact over a long period of time.

**Kite Wei** created by Wei Yuantai (1872–1961) enjoys a history of more than 100 years.



Wei Guoqiu, the Fourth-Generation Inheritor of "Kite Wei"

As a famous kite craftsman, Wei dedicated himself to kite-making, creating over 200 kinds of kites in his life, in flat, cubic, stringed, and combinational styles. Assemblable and foldable, the kite is a wonderful folk handicraft ideal for appreciation, collection, and entertainment, and an artistic treasure favored by museums in China and beyond.

**Yidecheng Snuff** traces its history back to 1710, the forty-ninth year of the Kangxi Emperor's reign (1662–1722). "Snuff" refers to a remedy in traditional Chinese medicine that helps to refresh the body and ward off epidemic diseases through nasal inhalation. Yidecheng snuff is made from finely ground tobacco of high quality mixed with jasmine, musk, sandalwood, cloves and other herbs. Together they are smoked and sealed in a clay jar for aging, before being taken out years or decades later to be smoked again with fresh jasmine and then put on sale.



Yidecheng Snuff

## As of February 2024, Tianjin had 49 national intangible cultural heritage items and 357 municipal ones.

### A List of Tianjin's National Intangible Cultural Heritage



#### Traditional Skills

Goubuli Steamed Stuffed Bun Making Skills  
Tianjin Kite Wei Making Skills  
Laomeihua Manual Shoe Making Skills  
Guifaxiang Shibajie Fired Dough Twists Making Skills  
Duliu Vinegar Brewing Skills  
Theatrical Boots Making Skills  
Restoration Skills of Ancient Books in Tianjin  
Tianjin Gourd Making Skills

#### Folk Customs

Tianjin Huanghui, celebrations for Mazu  
Gegu Baonianhui, celebrations for Mazu

#### Traditional Folk Arts

Xiangsheng  
Jingdong Drum  
Tianjin Shidiao  
Plum Blossom Drum  
Jingyun Drum  
Xihe Drum  
Single String Tune

#### Traditional Operas

Hebei Bangzi  
Pingju Opera  
Baodi Pingju Opera  
Peking Opera

#### Folk Literature

Legends of the Yangs

#### Traditional Dance

Ximatou Bairenjing Stilt Dancing

#### Traditional Fine Art

Tianjin Clay Figurine Zhang (Nankai)  
Tianjin Clay Figurine Zhang (Tianjin Clay Figurine Zhang Color Sculpture Studio)  
Yangliuqing Woodblock New Year Prints (Tianjin Yangliuqing Prints Society)  
Yangliuqing Woodblock New Year Prints (Xiqing District)  
Tianjin Dough Sculptures

#### Traditional Music

Xiangta Music Buddhist Drum  
Guajia Temple Qingyin Buddhist Drum  
Hangu Cymbal  
Yangjiazhuang Yongyin Buddhist Drum  
Liuyuan Xiangyin Buddhist Drum

#### Traditional Medicine

Angong Niuhuang Pills Making Skills  
Yidecheng Snuffing Medicine Making Skills  
Darentang Qinggong-Shoutao Pills Making Skills  
Jingwanhong Ointment Recipe and Making Skills  
Longshunrong Tianjin Medicine Making Skills  
Jingu Zangfu Massage  
Darentang Bezoar Qingxin Pills Making Skills  
Hongrentang Zixue Powder Making Skills

#### Traditional Sports, Entertainment, and Acrobatics

Li's Tai Chi  
Lanshoumen  
Classical Play Tricks  
The Hui's Heavy-Sword Martial Art  
Mu's Shuttlecock  
Wu Chi  
Dallufu Village Pole Climbing  
Yongliang Flying Fork



International Experience Officers in Xiqing, Tianjin

## Folk Customs and Culture

Originating in the Song Dynasty (960–1279), Mazu culture began to take shape in the Yuan Dynasty, and gradually became more and more popular, especially in modern times. It is characteristic of China's marine culture, as evidenced by people's putting up Mazu statues on ships, an act of worship, to pray for safe sailing. A distinctive local culture and a cultural symbol in Tianjin, Mazu culture has an important impact on the formation and development of the city.

Tianjin Tianhou Temple, built in 1326 outside the east gate of Tianjin City, is one of the three major Mazu temples in the world, the other two being the Mazu Temple in Meizhou, Fujian, and the Chaotian Temple in Beigang, Taiwan. Formerly called Tianfei Temple, it is

the oldest architectural complex in Tianjin surviving multiple renovations, and one of the earliest existent Mazu temples in China. In February 2023, a delegation from the Taiwan Mazu Fellowship paid a visit to the temple.



Tianjin Tianhou Temple



Wang Yubao, Shidiao Performing Artist

Tianjin is colloquially referred to as the “comic city”, with most Tianjin people having a great sense of humor. A visit to Tianjin without watching crosstalk performances would be a pity. And you cannot go a day in Tianjin without seeing the teahouses almost full of people appreciating crosstalk. It may well be said that crosstalk has become an indispensable part of Tianjin people's lives.

Xiangsheng, or crosstalk, is an art form in northern China, originating in Beijing in the Qing Dynasty, yet reaching its maturity in Tianjin. Hence the saying that “Crosstalk was born in Beijing, but grew up in Tianjin”. Tianjin is believed to be a Mecca for crosstalk performers. In the 1920s when crosstalk was prospering in the city, performers frequently traveled back and forth between Tianjin and Beijing, and many of them performed in Tianjin at first before fame carried them to other parts of China.

Ma Sanli, a crosstalk master, dedicated his life to the art form, with which he satirized falsehood and ugliness while praising truth, goodness, and beauty. Known for his unique artistic style, he significantly promoted the development of crosstalk.

Guo Degang, a native of Tianjin, is one of the founders of the Deyun Society, which has delivered many crosstalk performances to its audiences since the opening of its Tianjin branch in 2021.

The Hometown of “Quyi”, an umbrella term for various storytelling and musical arts, is another name that Tianjin is known by. It sees the formation and flourishing of many operas and art forms. Tianjin Shidiao (popular tunes), Tianjin Kuaiban (bamboo clappers), and Jingyun Drum originated and formed in Tianjin, while crosstalk, Peking Opera, Pingju Opera, and Hebei Bangzi (clapper opera) flourished and developed in the city. Having nurtured hundreds of crosstalk artists, Tianjin is widely recognized as the cradle of crosstalk masters in China. And crosstalk, Pingju Opera, Hebei Bangzi, Tianjin Shidiao, and Plum Blossom Drum have all been selected as representative items of national intangible cultural heritage.



A Portrait of Ma Sanli, a Crosstalk Master

## Cultural Facilities

By the end of 2023, Tianjin had a total of 12 state-owned art troupes, with a diverse range of artistic genres and exceptional creative capabilities.

**Tianjin Cultural Center**, the largest public cultural facility in Tianjin, serves an important role in fostering the development and prosperity of the city's culture. Its main buildings include the Tianjin Grand Theater, the Tianjin Museum, the Tianjin Art Museum, the Tianjin Library, the Tianjin Natural History Museum, and the Tianjin Sunshine Paradise.

**Tianjin Grand Theater**, consisting of an opera hall, a concert hall, a small theater, and a multi-functional hall, is a comprehensive, multi-functional institution for art creation and performance. With advanced sound and lighting systems and fully automatic mechanical stage platforms, the Theater is capable of delivering various kinds of performances such as symphonies, dramas, and operas. The facade of the Theater faces a lake, with extended platforms creating extra space that serves as an open “urban stage”.



**20** Public Libraries

**80** Officially Registered Museums



**17** Cultural Centers

**257** Cultural Stations in Towns and Villages



**10,879** Performances

**1.4375** million Audiences

**258.5562** million yuan Revenue

**Tianjin Natural History Museum**, originally established as the Musée Hoangho Paiho in 1914, is one of the first recognized national-level museums, the first panoramic theme museum of natural history in China, and a popular science education center. With two branch museums, a new one in Tianjin Cultural Center on Youyi Road and the Musée Hoangho Paiho, it boasts a collection of 400,000 specimens, with over 1,400 type specimens and 1,299 rare items of the first and second classes. The Musée Hoangho Paiho, located within the campus of Tianjin Foreign Studies University at 117 Machang Road, Hexi District, Tianjin, is the only century-old museum in China that remains intact and well-preserved, a true "living fossil".



**Tianjin Museum**, established in 1918, houses over 210,000 works of art and 200,000 books and reference materials. The museum features three permanent exhibitions: "The Origination of Tianjin Culture", "Tianjin—An Epitome of China in the Past Hundred Years", and "Selected Rare Relics". It also presents special exhibitions on calligraphy, painting, ceramics, jade, auspicious culture, collectibles in Chinese scholars' studies, and folk arts. One of the first recognized national-level museums, Tianjin Museum was awarded the title of "Most Innovative Museum in China" in 2019.

**Tianjin Library**, founded in 1908 as Zhili Library, is a provincial-level public library rated as a "first-class library" by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Consisting of four branch libraries, it boasts

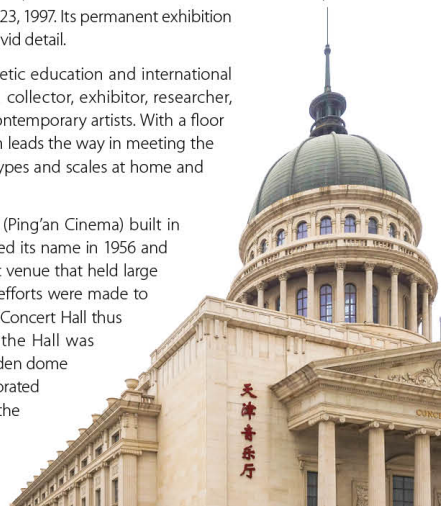


a large collection of 10.28 million books and documents, including 9.27 million books in Chinese and foreign languages, 590,000 ancient books, 192,000 bound volumes of Chinese and foreign newspapers and periodicals, and 210,000 sets of audiovisual documents.

**Peking-Tianjin Campaign Memorial Museum**, situated on the north bank of the Ziya River in Hongqiao District, is dedicated to commemorating the victorious Peking-Tianjin Campaign. With the Chinese characters of its name inscribed by Marshal Nie Rongzhen, the Museum, consisting of the Victory Square, the Main Exhibition Hall, the Multi-dimensional Demonstration Hall, and the Military Park, opened to the public on July 23, 1997. Its permanent exhibition has six parts that depict the campaign in vivid detail.

**Tianjin Art Museum**, dedicated to aesthetic education and international cultural exchange, establishes itself as a collector, exhibitor, researcher, and promoter of works of modern and contemporary artists. With a floor area of 28,065 square meters, the Museum leads the way in meeting the various needs of exhibitions of different types and scales at home and abroad.

**Tianjin Concert Hall**, originally a cinema (Ping'an Cinema) built in 1922, the first of its kind in the city, acquired its name in 1956 and was transformed into a professional music venue that held large scale concerts. It was not until 2005 that efforts were made to rebuild the hall, with a brand-new Tianjin Concert Hall thus erected. A cultural landmark in Tianjin, the Hall was designed in the shape of a ship, with a golden dome sitting on top of columns and pilasters decorated with elaborate carvings, hence the name the "Golden Hall" of Tianjin.





**Tianjin Binhai Cultural Center** is located in the central business district of Binhai New Area. With a gross floor area of 312,000 square meters, it boasts the Binhai Art Museum, the Binhai Science and Technology Museum, the Binhai Library, the Binhai Performing Arts Center, the Citizen Activity Center, and the Cultural Gallery. The multi-functional and magnificent center has become a cultural landmark not only in Tianjin but also in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.

**The National Maritime Museum of China**, located in the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City, is the only comprehensive maritime museum in China dedicated to collections and exhibitions as well as research and education. It has established its authority as a center for the collection and protection of maritime cultural relics, for research on maritime civilizations, for the exchange and promotion of maritime culture, and for maritime experiences. Exhibitions at the museum center around "Humanity and the Sea", providing important lessons on maritime civilizations and maritime resources.



**The Memorial to Zhou Enlai and Deng Yingchao** opened to the public on February 28, 1998, shortly before the 100th anniversary of Zhou Enlai's birthday. With the Main Exhibition Hall, the replicated Xihuating House, the Exhibition Area for Premier Zhou Enlai's official plane, and the Exhibition Area for the ship "Xinhai", the Memorial is dedicated to the legacy of Zhou and Deng, two great revolutionaries who devoted their lives to their country and people. The Memorial is also nationally recognized and a 4A-rated national tourist attraction.

**Tianjin Radio and Television Tower**, also referred to as "Sky Tower", is located near the southern end of Niegong Bridge, at the intersection of Zijinshan Road and Weijin South Road in Hexi District. Surrounded by a lake, the 415.2-meter-high tower is the only one in the world that stands on the water.



## Tourism

Throughout 2023, a total of

**235.5875 million**

domestic tourists traveled to Tianjin,

generating

**221.541 billion yuan**

in revenue.

- In 2023, Tianjin successfully hosted the 13th China Tourism Industry Expo.
- Famous singers and the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra were frequently invited to perform in the city.
- The ship "Dream" of Tianjin Oriental International Cruise Co., Ltd. and the "Mediterranea" of Adora Cruises made their maiden voyages from the city.
- Efforts were made to build Tianjin-themed ships by promoting cooperation between Adora Cruises and the Tianjin Museum, the Tianjin Library, and performance troupes in the city.

### Signature Neighborhoods:

- The Ancient Town of Yangliuqing in Xiqing District, the Ancient Cultural Street in Nankai District, the Italian Style Town in Hebei District, and the Yuyang Ancient Street in Jizhou District have been included in the national recommendation list for tourism and leisure.
- Zhihuishan Cultural and Creative Industry Park has been established as a national cultural demonstration zone.
- The Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City has been recognized as an exemplar of innovative development of China's leisure travel destinations.

### "Welcome to Tianjin":

- The "Welcome to Tianjin" initiative has been fully launched, with various cultural tourism promotional events held in source markets such as Beijing, Hebei, and Shandong.
- The Tianjin Marathon 2023 has helped to showcase the distinctive cityscape of Tianjin and its tourism resources.
  - Various themed events have been organized to highlight the 14 premium countryside travel routes recognized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.
  - New tourism experiences featuring delicious breakfast in Tianjin have been made available, and a "Breakfast Tour Map" with over 270 breakfast spots across 16 districts has been created.



## Theme Parks

Happy Valley Tianjin	three land parks, two water parks, and a performance center, with an area of 350,000 square meters
Tianshan Sea World Meters Cube	the largest indoor water park with constant-temperature water in China, open to the public all year round
Tianjin Fantawild Adventure	the one-and-only fourth-generation high-tech theme park in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region featuring sci-fi and interactivity
Victory Kingdom	u-shaped and suspended roller coaster rides



## Sightseeing

Tianjin Eye	built on a bridge across the Haihe River
Ancient Cultural Street	the Tianhou Temple; various time-honored stores; and stores selling folk handicrafts
Tianjin Bay Square	many French-style buildings; the Jiefang Bridge, a movable bridge made of steel; and the Century Clock, a famous landmark
Haihe River Cruise	the beauty of the scenery and historical buildings



Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean Park

## Binhai New Area Tours

Tianjin Dongjiangwan Beach Scenic Area	the largest man-made beach in China
Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean Park	one of the 10 most popular theme parks with Polar Aquarium, Finland Apartment, Polar Commercial Circle, and Danish Dream Castle
Beitang Ancient Town	Gujiu Alley, Shuanglei Square, Assembly Hall, and Chinese-style Houses, showcasing the uniqueness of Tianjin and the customs of Beitang
Tianjin Binhai Cultural Center	Binhai Art Museum, Binhai Science and Technology Museum, Binhai Library, Binhai Performing Arts Center, Citizen Activity Center, and Cultural Gallery
Tianjin Binhai TEDA Aircraft Carrier Theme Park	a large military theme park with the Kiev-class aircraft carrier as a unique resource
Tianjin International Cruise Home Port	the largest of its kind in Asia, with many specialty restaurants, large duty-free shops, conference rooms, and exhibition venues

## Places of Interest

Panshan Mountain	beautiful scenery, tourist attractions, and traces of Buddhism and imperial influence
The Great Wall at Huangya Pass	world cultural heritage; a total length of 42km, stretching from Malan Pass in Zunhua, Hebei Province, to Jiangjun Pass in Pinggu, Beijing
Jiulongshan National Forest Park	the largest forest park in Tianjin with 147 verdant mountains lush with different grasses
Mansion of the Shi Family	covering nearly 10,000 square meters; known as the No. 1 residence in North China for its grand layout

## Skiing and Hot Spring

Jizhou Panshan Ski Resort, Jizhou International Ski Resort, and Yulong Ski Resort	mountainous scenery; skiing while enjoying the beauty of nature
Guanghegu Hot Springs, Longda Hot Springs, Tuanbo Lake Hot Springs, and Dijing Hot Springs	abundant geothermal resources and geothermal water rich in various elements; ideal for tourism

## Local Food in Tianjin

Tianjin Cuisine	suitable for many and skillfully made with excellent seasonings; popular dishes such as Fried Prawns and Gaoli Fried Icefish
"Three Specialties of Tianjin"	Goubuli Steamed Stuffed Buns, Erduoyan Fried Cakes, and Shibajie Fried Dough Twists
Traditional Snacks	Jianbing Guozi (pancake), Guobaocai (linguine-like noodles), Shuli Cakes (rice cake with sweet fillings), and Miancha (millet porridge with sesame paste)





### Popular Tourist Areas

Tianjin Italian Style Town	the largest and best-preserved Italian architectural complex in Asia with buildings in Gothic, Romanesque, and Baroque styles
Binjiangdao Commercial Street	the busiest commercial street in Tianjin, and the essence of Tianjin's commercial, catering, and service industries
Wudadao Culture Tourist Area	over 2,000 garden villas built in the 1920s and 1930s; more than 300 historic buildings and former residences of notable personages
China (Porcelain) House	porcelain combined with Western-style architecture; decorated with numerous pieces of porcelain and chinaware

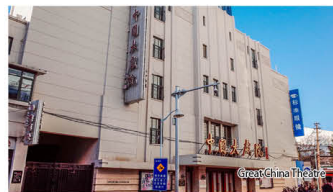
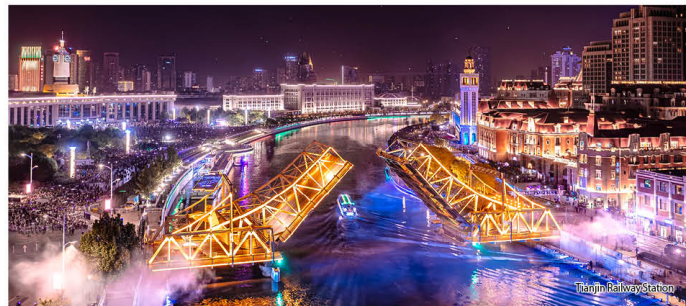
### Innovation in Hexi District: Intangible Cultural Heritage and Reading

In 2023, Hexi District opened new Western Shore book houses in the Western Shore Intangible Cultural Heritage Experience Center and in several large commercial complexes. Currently, the district is home to 56 such book houses, free and open for extended hours, offering conveniently accessible reading services.



### Another 4 Entries from Tianjin Included in the 8th List of China's 20th-Century Architectural Heritage

The newly included entries are the Great China Theater, the Kiessling Restaurant, the Tianjin Railway Station, and the Tianjin No. 1 Machine Tool Works, bringing the total number of Tianjin's architectural heritage to 52. They are witness to the city's development and important carriers of people's memories.





## A Sports Powerhouse

- Triumphs in Sports
- A City of Volleyball
- Fitness for All
- Sports Venues

In 2023, Tianjin stepped up its efforts towards a leading sports city, focusing on establishing itself as both the “Sports City” and the “City of Volleyball”. On January 1, 2024, Tianjin unveiled the emblem for the “Sports City”, featuring rivers in all Olympic colors and symbolizing the city’s commitment to inclusive and high-quality development.



## Triumphs in Sports

In 2023, Tianjin’s sports performed strongly.

- 31 athletes and 5 coaches were recruited to the national team.
- 112 gold, 41 silver, and 54 bronze medals were attained in high-level sports events.
- 10 gold, 4 silver, and 5 bronze medals were secured at the 19th Asian Games.
- 15 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medals were won at the 31st Summer World University Games.

In 2023, impressive outcomes in international games for winter sports, trampoline, weightlifting, artistic swimming, and tennis included:

- Liu Shaolin, Liu Shao’ang, and Liu Guanyi securing multiple world championships in short track speed skating, with Yan Wengang



Brothers Liu Shaolin and Liu Shao’ang

achieving the same in skeleton;

- Shi Haoyu becoming the first Chinese male gold medalist in artistic swimming at the World Aquatics Championships;
- Yin Ruoning reaching No.1 in the Rolex Women’s World Gold Rankings;
- Tianjin Jinmen Tigers securing 17 consecutive wins at both home and away matches and all wins at home matches for the 2023 season.



Zhu Xueying Receiving Awards

### Zhu Xueying Winning Gold in Women’s Individual Trampoline at Asian Games

On October 2, at the Huanglong Sports Centre Stadium, Tianjin’s Zhu Xueying finished 56.72 points to win the women’s individual trampoline gold medal at the Hangzhou Asian Games, marking Tianjin’s fifth gold at the Games.

### Sun Chuanyi and Tianjin’s Jin Wenjing Claiming Gold of the Mixed Relay Race at the Speed Skating World Cup

At the 5th competition weekend of the 2023—2024 ISU Speed Skating World Cup, Sun Chuanyi and Tianjin’s Jin Wenjing won gold in the mixed relay

race, clocking 2 minutes and 54.90 seconds. This victory broke the world record and marked Tianjin’s second gold in the event, following Jin’s earlier gold in the women’s team pursuit of speed skating race at China’s 14th National Winter Games. Furthermore, Sun and Jin’s gold was China’s only one in the World Cup.

## A City of Volleyball

In 2023, Tianjin’s volleyball teams excelled, winning 4 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze medals at home and abroad. Notably, the women’s team achieved third place in the 2023 FIVB Women’s Club World Championship, their best performance to date, matching China’s best club result.

To bolster public enthusiasm for volleyball, Tianjin held over 600 events, including the 8th Tianjin Amateur Volleyball League, involving 2,700 volleyball players. The 4th Tianjin-Gansu Charity Women’s Volleyball Match, a live-streamed event, attracted 11.25 million viewers and generated 8.18 million yuan in sales. The city also published a novel inspired by the true stories of its Women’s Volleyball Team and organized 140 exhibitions to showcase the team’s spirit, reaching 2 million people.

### Tianjin Women’s Volleyball Team Achieving Dual Five-Consecutive National Championships

On Feb 3, 2024, at the Luwan Gymnasium in Shanghai, the Tianjin Women’s Volleyball Team secured the championship of the national league of the 2023—2024 season with 19 wins in 20 matches. Since the Team’s first championship in the 2002—2003 season, this victory marks:

- Its 19th appearance in the national league finals;
- The 16th championship;
- The second five-consecutive championship after the first one in the 2010—2011 season;
- It becoming the first team with dual five-consecutive in China.



## Fitness for All



### Boosting Sports Industries

In 2023, Tianjin was awarded six national-level honors in sports tourism, including:

- the Dongli Lake Ecotourism Demonstration Zone,
- the scenic spot of Dongli Lake, Qi Yunwan Beach Resort, V1 Auto World,
- sports and leisure travel routes around Tuanbo Lake,
- and Dongli Lake Street listed as one of China's top ten sports tourism destinations.

### Measures to Boost Sports and Their Outcomes

- Issued 7.0696 million yuan of sports subsidies, resulting in 39.273 million yuan of sports consumption;
- Distributed the second "Ten Million Fitness Coupons", drawing 65,000 people;
- Sold 7.484 billion yuan of sports lottery tickets, a growth of 21.23%,

In 2023, under Tianjin's successful campaign of "Fitness for All", venues were built and upgraded for families and community accessibility. The goal is that every resident can access sports venues within 15 minutes.

**At the 2,600 newly built sports venues, there are:**

- 15.8 kilometers of bicycle lanes;
- 20 fitness trails, 4 hiking trails;
- 60 multipurpose sports fields for football, basketball, and volleyball, 103 small outdoor space in communities;
- 14 enclosed football fields, and 2 skating rinks.

**Facilities were upgraded and enhanced in:**

- 23 public fitness centers;
- 120 rural fitness squares;
- 402 community fitness parks.

**Sports campaigns and organizations included:**

- 5,000 events at various scales with over 600,000 participations;
- 3,560 new community fitness clubs;
- The first 28 Bases for Community Sports Instructors, benefiting 500,000 people.

### The 5th Nezha Cultural and Sports Events in Tianjin

This carnival explores a new model, blending sports with culture and commerce. It encompasses

- Traditional Events: football, basketball, and volleyball.
- Trendy Events: fitness race, skateboarding, frisbee, e-sports, rowcycle, outdoor surfing, and more.
- Other New Events: film seminars, masters' lectures, outdoor screenings of sports films, and more.

## Sports Venues

Tianjin utilized the opportunity of hosting major events to enhance its sports infrastructure. In 2023, it successfully hosted:

- The World Snooker International Championship;
- ITF M15 Tianjin 2023 Tennis Tournament;
- National Indoor Athletics Championships & China Athletics Street Tour (High Jump);
- National Curling Championship;
- Chinese Inline Speed Skating Championship;
- China Road Pro Cycling League (5th Stop);

- "Beautiful Tianjin" Cycling Eco-Tour.

Tianjin smoothly ran the "dual home" matches of Jinmen Tigers, held at both Tianjin Olympic Center Stadium and TEDA Football Stadium, in the Chinese Football Super League. During the 2023 season, Jinmen Tigers played 16 home matches, drawing 455,900 spectators and generating ticket revenue of 30 million yuan. This also spurred consumption around the two stadiums.



### Tianjin Jizhou National Ice Project Training Base

As a key government-invested project, the Base provides training venues and service guarantees for the national teams to prepare for the Winter Games, such as ice hockey, curling, short track speed skating, roller hockey, and figure skating. It now serves as a sports complex for national team training, ice and snow talent training, winter sports cultural campaigns, and sports tourism.

### Tianjin Olympic Center Stadium

The stadium, sitting by a lake, is often referred

to as the Water Drop for its shape and location. It is a multi-use stadium that combines leisure, entertainment, fitness, and shopping.

### Tianjin Arena

Resembling a flying saucer, the Arena houses six parts: a stadium with 10,000 capacity, a smaller gym, practice halls, service areas, a press center, hotels, and supporting facilities. After the renovation in 2017, it was selected as one of the third batch of China's 20th Century Architectural Heritage Projects on November 24, 2018.

### Tianjin Marathon, Scenic at Every Step

On October 15, 2023, the Tianjin Marathon started from the Tianjin Grand Theater as scheduled. Approximately 30,000 participants from 29 countries and regions took part in the race. They traversed the picturesque landscapes along the Haihe River, enjoying renowned landmarks and architectural icons. The event generated direct revenue of 189 million yuan and indirect one of 568 million yuan.

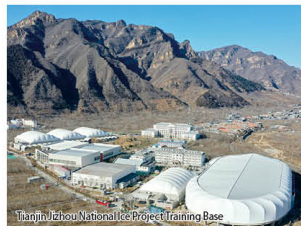
### Speed and Passion at the Haihe River Dragon Boat Race

On June 22, 2023, the 9th Tianjin Citizen Sports Games Dragon Boat Race—the 2023 Race for Foreign-Invested Enterprises was held. A total of 40 teams,

comprised of foreign-invested enterprises, universities, and social organizations participated, featuring 480 athletes from 44 countries. The event attracted 28,000 spectators.



Tianjin Marathon



The Haihe Dragon Boat Race



## Prospects and Goals

- Tianjin Chapter of Chinese Modernization
- Development Goals for 2024

2024 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the PRC and the 10th anniversary of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei coordinated development strategy. In February of this important year, General Secretary Xi Jinping made an inspection tour to Tianjin, a pivotal moment for the city. During his visit, he talked with local officials and residents, demonstrating his profound care about Tianjin's development and the well-being of its people.

## Tianjin Chapter of Chinese Modernization

General Secretary Xi Jinping provided vital guidance for Tianjin's future:

- Emphasized the importance of economic growth and high-quality development, urging Tianjin to leverage its scientific and educational resources to pioneer new productive forces.
- Encouraged a review of existing reform measures to ensure targeted and effective reforms.

- Highlighted the exploration of historical and cultural resources, advocating for the protection of cultural heritage and the development of unique cultural brands.
- Prioritized public well-being, advocating for the expansion of basic public services to enhance residents' quality of life.

In 2024, Tianjin will be fully committed to implementing General Secretary Xi Jinping's guidance for the city's development. Aligned



with the principles outlined in the 20th CPC National Congress and the Second Plenary Session of the 20th CPC Central Committee, Tianjin will prioritize economic development and high-quality development. The city will actively contribute to the coordinated development of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and drive forward reform and opening-up efforts with increased determination. Tianjin works towards building the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region as a model of Chinese modernization, while positioning itself as a modern socialist metropolis.

## Development Goals for 2024

In 2024, Tianjin aims for the following economic and social development objectives:

- Achieving 4.5% GDP growth;
- Ensuring that the growth in general public budget revenue and per capita disposable income aligns with the overall economic growth;
- Ensuring positive growth in fixed asset investment;
- Increasing total retail sales of consumer goods by 6%;
- Creating 350,000 jobs for urban residents;
- Maintaining a 5.5% urban surveyed unemployment rate;
- Keeping consumer price increases around 3%;
- Meeting national targets for energy conservation, emission reduction, pollution reduction, and carbon reduction.



Tianjin will prioritize efforts in seven key areas:

- **Enhancing the coordinated development of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.** Celebrating the 10th anniversary of this national strategy, Tianjin will focus on strengthening mechanisms, platforms, pathways, and collaboration to deepen regional cooperation. By expanding and deepening collaboration among the three regions, Tianjin seeks to achieve new cooperative milestones.
- **Fostering new, high-quality productive forces through sci-tech innovation, industrial upgrading, and urban renewal.** Tianjin aims to innovate in science and

technology, thus shaping a modern industrial system and paving the way for new growth opportunities. Through industrial upgrading, the city will drive economic transformation and enhance development quality and efficiency. Additionally, the city's urban renewal initiatives will optimize urban functionality and improve business quality.

- **Maximizing the city's resources, nurturing new growth engines, and elevating development quality to unleash the city's full potential.** Tianjin will adhere to the principles of high-quality development, activating and optimizing its productivity potential, while fostering new growth drivers.

- **Intensifying reform efforts and broadening the city's openness to bolster and cultivate new advantages for high-quality development.** Tianjin will implement major reform measures, expand institutional openness, and invigorate various business entities through the adoption of new policies and measures.
- **Revitalizing the city's rural areas and accelerating agricultural modernization.** Drawing inspiration from Zhejiang's Green Rural Revival Program, Tianjin will advance agricultural and rural modernization in tandem. This entails upgrading industrial development and governance in rural areas while promoting integrated urban-rural development.

- **Enhancing the welfare and quality of life for the residents.** Tianjin will proceed with 20 projects this year to address crucial challenges faced by its population. Through these initiatives, the city aims to bolster overall happiness and instill a stronger sense of security among its residents.
- **Preventing and addressing risks while coordinating high-quality development and top-tier security.** With a vigilant stance, Tianjin will adopt a holistic view of national security, enhance preparedness, and take proactive measures to ensure stringent security measures contribute to achieving high-quality development.



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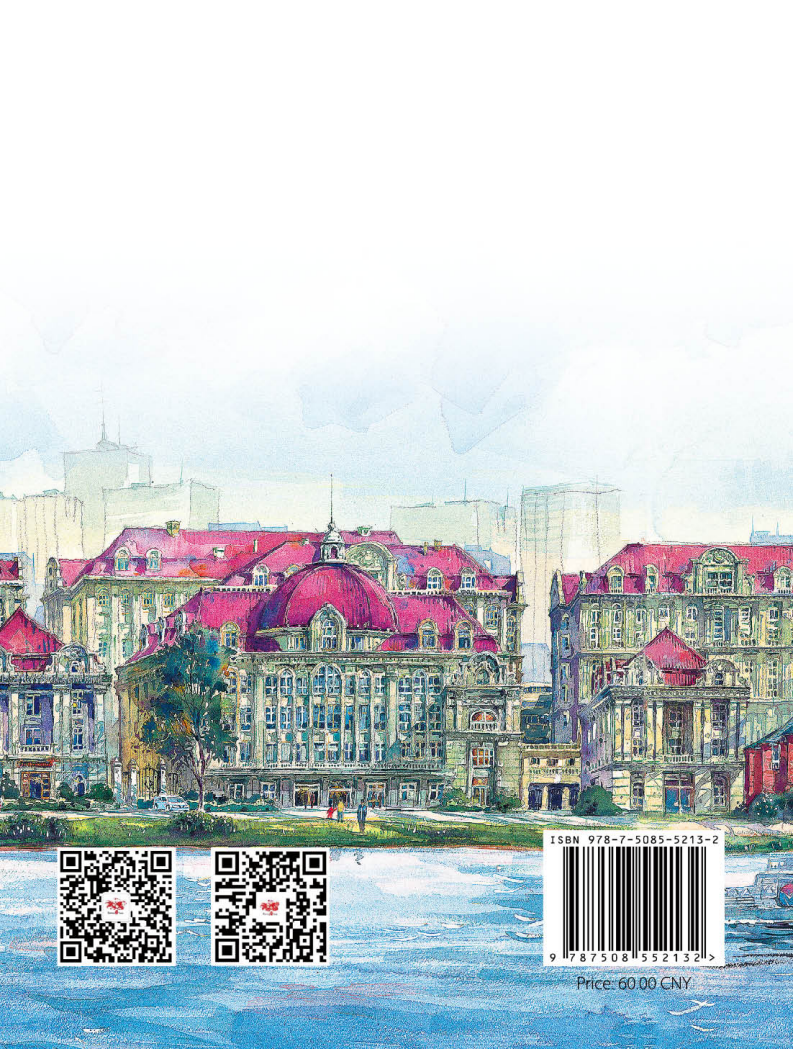
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