Jilin Province's Largest Port of Entry City: Hunchun

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Hunchun City is located at the point where the borders of the three countries of China, Russia, and the DPRK intersect in the lower reaches of the Tumen River, covers an area of 5,149 square kilometers, is a port of entry (customs point) city having the status of a border region and an ethnic region, and has a unique "five major advantages". First there are its unique geographical advantages. Hunchun City adjoins three countries and is linked to five, from the Hunchun City Fangchuan Scenic and Historic Interest Area along the Tumen River to the Sea of Japan is a mere 15 kilometers, and it is China's window onto Northeast Asia and one of the departure points of the Eurasian Land Bridge. In addition, via rail and marine multimodal transportation, by sea it is the nearest place to Russia, the DPRK, the ROK's east coast, and Japan's west coast, as well as to North America and Northern Europe, is an important node for China's "One Belt, One Road", and is a new starting point for opening toward the north of the China-Mongolia-Russia economic corridor. Second, there are the unique ecological advantages. Hunchun's forest cover is a high 86%, its air quality ranks highly for the nation as a whole, and the average temperature in summer does not exceed 22°C. Third, there are the unique resource advantages. Within Hunchun City there is Jilin Province's number two gold field and Asia's largest tungsten deposit, and the water resources per capita are five times the average level for China. The minerals and timber in the neighboring countries are also abundant, and the prospects for development are broadening. Fourth, there are the unique policy advantages. At the same time as Hunchun having an International Cooperation Demonstration Zone, a Border Economic Cooperation Zone, an Export Processing Zone, and a Sino-Russian Border Trade Zone (commodity trading by individuals in the border region), it benefits from the four major policies of the opening-up of the border regions, the revitalization of the Northeast, the border region ethnic policy, and the Great Western Development Strategy. Fifth, there are unique cultural advantages. In Hunchun there is a large variety of ethnic culture. As ethnic minorities constitute 46.8% of the total population of the city, there are rich and colorful folk customs. In addition, international culture is coming together, and Hunchun has forged friendship city relations with Sakaiminato City in Japan, and Pohang and Sokcho in the ROK.

Hunchun City, at the forefront of China's border region development and opening-up, for some time to come will give full play to its "five major advantages", it will develop all variety of projects for development and opening-up, create a platform for cooperation and matching with a large number of investors, and become an international cooperation model zone in both name and substance.

Charming Hunchun has unlimited business opportunities. Today, Hunchun has opportunities, shows full staying power to the end, is carrying out reform and innovation, and because it is promoting opening, it can be called a hotspot of investment and development and a paradise for creating wealth by going into business. We welcome a great many people from different spheres to visit Hunchun, invest and start business, broaden their hope in Hunchun, aim to shine further, and let the flower of friendship bloom in all regions.

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