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Tianfu International Airport Opens in Chengdu

(2021-06-27)

The long-awaited Chengdu Tianfu International Airport officially opened on the 27th of June, making Chengdu the third city in the country to house two international airports. Its inaugural flight took off at 11:10 AM bound for Beijing.

Constructed at a cost of 70 billion RMB, phase one of the massive aviation hub has the capacity to handle up to 60 million passengers per year. With Chengdu and wider Sichuan being a popular domestic tourist destination, Shuangliu was the 4th busiest airport Chinese airport in 2020, the new airport should still see plenty of use. More about the new airport [here](#)



Sichuan-Tibet Railway Technological Innovation Centre Unveiled in Chengdu

国家川藏铁路技术创新中心揭牌 (2021-05-24)

The National Sichuan-Tibet Railway Technology Innovation Centre was inaugurated in Chengdu on May 23. The centre will establish R&D bases in Chengdu, Sichuan and Nyingchi, Tibet to build a technological innovation platform focusing on the project construction, environmental protection, disaster prevention & relief, equipment development, and operation management of the Sichuan-Tibet railway. Major scientific and technological research and technical solution demonstrations will be carried out, and a whole chain service system including big data intelligent support, inspection and testing, consulting, and training will also be developed. More can be read at: [Global Times](#)

5月23日，国家川藏铁路技术创新中心在成都揭牌。重点围绕川藏铁路工程建设、环境保护、灾害防护、装备研制、运营管理等任务，搭建技术创新平台，组织开展重大科技攻关和技术方案论证，构建大数据智能支持、检验检测和咨询培训等全链条服务体系。中心将在四川成都和西藏林芝布局建设研发基地。



25 Projects Worth 30 Billion RMB Signed by Jintang County

总投资 309.09 亿元 成都再签 25 个重大项目 (2021-05-21)

On the 20th May, the Signing Ceremony of Chengdu Jintang Key Industrialization Projects was held in Huaizhou New City, Chengdu. The project aims at "Building New Paradigm and Building Economic Circle Together". A total of 25 projects were signed, with a combined contractual value of 30.909 billion RMB. The signed projects covered energy conservation and environmental protection, solar energy, emergency safety, general aviation, commercial services, green food, and other industries, including input from the Southwest Operation Headquarters of State Grid General Aviation, the scientific research and testing and achievement transformation base of the Sichuan Fire Research Institute of the Emergency Management Ministry, Dayou Digital Wisdom Island and more.

5月20日，“共筑新格局·共建经济圈”成都金堂重大产业化项目集中签约仪式在成都淮州新城举行。共集中签约25个重大项目，协议总投资309.09亿元。签约项目涵盖节能环保（光伏）、应急安全、通用航空、商贸服务、绿色食品等多个产业，主要包括国网通航西南运营总部基地、应急管理部四川消防研究所科研检测及成果转化基地、大有数字中科智慧岛等。



Chengdu and CHD Sign Framework Agreement on Strategic Cooperation

成都市与中国华电集团签署战略合作框架协议 (2021-05-01)

Chengdu and China Huadian Group signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement on April 30 to jointly build a hydrogen energy ecosystem and an innovation ecological chain. The state-owned power generation enterprise will vigorously develop clean energy projects in Chengdu and build a clean energy centralized control centre. The energy conglomerate will also actively participate in hydrogen industry projects such as hydrogen production from renewable energy, hydrogen refuelling station construction, and fuel cell development in Chengdu, as well as deepen business cooperation with hydrogen industry parks.

4月30日，成都市与中国华电集团签署战略合作框架协议。根据协议，中国华电将在成都大力发展清洁能源项目，规划建设清洁能源集控中心，并积极参与成都可再生能源制氢、加氢站建设、燃料电池研制等氢能产业项目，深化与氢能产业园区业务合作，共同打造氢能生态圈、创新生态链。

Permanent Population of Chengdu Exceeds 20 Million

成都市常住人口突破 2000 万 (2021-05-27)

According to the Communique of the Seventh National Census of Chengdu, the permanent population of Chengdu is 20937757, an increase of 5818917 compared with the Sixth National Census in 2010. See more at: [China Daily](#)

根据成都市第七次全国人口普查公报，成都全市常住人口为 20937757 人，与 2010 年第六次全国人口普查相比，增加 5818917 人。

Mayor Wang Fengchao Promotes Investment Projects in Shanghai and Suzhou

王凤朝市长赴上海苏州开展投资促进活动 (2021-05-26)

Wang Fengchao, Deputy Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee and Mayor of Chengdu Government led a team to Shanghai and Suzhou to carry out investment promotion activities from May 24 to 26. He met with Li Peisong, General Manager of SAP (China) Greater China Joint Innovation Centre, and Zheng Jianhua, Chairman of Shanghai Electric in Shanghai, and Zhu Gongshan, Chairman of GCL in Suzhou. In-depth exchanges were held respectively on cooperation related matters.

5 月 24 日至 26 日，市委副书记、市长王凤朝率队赴上海、苏州开展投资促进活动。在上海先后拜访会见了思爱普（中国）公司大中华区联合创新中心总经理李培松、上海电气董事长郑建华，在苏州拜访会见了协鑫（集团）控股公司董事长朱共山，分别就深化在蓉合作相关事宜进行了深入交流。

China Entrepreneurs Development Annual Conference Convened in Chengdu for the First Time

中国企业家发展年会首次落地成都 (2021-05-28)

The 8th China Entrepreneurs Development Annual Conference opened in Chengdu on May 27, with the theme of "Advancing Sustainable Development is the Historical Responsibilities of Contemporary Entrepreneurs". Keynote speeches, dialogues, symposiums, and promotion activities were conducted focusing on new infrastructures, new energy, digital economy, manufacture industry, and venture capital. Several important projects, such as Nan Yue Science and Technology Industrial Park, Musical Industry Base, and Angel Service Robot Industrial Base were signed at the opening ceremony.

第八届中国企业家发展年会 5 月 27 日在成都开幕。本届年会以“推进可持续发展 是当代企业家的历史责任”为主题，围绕新基建、新能源、数字经济、制造业、风险投资等展开主题演讲、对话、座谈、推介等。开幕式上，“南粤科技产业园”项目、音乐产业基地项目、安杰服务机器人产业基地项目等一批重要项目顺利签约。



Shudao Investment Group Incorporated in Chengdu

蜀道投资集团在蓉揭牌成立

(2021-05-29)

Shudao Investment Group was incorporated on May 28 as a new enterprise by merging Sichuan Transportation Investment Group and Sichuan Railway Investment Group. The newly formed group comprises over 910 billion RMB in total assets, over 290 billion RMB in net assets, and about 50,000 employees. The total mileage of highways and railways invested, constructed, and operated by the group has reached 9,926 km and 6,290 km, respectively. Its comprehensive strength ranks among the forefront of its counterparts in the country. FitchRatings reports the merger should have no immediate impact on investments, but believes the planned merger could create synergies within the new holding company and enhance its competitiveness in the local infrastructure development industry.

5月28日，由原四川交投集团、四川铁投集团重组整合，新设合并组建的蜀道投资集团有限责任公司在成都揭牌成立。蜀道集团成立后，集团总资产超9100亿元，净资产超2900亿元，员工约5万人，投资建设运营高速公路总里程9926公里、铁路总里程6290公里，综合实力位居全国同行前列。



Over 600 Projects Signed and Settled in Sichuan Province

2021 中外知名企业四川行投资推介会暨项目合作协议签署仪式举行

(2021-05-30)

Chinese and Foreign Enterprises attended the Sichuan 2021 Investment Promotion Conference and Project Cooperation Agreement Signing Ceremony on May 29. Nearly 1000 guests from more than 700 well-known domestic and foreign enterprises, business associations and institutions came to Sichuan to participate in related activities on the provincial platform. During the event, Sichuan signed 647 projects with domestic and foreign investors, with a total worth of 647.557 billion RMB. Chengdu signed 93 projects with combined contract value of 162.2 billion RMB.

5月29日，2021中外知名企业四川行投资推介会暨项目合作协议签署仪式隆重举行。700余家境内外知名企业、商协会和机构等近千名嘉宾来川参加省级平台相关活动。活动期间，四川与国内外投资者签约项目647个、签约总额6475.57亿元。成都市签约项目93个，协议金额1622亿元。

Chongqing Continues to Post Robust Economic Growth Figures

(JUNE)

A variety of Economic reports have been released by the Chongqing government detailing strong economic growth. Chongqing posted a 2021 Q1 GDP of 599.53 billion RMB, placing it in the top 5 of all Chinese cities. Foreign trade has played a role in this, totalling 304.77 billion RMB in the first 5 months of 2021, a 39.9% increase from the same time last year. Domestic forecasts project strong growth too, a recent report expects retail sales to exceed 1.55 trillion RMB by 2025.



Cryptocurrency-Mining Facility Closures Spread to Sichuan (2021-06-20)

As of 20th of June, many cryptocurrency mining facilities were closed in Sichuan province. This follows the government's efforts in other areas including Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia to curb crypto mining. Initial reports suggested closures were over the massive energy consumption required for mining, in Xinjiang much of this energy came from coal. However, mining in Sichuan is mostly powered by hydro-electric power, the [Global Times](#) reported that closures are instead "in line with global financial regulators' tightened scrutiny of digital currency trading, to prevent systemic financial risks and illegal activities such as money laundering."



Two Large Hydropower Stations Begin Producing Their First Units of Electricity (JUNE)

The Baihetan Hydropower Station and Wudongde Hydropower Station both started producing their first units of electricity in June. Both stations are located on the Jinsha river, upstream of the Yangtze and are the second and seventh largest hydropower stations in the world, respectively.

The Stations will help provide clean power to China, reducing the need for coal produced energy. Much if the power will go to cities on the east coast, where increasing energy consumption has led to power shortages recently.

In its latest five-year plan covering the period of 2021-2025, Sichuan province aims to complete the construction of 10 hydropower plants project and start building another seven. The push can be seen as part of China's efforts to peak carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. Such projects will likely receive attention at the COP15 conference held this October in Kunming.



Liangjiang New Area in Chongqing receives 92.5 Billion RMB in Investments (2021-06-16)

Liangjiang New Area, a 1200 km² development zone in Chongqing, held a signing ceremony on the 16th of June. 30 leading technological innovation programs agreed to invest in the new area. The total investment amounts to 92.5 billion RMB (\$13.88 billion).

The investment programs included Baidu, who will build an "industrial internet platform" with a focus on AI technologies. Investment from Legend Holdings, Perfect World Investment & Holding Group and ASK Group Co was also signed off on at the ceremony. More can be read [here](#).



2021 Big Data Expo Held in Guiyang, Guizhou (2021-05-26)

The 2021 Big Data Expo was held from May 26 to 28, with new technologies presented to both online and in-person audiences.

This year the Expo attracted over 100,000 visitors including 30 foreign diplomats. The exhibition gave a platform to over 300 companies, including Huawei, Baidu, China Mobile, QIANXIN Technology, Quantum, and Matsushita, to present their latest tech developments and products. The event also hosted Six panels discussing topics including data security, the digitalization of industries and the role of big data in promoting rural revitalization.

At the Expo 144 projects were signed off on, with a total worth of 50 billion RMB. A video tour of the Expo can be seen [here](#).



Relevant News

While not specifically Southwest China news, we think these education related stories will be of interest to our members.

China Issues Revised Regulations for the Private Education Sector

The Ministry of Education has released new legislation for the private education sector, effective from the 1st of September. The regulations are aimed at bringing the sector into greater alignment with the Communist Part of China and combating profiteering within the industry. Amongst the new regulations, foreign involvement within compulsory education has been subjected to new restrictions. Of note, the chairman of the board of directors, or head of any other decision-making body must be a Chinese national, and foreign curricula including textbooks and teaching materials cannot be used for teaching. These regulations only apply to compulsory education, grades K-9 (Kindergarten to junior secondary education). This means Private schools may still offer supplementary education using foreign curricula, also exempt would be international schools providing education for foreign passport holders.

There are other new regulations in the report not mentioned here, including those regarding public school involvement in private schools. The full English report from Venture Education can be downloaded from this [link](#)

Ministry of Education Opens New Department to Regulate Extra-Curricular Education

The Ministry of Education has established a new department to regulate extra-curricular education, aiming to reduce the excessive academic burden on students. According to the official website, the department is responsible for regulating K-12 extra-curricular schools, including online schools, K-12 covers kindergarten, primary and secondary school students. Such regulations may include requirements on taught content, teaching hours, teaching qualifications held and standardization of fees. Cont.

The new department comes amid a national campaign to rein in the fast developing private education industry, this has included fines for mis-leading advertising and pricing – see [here](#), and a ban on training schools giving homework to Primary and Junior high students – see [here](#). The tightening of education policy has seen Investment in the K-12 extra-curricular market drop. Xiong Bingqi, director of the 21st Century Education Research Institute in Beijing said "The supervision, however, does not intend to restrict or even prohibit the development of private education and after-school tutoring. In fact, it is intended to guide social capital to invest in the sector in a more standardized way" this way the sector can return to its original function, that of offering personalized training to students" Xiong also said. The full story can be seen [here](#).



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