

hold international aviation and aerospace exhibitions with demonstration flights. It witnessed China's First Aviation & Aerospace Exhibition in April 1996, which pooled various types of aircraft from all over the world and received over 700,000 visitors during the five day exhibition.

The airport hosted China's 2nd Aviation & Aerospace Exhibition on November 15, 1998. The scale was much larger than the previous year with the participation of Canada, the United States, England, France and Germany. Air transportation and quality service products were exhibited in addition to aerospace products.

Zhuhai has invested RMB 3 billion in constructing the Zhuhai International Automobil Racing Circuit. Being the first venue of international standards in China and the newest and best among the six F1 racing circuits in Asia, it will be likely to become the automobile sports center of Asia. Zhuhai holds international automobile races once a year, which draw hundreds of car drivers and thousands of working personnel from more than 20 countries and regions in Southeast Asia, Hong Kong and Macau.

Harbour Development Strategy

Gaolan Harbour, which is located in the western urban district, will be built into a large harbour with berths of 100 to 200 thousand tons and will be renamed Zhuhai Harbour.

Zhuhai Harbour covers a water area of 84 square kilometres with a coast line of 70 kilometres, it can hold 200 berths of ten thousand tons. The largest berth will be 250 thousand tons and its yearly handling capacity will be 2 billion tons. Among the recent planning construction projects are: one 20-thousand-ton dock, one 100-thousand-ton coal dock, one 250-thousand-ton oil wharf, and one 50-thousand-ton container terminal. Being at the intersection of rivers and sea, Zhuhai Harbour can be developed into a regional, comprehensive, and multi-functional river-and-sea port. Once the expressway



Canon's Joint Venture

between the city proper and the harbour is completed, it will be only a 30-minute drive to the centre of the city. The completion of the Guangzhou-Zhuhai Railway and two sea-crossing bridges over Lingding Sea and Huangmao Sea will link Zhuhai to the economically developed Pearl River Delta and, in coordination with Hong Kong, will become an international shipping and transfer base.

"Destiny Project"

The "Destiny Project" refers to the four projects that are aimed at improving the land, sea, and air transportation in Zhuhai. They are the Guangzhou-Zhuhai Railway, Zhuhai Harbour, Zhuhai Airport and Lingding Sea-crossing Bridge. Except for the completed Zhuhai Airport, the other three projects are still in the planning or construction.

Scientific and Technological Development

In the tremendous economic development of Zhuhai, which has turned from a coastal fishing village to a modernized city, science and technology has played a very important role, accounting for 34%. The contribution of scientific and technological improvement to Zhuhai's economic increase has come to a rate of 43%. In 1996, Zhuhai possessed 115 high-tech enterprises and 169 kinds of high-tech products of which about 70% are products up to internationally or domestically advanced standards. The total value of the high-tech products of Zhuhai in 1996 was as much as RMB 8.9 billion.

There were 115 high-tech enterprises in the whole city in 1996 and 122 in 1997. The gross output value of high-tech products in 1997 hit RMB 12 billion, making up 25% of the total industrial output value. In June 1997, Zhuhai held the founding ceremony of Guangdong Scientific and Technological Industries Demonstration Base, celebrating the completion of its first construction phase. China Aerospace Industrial Group Co plans to invest billions of dollars to establish a Zhuhai Aerospace Scientific Industrial Park, a high-tech industrial park in Zhuhai, focusing on aerospace products and involving food, bioengineering, mechanical-electronic integration, new energies and electronic information.

Projects Inviting Foreign Investments

(I) Farming, Forestry, Animal Husbandry, Fishery and Related Industries

1. Fine breeding of domestic fowls, animals and aquatic products (not including the rare and precious species exclusively existing in China)
2. Culturing of famous and unique types of aquatic products.
3. High-performance and safe pesticides (with effectiveness over 80%, and harmless to human beings, animals and crops)
4. High-density fertilizers (potash fertilizer and phosphate fertilizer)
5. New technology and new product of plastic sheet (fiber