

## **Zhuhai** A Green City



Zhuhai Coast-line

L huhai is coastal garden city located in the south of Guangdong Province. It is connected to Hong Kong sea waters in the east and linked to Macau in the south. It is one of the earliest Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in China enjoying local legislative power authorized by the National People's Congress.

Zhuhai municipality was founded in 1979 and Zhuhai Special Economic Zone was established in 1980. For the past ten years, its economy has risen quickly, with urban construction and infrastructure continually improved. A comprehensive exportoriented economic structure has developed which takes industries as the mainstay with the coordination of other industries such as commerce and trade, tourism, finance, real estate, information, transportation as well as agriculture and fishery.

The city is a focus of foreign investment. By the end of 1997, it had granted approval for 7704 foreign projects, with a contractual foreign investment of USD



11.6 billion and actual utilized foreign funds of 5.6 billion. 2,459 enterprises with foreign investment had been set up and put into operation, whose gross industrial output value accounted for 70% of the city's total. To date, 25 international corporations have set up in Zhuhai.

Zhuhai City consists of one county and nine districts: Doumen County, Xiangzhou District, Wanshan District, Pingsha District, Qi'ao District, Zhuhai Harbour District and Zhuhai Hi-Tech Industrial Zone (otherwise known as Sanzao District), Zhuhai Bonded Zone and Hengqin Economic Development District. The municipal government is situated in Xiangzhou District.

## Transportation

Transportation is very convenient in Zhuhai owing to a comprehensive land, sea, and air transportation network. Zhuhai Harbour is one of the main pivotal harbours in south China. Now, two 20,000-ton berths have been put into operation. In addition, there are nearly 100 berths of over 500 tons in other harbours, including Jiuzhou Harbour, Xiangzhou Harbour, Qianshan Harbour, Wanshan Harbour, Jing'an Harbour and Domen Harbour.

Highways run in all directions from Zhuhai to various parts of the country. There are 600 individual passenger and cargo transportation enterprises. There are more than 30 bus routes and over 2,000 taxis in the city. Distant passenger coaches can drive to nearly 100 cities all over China.

The construction of the Guangzhou-Zhuhai Railway started on October 23, 1997, with a total length of 142 kilometres and an investment of USD 3.4 billion. It is grade 1 standard and equipped for future electrification and linkage to Macau. The railway is planned to be completed in the year 2000, when the annual cargo transportation capability will reach 9.5 million tons and passenger transportation 160 million person times. Zhuhai Airport, having been constructed in accordance with international standards, occupies 4 million square metres and its runway is 4000 metres. It has opened more than 30 domestic routes, with over 130 flights a week.

## Post and Telecommunications

Zhuhai's post and telecommunications facilities have been greatly improved. IDD and long distance calls extend to various parts of the world and more than 1,800 cities in China. The rate of popularity of telephones ranks number one among the major cities in the nation. Numerous communications services are provided such as EMS, digital data transfer, digital data special line, group exchange, electronic data interchange, wireless paging, mobile telecommunications and fax.