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Dalian



7,451,000



12,573.8 km²

Technologies 4.0, Industry 5.0 & Digital Economy

Education, jobs & skills, Innovation centres, business clusters

Regional Innovation & Smart and Sustainable Specialization Strategies (RIS 4)

General Socio-economic Profile

Dalian is located on the east coast of the Eurasian continent, at the southern tip of Liaodong Peninsula, flanked by the Yellow Sea to the east and the Bohai Sea to the west. Dalian has a coastline of 2,211 km, 541 islands and 30 bay areas. It is an important port city on the northern coast of China with tourism resources. The city is also listed among China's five municipalities enjoying provincial economic administration power and the first 14 coastal open cities.

Dalian plays a leading role as the window opening to the outside world in the Northeast region. The city is home to Dalian Economic and Technological Development Zone (the first state-level economic development zone), Dalian Free Trade Zone (the first Free Trade Zone in Northeast China), Jinpu New Area (the first state-level new area in Northeast China), and China (Liaoning) Pilot Free Trade Zone Dalian Area. Dalian takes the lead in offering the most comprehensive platforms for opening up. It is a top

destination for foreign investment in the Northeast region and has attracted more than 19,584 foreign-invested enterprises to register here for operation, including 277 projects set up by Fortune 500 enterprises.

Dalian is an important international shipping and logistics center in Northern China. Having served as a free port three times in history, Dalian port has business interactions with over 300 ports in more than 160 countries. Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport has established an extensive airline network with over 250 routes connecting China to Japan, South Korea, Russia, Europe, America and Asia. Dalian is a national demonstration city for modern logistics, handling over 41% of foreign trade container transportation, 100% of commercial vehicle and over 60% of imported crude oil transshipment in Northeast China. Its sea-rail transport volume has long been in a leading position in China.

Preferred Areas of Cooperation

Dalian actively works on setting up a mechanism for high-level official visits from European cities. Its preferred areas of cooperation include smart manufacturing, green petrochemical, digital economy, new energy vehicle, and vocational training. The city explores a cooperation model that develops industrial parks with joint efforts from administrative committees and enterprises, to demonstrate effective EU-China Regional Policy Cooperation within the 14th Five-year Plan period.