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## General Socio-economic Profile

Tianjin borders Beijing Municipality and Hebei Province, bounded by the Bohai Sea to the east, and the Yan Mountains on the north. As the "maritime gateway" to capital Beijing and Xiong'an New Area, the city forms a key component of the coordinated Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei development. Its adjacency to Northeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific Economic Circle makes the city an important launchpad for China to participate in regional economic cooperation and globalization. Tianjin holds an important strategic position and plays a pivotal role. The Tianjin Port is accessible via three Eurasia land bridge corridors. This 300,000 ton artificial deep-water port is connected to over 500 ports in more than 180 countries and regions. The city has the densest railway

network in the country, and the second densest expressway network. The Tianjin Binhai International Airport will reach an annual passenger throughput of more than 70 million after expansion, making it a regional hub and an international aviation logistics center of China. Tianjin is among the top cities that offer comprehensive platforms in China, including national development zones, national independent innovation demonstration zone, as well as Dongjiang Free Trade Port Zone. Home to 14,000 foreign-invested enterprises and 249 Fortune 500 companies, the city is a top destination for foreign investment and yields among the highest rate of return.

# Tianjin



14,000,000



12,000 km<sup>2</sup>



Technologies 4.0, Industry 5.0 & Digital Economy

Tourism, Culture and Creativity

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

## Preferred Areas of Cooperation

**Strategic emerging industries will be the focus.** Tianjin actively implements the national opening-up policy, continuously improves its business environment, strengthens industrial cooperation with the EU, proactively attracts high-level foreign investment projects, and promotes industrial upgrading.

**Tianjin actively expands trade.** The city has been given the green light to build an international consumption center city and an innovative development pilot of service and trade. It will actively integrate trade with new technology, economy and business formats, strengthen trade exchanges with the EU, and strive to become an EU commodity distribution and trading center for the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei area.

**Tianjin enhances the development of the China-EU Advanced Manufacturing Industrial Park and the Tianjin Italian SME Industrial Park.** The city strengthens its partnerships in the fields of intelligent technology, digital economy, and creative culture. It works on landmark projects, and strives to build a bridgehead for China-EU and Sino-Italian strategic cooperation.

**Tianjin reinforces cultural exchanges.** It maintains close ties with the EU for comprehensive and multi-level cooperation. The city hosts international conferences such as the Davos forum and the World Intelligence Congress, and regularly organises exchange activities with Europe.