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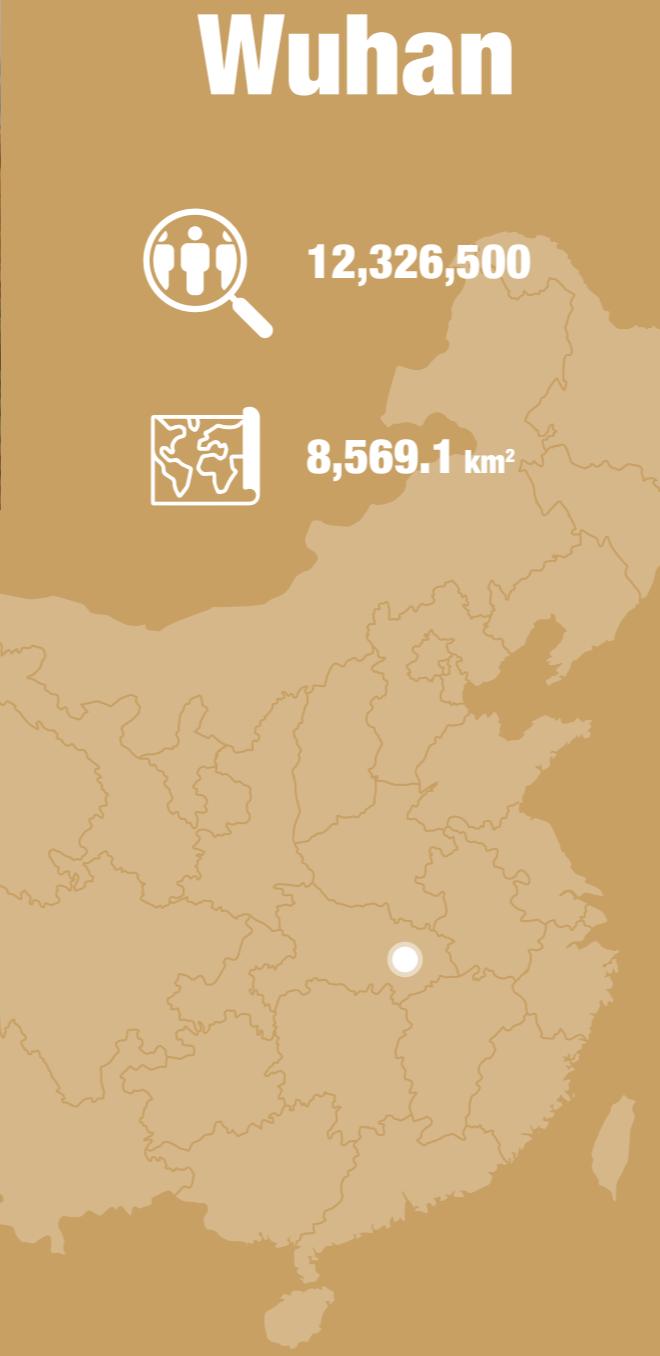


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General Socio-economic Profile

Wuhan is the capital of Hubei Province, a national central city under construction, as well as a core city of the Yangtze River Economic Belt. It has 13 administrative districts and 3 state-level development zones. In 2020, the city's GDP was RMB 1.56 trillion,

ranking 9th in China. In the first three quarters of 2021, its GDP stood at RMB 1.23 trillion, up 18.8% year on year and up 6.4% from the same period of 2019.



Technologies 4.0, Industry 5.0 & Digital Economy

Urban Agendas/planning, SUD Strategies, public space, urban model

Tourism, Culture and Creativity

Education, jobs & skills, Innovation centres, business clusters

Preferred Areas of Cooperation

Strengthening governmental exchanges and cooperation. Wuhan will advance regular high-level visits, establish sister city or friendly city relationship with an EU city every year, and strive to attract more international institutions and liaison offices from EU countries to settle down in Wuhan.

Enhancing trade and investment cooperation. Wuhan will dispatch 400 China-Europe Railway Express (Wuhan) annually, launch more air routes to Europe, construct the Sino-French Wuhan Ecological Demonstration City and Sino-German Wuhan International Industrial Park, attract more renowned EU enterprises to set up headquarters or second headquarters in the city, and deepen engineering cooperation with EU cities to promote the "Wuhan Architecture" brand.

Deepening cooperation in scientific and technological innovation. Wuhan will accelerate the development of the European Enterprise Service Network Huazhong Center (EENCC) and the China-EU Institute for Clean and Renewable Energy (ICARE), and explore cooperation with the EU in sustainable development, low carbon industries, clean production, energy conservation, environmental protection, and smart city.

Facilitating people-to-people cooperation. Wuhan will push forward its collaboration with the EU in tourist exchange, product promotion and market interaction, and carry out elementary education cooperation with the EU by building a number of friendship schools. It also plans to share its experience in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, and exchange ideas on public health, so as to build a community of common health with the EU region.