

## A Brief Introduction to Chongqing



Chongqing, also known as “Yu” for short, is a world—famous historic city with more than 3,000 years of brilliant culture. After it became the nation’s fourth municipality (also the only municipality in Western China) in March, 1997, it has, at present, 40 administrative divisions of district and county under its jurisdiction, covering an area of 82,000 square kilometers and having a large population of 31 million.

Known as a famous “mountain” city, Chongqing covers a large area crisscrossed by rivers and mountains. Chongqing is located at the “dragon tail” of the Yangtze economic belt and the inland of the Three Gorges Dam area. It is the economic center of Southwest China and upper reaches of the Yangtze River; it is also the gate of Southwest China on water route and a transport pivot of that region. Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport is the largest one of this kind in Western China. More than 70 lines have been opened that link up Chongqing with over 50 cities in China and other parts of the world, including direct international flights to Hong Kong and Macao regions of China, Tokyo and Nagoya, Bangkok, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur, Dusseldorf. Owing to its strong comprehensive strength in science and technology, a high level of scientific and technological development, a complete system of scientific research and development and a solid foundation for scientific and technological industry, Chongqing becomes a great power in the Western region, a S&T information center of upper reaches of the Yangtze River, and a modern base of high technology on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River. Chongqing has good “hard” and “soft” investment environment, which makes the city a focus of the world and attracts foreign investors. At present, Chongqing has established economic and trade relations with more than 140 countries and regions, has set up over 70 agencies of enterprise and trade in nearly 30 countries and regions. 33 of the world top 500 enterprises have invested in Chongqing. Canada, United Kingdom, Japan, Hungary have set up their consulates in Chongqing successively. Chongqing also

established goodwill-city relations with 10 cities in U.S.A., France ,U.K., Japan ,Russia, Canada, Ukraine and South Africa. In Chongqing, a new pattern of opening is taking shape across a wide range of sectors on multiple dimensions and at different levels.

Chongqing, China's youngest municipality directly under the central government, is opening its gate to the world with a new image to receive friends from all over the world for mutual business opportunities and development.