

Harbin

Harbin, the capital of Heilongjiang province, is a thriving industrial city. It is also the political, economic, scientific, cultural, and communications centre of Northeast China. It is an integrated city with industry as the principal part of economy and all three industries general booming. Harbin has a long history. It is the cradle of Jin and Qing Dynasties and the settlement of multi-nationalities. The city is located in the temperate zone with a character of continental climate. The Songhuaing River, like a shining pearl string, winds through the domain of this distinctive, celebrated city in the northeast China.

During “the first five and the second five year-plan”, Harbin engendered industrial economics framework, the main body of which was comprised of large and medium-sized state-owned enterprises, the core of which was heavy industry, and had become an important industrial base of our country. At that time, the main products accounted to more than 3,000 varieties, covering the whole country, remotely exported to over 100 countries and areas. Electricity station equipments, facility and measure, airplane and engine, linen textile, exactitude meter, axletree, cable, relay protection sets and other items, dominated the top status in China.

Since the implement of reform and open, Harbin had increased the stride of economics configuration modulation, meanwhile, pharmaceuticals, vehicles, electronic information and other high new-tech industries were progressing at full speed and formed new industrial situation. During “the tenth five plan”, the target of industrial development, was to accelerate the industrialized process, to arduously struggle to cultivate electronic information, vehicles, pharmaceuticals, four pillar industries, and to develop environmental protection, welding, new materials, biological project ...etc. five preponderant industries, to the largest extent, with actively adjustment and alteration of mechanism, textile, metallurgy, construct material, petroleum chemistry, light industry, six traditional industries, and they fabricated new industrial economics situation.

Reform and open has boosted the fast growing of Harbin tertiary industry which plays a more and more prominent function and status in Chinese National Economy. During “the tenth five plan”, with tightly orientation of serving for National Economy and society development, the tertiary industry in Harbin will continue to emphasize on developing foreign trade, finance insurance, real estate, municipal transportation, tourism and scenery and technological education, information consultation, culture and sanitation and other social enterprises, so as to configurate perfect marketing economy system and satisfy the economy progress and citizen lives' necessity.

During “the tenth five year plan”, Harbin agriculture and rural economics would focus on solidifying the agriculture basis and augmenting peasant's income, and regulate agriculture framework. Harbin still ameliorated traditional agriculture production pattern, stabilized foodstuff and enhanced animal husbandry, extruded to develop molar profits agriculture with the emphases on green agriculture. We persisted in prospering agriculture by technology and extended advanced proper techniques, implemented excellent seed project, and set up modern agriculture technological region and techno-exemplification

base. At the same time, it actively facilitated agriculture synthetic exploitation and the concerned department constructed fourteen green-food base chains in the whole city in order to accelerate agriculture industrialization process and promote rural economics fully booming.

In 2006, the total value of regional production reached to 209.4 billion, which increased at 13.5% by contrast with the last year and averagely increased by 13.9% that achieved the target of being double on the basis of 2000 year's budget; the gross income of finance average budget reached to 19.23 billion which rose by 12.5% compared with the last, increased by 13% annually, in which local fiscal average budget revenue accounted to 11.83 billion, increasing at 14.7% in contrast with the last and augmenting at 15% annually; the investment of capital asserts amounted to 81 billion which rose by 26.7% compared with the last, increased by 22.4% annually; the gross retail income of social consumable amounted to 89.54 billion which increased at 13.5% by contrast with the last year and annually increased by 12.5%. Municipal synthetic power has entered into the top ten of the whole country.

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