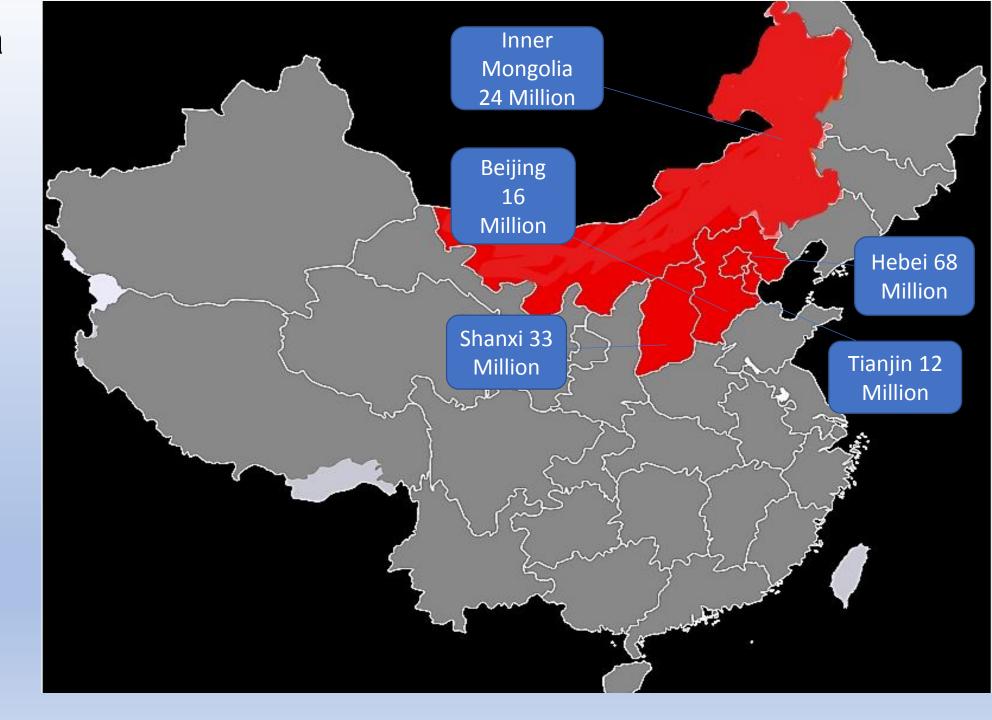




Northern China

North China: 164 Million

- Beijing Municipality:Capital Beijing16 Million
- Tianjin Municipality:
 Tianjin: 12 Million
- Hebei: Shijiazhuang68 Million
- Shanxi: Taiyuan33 Million
- Inner Mongolia: Hohhot24 Million



North East China

North East: 109 Million

• Heilongjiang: 38

Capital: Harbin

• Jilin: 27 Million

Capital: Changchun

• Liaoning: 42 Million

Capital: Shenyang



Provincial GDP and GDP Per Capita

Beijing: 2.8 trillion Yuan

• Tianjin: 1.8 trillion Yuan

• Hebei: 3.6 trillion Yuan

• Shanxi: 1.8 trillion Yuan

Inner Mongolia: 1.6 trillion
 Yuan

Heilongjiang: 1.6 trillion

• Jilin: 1.5 trillion Yuan

Liaoning: 2.3 trillion Yuan

Province or Unit	2017 GDP per capita (USD)	2017 Real GDP Growth
Anhui	\$7,016	11.2%
Beijing —	\$20,356	9.6%
Chongqing	\$10,107	8.3%
Fujian	\$13,171	10.4%
Gansu	\$4,647	4.7%
Guangdong	\$12,909	10.2%
Guangxi	\$6,660	9.0%
Guizhou	\$6,017	12.5%
Hainan	\$7,688	7.6%
Hebei —	\$7,606	10.2%
Heilongjiang —	\$6,737	2.7%
Henan	\$7,456	9.2%
Hubei	\$9,804	10.2%
Hunan	\$8,010	7.9%
Inner Mongolia	\$10,095	-15.7%
Jiangsu	\$16,965	10.1%
Jiangxi	\$7,162	10.5%
Jilin	\$8,838	0.1%
Liaoning	\$8,639	5.9%
Ningxia	\$8,084	6.9%
Qinghai	\$7,041	0.2%
Shaanxi	\$9,073	11.4%
Shandong	\$11,543	5.7%
Shanghai	\$19,671	7.0%
Shanxi	\$6,424	12.9%
Sichuan	\$7,071	10.3%
Tianjin	\$18,807	1.4%
Tibet	\$6,255	11.1%
Xinjiang	\$7,194	10.7%
Yunnan	\$5,474	8.4%
Zhejiang	\$14,630	8.6%
CHINA as per provincial data	\$9,794	8.1%
CHINA as per national data	\$9,311	6.9%

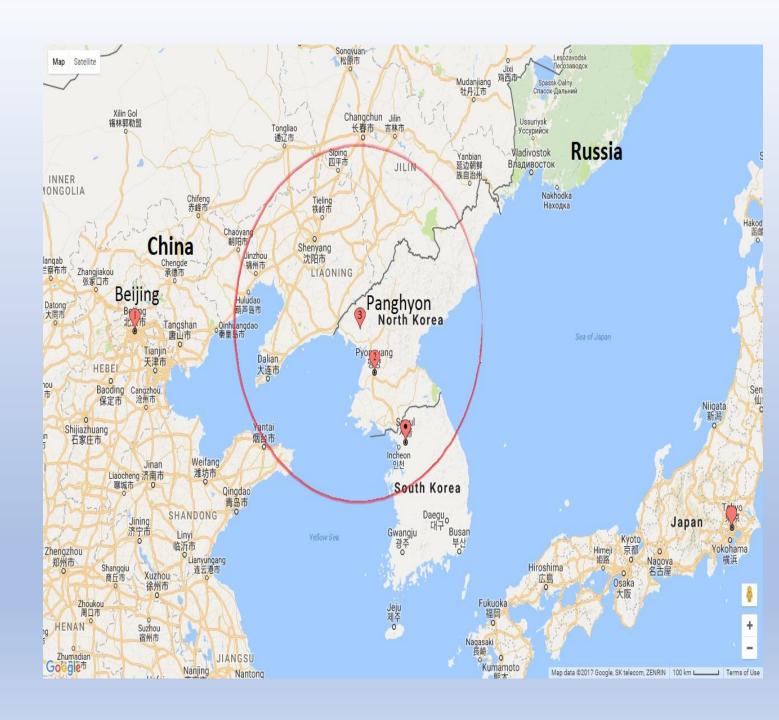
News Highlights

- China, Russia step up cross-border e-commerce amid external challenges
- A Chinese border city in Northeast China's Jilin Province has stepped up efforts to increase crossborder e-commerce with Russia amid the complex and severe external environment facing both China and Russia. Through Hunchun cross-border ecommerce supervision center Chinese goods worth \$128,000 bought by Russians via e-commerce platforms were transported to Russia. This marked the start of Hunchun's cross-border e-commerce trade. Jilin's exports via cross-border e-commerce have grown fast, standing at 1.04 billion yuan (\$151 million) in the first seven months of this year, up 29 percent year-on-year, the Jilin Daily reported on Sunday.



China, South Korea should work more on denuclearization

Scholars from China and South Korea met in Sejong Institute and Center for North and South Korea Studies of Yanbian University in Yanji in Northeast China's Jilin Province. They Concluded that China and South Korea could work together in promoting regional economic development, especially denuclearization of the peninsula said on Tuesday. Scholars noted the South Korean President Moon Jae-in government is proposing to build a railway network in Northeast Asia to connect South Korea, North Korea and China's northeast regions with Europe



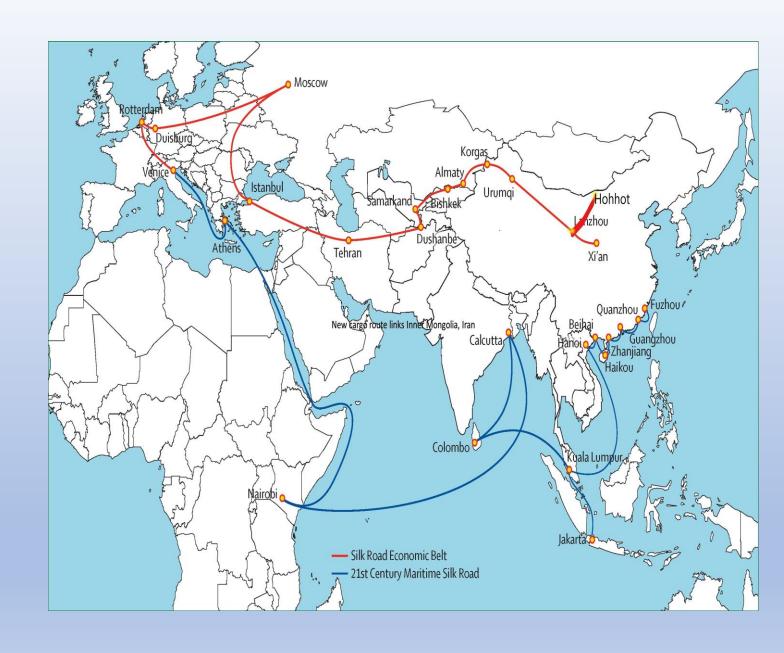
• Slow growth in Tianjin inspires three-year robot development plan: reports

North China's Tianjin Municipality has unveiled a three-year plan to invest in the robotics industry amid slow economic growth, in an aim to make major breakthroughs in different types of robots and boost regional development. The plan includes two types of service robots, one for family services such as housework and blood pressure monitoring, and the other for surgeries, the media report said. The municipality has also set its eyes on making progress in industrial robot development, including automatic welding and grinding systems for flexible high-speed railways, flying robots and underwater gliders. In 2017, Tianjin recorded an annual growth rate of 40 percent in its robot industry output, reaching 5.7 billion yuan (\$837.5 million). Despite a sluggish economic growth, Tianjin has been accelerating its robotics industry development in recent years as part of the smart manufacturing integration plan for the northern Jing-Jin-Ji area. In fact, the number of robot companies in the area.

• (1.5 million U.S. dollars).

New cargo route links Inner Mongolia, Iran

A new freight train service linking north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region with the Iranian city of Bam, was launched Tuesday morning. A freight train departed from a logistics park in Inner Mongolia is expected to arrive in Bam in 15 days. The journey covers around 9,000 km, but the travel time between the two cities will be shortened by 20 days compared with sea transportation. The train is carrying 41 containers of auto parts, machinery, and equipment, worth around 10 million yuan



- China strengthens efforts to adapt religions to local culture, society
- Local governments around China have been regulating and managing illegal religious activities, including in rural areas, as the country steps up efforts to better combine religions with Chinese society. The united front work department of Central China's Hunan Province and the province's committee on ethnic and religious affairs will inspect and regulate religions at the grass-roots level. They vowed to be firm to rectify pressing problems on religions, and will prevent overseas interference. For example, they will resolve the overcommercialization of Buddhism and Taoism, such as illegally building monasteries and religious statues, the report said.

• WEF forum in Tianjin

This year's annual WEF meeting to be held in North China's Tianjin Municipality on September 18-20 is set to be the largest ever with more than 2,000 participants due to attend.

China doesn't want a trade war, but it has no fear of one, Xia Qing, an official with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), said in a press conference prior to the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting of the New Champions.

- Chinese farmers could cultivate soybeans in Russia's Far East to replace US soybean imports
- Chinese investment in Russian agriculture has great potential. Russia announced it is opening vast swathes of farmland in the Russian Far East to foreign investment. Russia will open 1 million hectares of land to foreign investors, Chinese farmers have been working in the Russian Far East for some time now, but as the China-US trade war has escalated and retaliatory tariffs are levied on US soybeans, movements to expand in Russia have been growing.

Two freight trains from North China's Shanxi province arrived in Duisburg, Germany.

On Sept 4 for the first time, marking the launch of another route for the China-Europe direct freight rail service. Duisburg in western Germany is a vital transport and logistics hub of Europe and has the world's largest inland port. About 25 freight trains travel every week between Chinese cities and Duisburg. Starting off on Aug 13 from Linfen, Shanxi province, the two trains carrying wheel sets and castings produced by companies in Shanxi took around three weeks to arrive, half as long as what it would have if it had been shipped. The 400 wheel sets were directly delivered to local rail company.



