

Chifeng

Geography and Demography

Chifeng City, named by the Red Mountain in its northeast corner, is located in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Chifeng occupies 90,000 square kilometers and is comprised of 3 districts, 7 Qis and 2 counties which are located at the junction of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Liaoning province and Hebei province. Its population is 4,600,000, with 800,000 Mongolian ethnic minority groups accounting for 17.39%.

History

Chifeng boasts a long history and a profound cultural background. 10,000 years ago, there were humans multiplied and lived. 8000 years ago, the ancient Xinglongwa people set up "the first Chinese village" and the first seed of human civilization was sowed at here. 5000 years ago, Hongshan culture originated from here. The excavation of the good-sized "the first Chinese dragon" shocked the world. 4000 years ago, "The First Prairie City" evolved from here. Bronze culture in grassland attracted the world's attention again; 1,000 years ago, Yelu A Baoji, the leader of Sarbi people set up the grand Liao Dynasty. Later various cultures emerged at here, such as culture in Yuan dynasty, the Buddhism culture and palace culture in Ming and Qing Dynasty .therefore, the culture in Chifeng reaches its peaks time and time again. In this ancient and magical land, various cultures and the splendid and colorful culture of Central Plains culture interweave with each other, adding one part of the brilliant Chinese civilization.

Natural Resources

Chifeng is well-known for its beautiful scenery and unique human landscape. In recent years, Chifeng City stepped up ecological construction and protection, awarded as the national standard-bearer of advanced anti-desertification .meanwhile; the ecological

situation has been improved markedly. In this land, grasslands, forests, mountains, deserts, hot springs, lakes, stone forest can be found. Cultural relics, historical sites and many rare animals and plants also can be found at here. In Chifeng, there is a World Geopark, 6 National Natural Reserves and 6 National Forest Parks. Tourist resources which integrated historical resources cultural resources natural scenery and ethnic customs are known as "card of the autonomous region" and "the epitome of Inner Mongolia."



The wind plants are growing rapidly in recent 5 years

Chifeng has a vast territory and rich products. More than 70 kinds of mineral resources had been discovered in 1000 mines, covering gold, non-ferrous metals, energy and other non-metallic mineral types. Chifeng is one of the main national gold production sites, and its gold reserves takes up 80 percent of the autonomous region's total reserves. With an annual output of more than 10 million Liang (a kind of Chinese measuring unit, equals to 50 grams), the output of gold in Chifeng ranked the third place among China; Chifeng is also famous for its reserve of lead, zinc, tin, iron, molybdenum, tungsten in this country; Non-metallic mineral is also rich, like limestone, bentonite, basalt, marble, crystal stone,

Iceland Stone. Particularly heliotrope, the treasure of grassland, owns its fame in the world for its moist quality, color and style, famous as one of the national stones.



One of four most famous stone used to carve Chinese seal



Oilfield Exploitation

Agricultural and Livestock Resources

Agricultural and livestock resources are diversified. Corn, rice and millet, bean, buckwheat, sunflower, sugar beet, tobacco, herbal medicines, and other cash crops are super bounded at here. Grain output 3,000,000,000 kg in normal year in 1760 hectares of arable land; 5,280,138 km² natural grassland, keeping 14,000,000 various livestock; forest area occupies 3,500 hectares and the forest coverage rate takes up 22 percent of them; additionally, there are 60 large reservoirs in Chifeng.



Livestock Product Processing

Ethnic Minority economy Development

The main industrial economy is mining industry and metallurgy. The pictures 5 is a refined copper enterprise. With its contribution to over 1 billion yuan for Chifeng's economy, it is ranked to be one of the largest enterprise in Chifeng.



Refined Copper Factory

Also, Chifeng has developed some hi-tech enterprise in medical industry. In picture 6-1,6-2 you can see a workshop of one drug company named Yitaidanlong drug company. It is equipped with the modern pharmaceutical equipments.



A Pharmacy Workshop



Beer is also a prideful industry for Chifeng. The Beer company in picture 7 owned by Yanjing Beer. The beer produced by this Beer Brewery drinks fine and is sold well. Now it has contributed a lot for Chifeng's economic development.



A Beer Workshop

As an ethnic minority region, it produces many kinds of ethnic items such as ethnic minority shoes. These kinds of shoes are popular among the local people because of their warmth and comfortableness. Deer product processing is another kind of ethnic minority industry.



Ethnic Minority Women Shoes



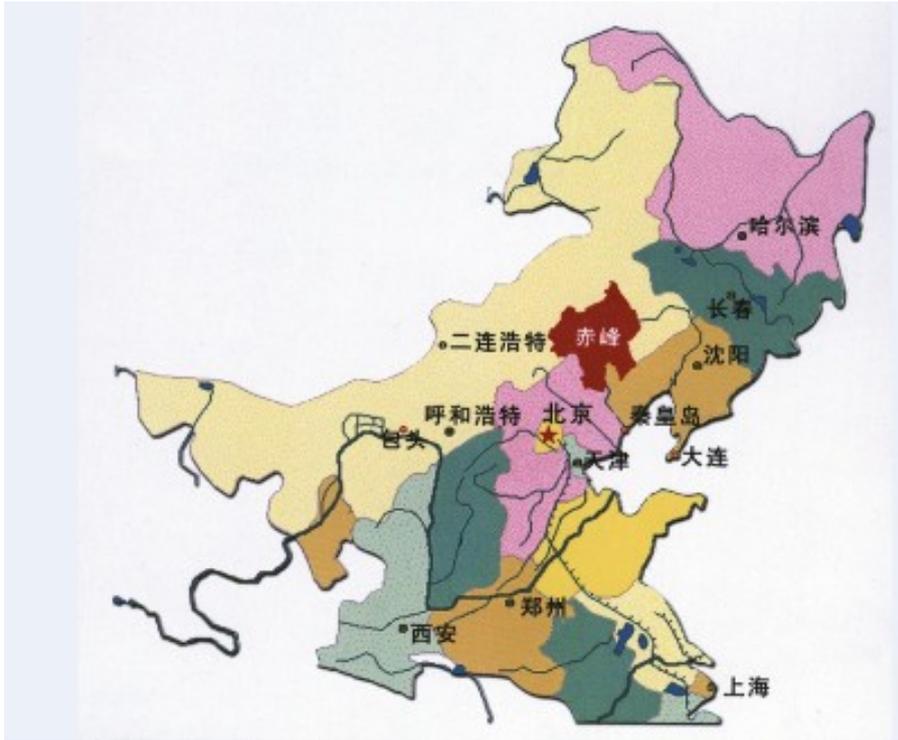
Deer Product Processing Factory



Commercial Area of Chifeng Downtown

Transportation

Chifeng possesses convenient transportation and obvious advantages. It is a transport hub , connecting Chifeng, the eastern and western area of Inner Mongolia, north-east part of China and the north part of China. There is only 315 km from Beijing to Chifeng. So it is nicknamed as the "back garden of Beijing." Tianjin, Beijing, Shenyang and other big cities are only 500 km away from Chifeng. While Jinzhou, Huludao, Qinhuangdao, are less 300 km away from Chifeng. There are 8 provincial or national highways linking Chifeng with surrounding cities. In the south, the railway between Beijing to Tongliao and the railway between Yebaishou to Chifeng converge at here, connecting the north-east part and the north part of China closely. In the north, the railway between Jining to Tongliao and the railway between Chifeng to Dalian intertwine together and ran through the hinterland; there are tourist direct train from Chifeng to Beijing, Harbin, Shenyang, Dalian, the city of Shanhaiguan, and non-stop civil aviation flights to Beijing, Hohhot and other cities.



Chifeng Map

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