

## Appendix 3

# Profile of Tonghua County

Tonghua County is located in the southeast of Jilin Province, the southwest foot of Changbai Mountain and the middle reaches of Hunjiang River. The exact position of Tonghua County is at east longitude 125°17'--126°25' and north latitude 41°19'--42°07', with Baishan City bordering in the east, Jian City adjacent to the south, Huairen County of Liaoning Province and Xinbin County at a junction in the west, and Liuhe County linking in the north. Tonghua County is typical of mountainous terrain with an area of 3726.5 square kilometers, which is known as '*Eight mountains, half water and half field*'. The county hall is located in the Kuaidamao town, which has jurisdiction over 5 villages, 10 towns and 160 administrative villages. The county has a population of 250,000 consisted of 17 nationalities, which are Han, Manchu, Korean, Hui and other nationalities. With the rapid and healthy development of county economy, the developing environment and urban civilization of Tonghua County have been greatly improved, and people's mental outlook and urban image also take on a new look. The county has won honorary titles successively as *National Health County*, *National Garden County*, *National Hundreds of Small and Medium Cities of the Most Investment Potential*, *National Harmonious City of the Public*, *National Afforestation Model County*, *National Green Well-off County*, *Model County of National Unity and Progress*, *National Advance County of Human Security and Civil Affairs*, *National Advanced County of Hunyuxinfeng Household Activities*, *National Civilization County*.

Tonghua County is rich in ecological resources. There is a complete water system formed by 10 rivers, including Hun River, Fur River, Lagu River. The total water reserve is 110 thousand kilowatts. There are spectacular sceneries such as Yingebu reservoir resort, Ginseng Road, SheHu National Forest Park, etc. "Changbai Mountain Medicine Valley", which has more than 500 medical plants including Ginseng, Bei Xi Xin, Ping Bei Mu, Ganoderma Lucidum, is a traditional Chinese medicine industry base of National Torch Plan. The forest coverage rate of Tonghua County has

reached 75.6%. There are 36 kinds of proven exploitable minerals including gold, iron, copper, nickel and zinc.

Over the years, the Government of Tonghua County achieved a rapid economic growth by firmly grasping the theme of accelerating development and vigorously implementing the strategy “a developed county with advanced industry, open policy, beautiful environment.” In 2008, the county realized a GDP of 5.0 billion, an increase of 33%, a full-caliber financial income 530 million Yuan, an increase of 30%, farmers’ per capita net income 4938 Yuan, an increase of 16.5%, total retail sales of social consumer goods 1.35 billion, an increase of 30%.

With the rapid economic development of Tonghua County in recent years, the Government of Tonghua County keeps encouraging advanced industries by establishing an industrial economic structure with pharmaceutical, mineral, chemical building materials, food products as the main pillar. Within the county, above-scale industrial enterprises realized total output value of 4 billion Yuan, increased by 34%; realized added value of 1.5 billion Yuan, an increase of 30%; realized storage tax of 320 million Yuan, an increase of 20%; realized profit of 400 million Yuan, an increase of 29%. There is also a booming development of private economy. Pharmaceutical industries, represented by Tonghua Dongbao Group Co. Ltd, Tonghua Zhenguo Group Co. Ltd, Tonghua Huaxia Group Co. Ltd, build a strong support for the county economic development.

**Population and Employment** There is an urban population of 49,555, accounting for 20% of the total. Within this year, there are 1785 born, a birth rate of 7.32‰; 1391 dead, a death rate of 5.71‰. In 2008, there is a registered unemployment number of 1235, an unemployment rate within 3.9%, solving the zero-employment households with a ratio of 100%.

**Living Environment** The County has a road-hardening area rate up to 100%, with an area of 9.84 square meters per capita. There are a number of public facilities, for example, gymnasium, library, Mushan Park, Unity Square, and some others. The urban tap water coverage rate is 100%, and the sewage treatment works is in progress since the underground drainage network has been completed. House refuses are collected on designated places by using compressed garbage truck,

human garbage collection vehicle, to avoid secondary pollution junk. There are more than 87% good air quality days in the county area, and the year average concentration of total suspended particulate in the atmosphere is 0.11 mg / cubic meter. Air quality in rural areas remains at the national level, water quality in the main rivers complies with the third standards of surface water functional zones, and drinking water sources meet the second level of state water quality standards for surface water. The county has a green coverage of 151 hectares in the build-up area, a green area rate of 33.51%, a green coverage rate of 37.75%, per capita public green area of 28.83 square meters / person.

**Culture and Education** 1 library, 80,000 books, 1 radio station

There are 126 schools (kindergartens) at all levels and types in the county, including 36 kindergartens, 64 primary schools, 24 junior schools, 2 high schools, 1 vocational and technical school, and 28,854 are school students. In 2008, the county's input on education is 6,782 million, of which the funding for the improvement of school-running conditions reaches 4,500 Yuan. There is also a coordinate development of basic education, vocational education and adult education, with 100% kindergarten enrollment rate, 100% disabilities enrollment rate, 98% secondary school enrollment and retention rate, 65% high school entrance rate, 71.1% college admission rates and 73% gross enrollment rate of higher education.

**Social Security and Assistance** By the end of 2008, the number of people who participate in the social insurance has reached 40,047, a coverage rate of up to 99% in the county, and 1,576 farmers participate in the endowment insurance. Socially vulnerable groups are effectively supported; urban and rural insured residents can use their credit card for medical treatment in designated medical institutions and have real-time billing. There is a continuously improvement on the minimum living guarantee system. In 2008, 9,713 families and 18,601 poverty-stricken households enjoyed minimum living guarantee provided by the Government; 96 households who were in housing difficulties enjoyed low-rent housing provided by the Government, a total of 6.8 million Yuan invested.

There is a good social order in Tonghua County. The County launched "Safe Tonghua" activities, and comprehensive management of social security measures have been further implemented.

**Health & Medical** The hospital infrastructure has been strengthened. There are 202 medical institutions in the county, including 1 hospital, 20 health centers. The county also has hospital beds rate per thousand of 3.43 (bed), medical personnel rate per thousand of 3.84 (person), 100% coverage of new cooperative medical care in villages (neighborhood committees), 100% insurance rate of residents in addition to those who participate in medical insurance for urban workers, and a relatively complete system of disease prevention and control, health surveillance and medical treatment has been established.

**Community Health Services** establish community health service management center, improve device configuration, regulate internal management, strengthen personnel training, and enhance overall level of community health services; arrange physical examination and establish health records for elderly over the age of 60; there are 1947 copies of health records established throughout the year with an archiving rate of 92%.

**Urban construction and management** The Government of Tonghua County always adhere to the "business city" concept, follow the work ideas "one year a change, three years a scale"; and lead the county's construction focusing on human ecology and livable landscape according to county's construction and management "without leaving three dead" requirements. Invested 1.63 billion Yuan on Tong-Shen Expressway (Jilin section ) which was opened to traffic in 2008; invested 470 million Yuan in shanty town reconstruction project, with a demolition area of 177,000 square meters and move-back room area of 48 million square meters; invested 13.96 million Yuan on the implementation of urban sewage treatment works, laid underground drainage line in the city; invested 100 million Yuan to purchase a garbage compression vehicles, forklifts and human collection vehicle; implement county afforestation and beautification project, Dongbao new secondary school project, road paving project of the four main road within the city; low-cost housing construction project; natural gas pipeline construction; heat supply improvement project; rockery construction of artificial lakes

project; rock carving cultural corridor construction project; the county has got a new look, integrated load function of the county is significantly enhanced, and the urban quality is continuously improved.