The introduction to Meishan

Meishan, formerly known as Meizhou, is a [prefecture-level city](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prefecture-level_city) with 3.5 million inhabitants in [Sichuan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sichuan) province of [China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China), covering an area of 7186 km² . It belonged to [Leshan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leshan) Prefecture before 1997. The Meishan Prefecture was founded in 1997. It was renamed Meishan City in 2000. At present, Meishan City administers 2 districts- Dongpo and Pengshan and 4 counties-Danleng, Hongya, Renshou and Qingshen.

Meishan enjoys advantageous geography location-important component of Tianfu New Area and Chengdu Plain Economic Circle, just 30 minutes’ drive to Shuangliu International Airport and Tianfu International Airport. Meishan is well connected to rest of Sichuan by 7 railways and 8 expressways.

Meishan is an auspicious land and has profound culture, producing prominent figures. Meishan is home to the [Song Dynasty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Song_Dynasty) writer and poet [Su Shi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Su_Shi), Su Xun and Su Zhe. Taoist Master Zhang Daoling, historian Li Tao, painter Shi Lu, outstanding geologist Huang Jiqing, patriot Yu Yongwen, and writer Li Mi are also natives of Meishan.

Meishan is blessed with sound eco-environment, with 48.61% forest coverage, 51.89% urban-rural green coverage ratio. The proportion of water area to land is 8.4%. Meishan boasts numerous tourist spots: Memorial Temple of the Three Su, Wawushan, the most beautiful table mountain in the world and China’s National Forest Park, Helongtan, sightseeing resort Qiliping and Pengzhushan. Meishan, having 7 national 4 A level tourist resorts, was rated as favored tourist destination among the 2nd and 3rd tier cities in Asia Pacific by PATA.

Meishan enjoys sound momentum of economic growth, with 47.6% industrialization ratio and 65.9% industrial concentration ratio. GDP of Meishan has exceeded 100 billion yuan. The foreign actualized capital of Meishan is within top 3 of Sichuan for 9 consecutive years. 32 Fortune 500 enterprises have settled in Meishan including Unilever and Dow Chemical Company. Meishan ranked No. 8 among the 3rd tier Chinese cities in the Milken Institute Best Performing Cities.