

# Overview of Hainan Province

## Geographical Location

Situated at the southernmost tip of China, Hainan sees Guangdong across the Qiongzhou Strait to the north, Vietnam across the Beibu Bay to the west and Taiwan across the South China Sea to the east. Its neighbors in the South China Sea include the Philippines, Brunei and Malaysia in the southeast and south.

The jurisdiction of Hainan covers Hainan Island, the Xisha (Paracel) Islands, the Zhongsha (Macclesfield) Islands and the Nansha (Spratly) Islands as well as the surrounding maritime areas, making it the largest province in China in terms of area. Hainan covers a land area (mainly including Hainan Island and Xisha, Zhongsha and Nansha Islands) of 35,400 square km (that of Hainan Island reaching 33,900 square km) and has a maritime area of about 2 million square km. With the outline like an oval snow pear, Hainan Island has a total area of 33,900 square km (excluding the satellite islands), the second largest island only next to Taiwan Island. Qiongzhou Strait, located between Hainan Island and Leizhou Peninsula of Guangdong Province is about 18-nautical-mile wide; while Zengmu Ansha in Nansha Islands is the southernmost territory of China.

## Administrative Divisions

By September 2015, Hainan Province had 27 cities and counties (districts), including four prefectural cities, five county-level cities, four counties, six autonomous counties, eight districts, and 21 townships, 175 towns and 22 sub-district offices (totaling 218).

Cities at the prefectural level: Haikou, Sanya, Sansha and Danzhou

Cities at the county level: Wuzhishan, Wenchang, Qionghai, Wanning and Dongfang

Counties: Ding'an, Tunchang, Chengmai and Lingao

Autonomous Counties: Baisha Li Autonomous County, Changjiang Li Autonomous County, Ledong Li Autonomous County, Lingshui Li Autonomous County, Baoting Li and Miao Autonomous County and Qiongzhou Li and Miao Autonomous County

## Population

Calculated according to a sample survey on population changes, the birth rate of the province reached 14.57‰, death rate 6.00‰, and natural growth rate 8.57‰ in 2015. The permanent residents numbered 9.1082 million at the end of the year, including 55.12% of urban residents.

## Climate

Hainan Island has a tropical marine climate which has the following features: warm and hot all the year round, abundant rainfall, obvious dry and rainy seasons, frequent typhoons and diverse climatic resources. The annual sunshine duration in Hainan Island is 1,750-2,550 hours, with an annual average temperature of 23-26 Celsius degrees. There is no winter throughout the year. The annual average rainfall is over 1,600 mm, most in the east but few in the west. It is relatively wet in the central and eastern parts of Hainan, but dry in the southwest coastal areas. The precipitation is mostly distributed in summer and few in winter and spring.

## **General Outlook in 2015**

### **(1) GDP**

According to preliminary accounting, Hainan's GDP was 370.28 billion Yuan, an increase of 7.8% over the previous year. Of this total, the value added of the primary industry was 85.582 billion Yuan, up by 5.3%, that of the secondary industry was 87.513 billion Yuan, up by 6.5% and that of the tertiary industry was 197.181 billion Yuan, up by 9.6%. The value added of the primary, secondary and tertiary industries accounted for 23.1%, 23.6% and 53.3% of the GDP respectively.

### **(2) Per-capita GDP**

Calculated according to the annual average resident population, the per-capita GDP of the province stood at 40,818 Yuan or US\$6,554 calculated according to the current average exchange rate, an increase of 6.9% over the previous year.

### **(3) Finance**

The general public budget revenue of the province amounted to 100.999 billion Yuan, an increase of 7.3% over the previous year. Of the total, the local general public budget revenue reached 62.77 billion Yuan, up by 8.7%. The local general public budget expenditure totaled 124.149 billion Yuan, a rise of 10.6% over the previous year.

### **(4) Investment in Fixed Assets**

The completed investment in fixed assets of the province in 2015 was 335.54 billion Yuan, up by 10.4% over the previous year. Of the total, the investment in real estate development was 170.400 billion Yuan, up by 19.0%. The number of construction items in the year reached 2,979, up by 4.6%, including 1,163 newly-commenced ones, up by 18.1%. By sector, the investment in the primary industry was 5.172 billion Yuan, up by 21.2%; that in the secondary industry was 32.284 billion Yuan, down by 28.1%; and that in the tertiary industry was 298.084 billion Yuan, up by 17.0%. The investment in eastern areas was 240.138 billion Yuan, up by 17.3% over the previous year, that in central areas 19.118 billion Yuan, a decrease of 2.1%, and that in western areas 76.284 billion Yuan, down by 4.2%.

## **Various Sectors of the National Economy in 2015**

### **(1) Farming, Forestry, Animal Husbandry and Fishery**

The value added of farming, forestry, animal husbandry and fishery of the province amounted to 88.169 billion Yuan, up by 5.5% over the previous year.

### **(2) Industry**

The total value added of the industrial sector of the province was 48.585 billion Yuan, up by 5.2% over the previous year. The value added of industrial enterprises above the designated size increased by 5.1% to 44.895 billion Yuan. By sector, the value added of the light industry grew by 9.6% to 12.998 billion Yuan, and that of heavy industry increased by 3.6% to 31.897 billion Yuan. In terms of ownership, the value added of the State-owned enterprises grew by 12.8%, that of the collective enterprises went down by 60.1%, that of the share-holding enterprises increased by 5.7%, that of the enterprises by foreign investors and investors from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan increased by 2.2%, and that of other industrial sectors went up by 5.7%. The proportion of products sold reached 97.2%, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point.

### **(3) Wholesale and Retail Trade**

The value added of the wholesale and retail trade amounted to 44.675 billion Yuan, up by 8.3% over the previous year; and that of accommodation and catering reached 17.007 billion Yuan, up by 6.6% over the previous year.

The total retail sales of consumer goods reached 132.51 billion Yuan, a growth of 8.2 percent over the previous year. An analysis on different areas showed that the retail sales of consumer goods in urban areas stood at 110.293 billion Yuan, up by 7.7%, and that in rural areas reached 22.221 billion Yuan, up by 10.8%. Grouped by consumption patterns, the income of retail sales of commodities was 109.806 billion Yuan, up by 7.5%, and that of catering industry was 22.708 billion Yuan, up by 12.0%.

### **Foreign Economic Relations in 2015**

The total value of imports and exports of the province added up to 86.862 billion Yuan, down by 10.8% from the previous year. Of the total, the total value of exports stood at 23.236 billion Yuan, down by 14.4%, and that of imports 63.626 billion Yuan, down by 9.5%.

The foreign capital actually utilized by the province reached US\$2.47 billion, an increase of 28.7% over the previous year. Of the total, the foreign direct investment amounted to US\$2.006 billion, up by 6.2%.