

Centuries of Jinling Spirit Embodied in Enchanting Tangshan

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Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen,

Good morning to you all! In the harvest season of autumn and the golden month of October, it is my great honor to attend the 74th General Assembly and International Scientific Congress of the World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy in the beautiful city of Galicia. I would like to thank the organizing committee for having me here to introduce the Tangshan Hot Spring Town of Nanjing, China and promote Tangshan's hot spring tourism.

Located at the eastern suburbs of Nanjing, Tangshan is 20 kilometers away from the main city. It is a 40-minute drive from Nanjing Lukou International Airport and a 30-minute drive from Nanjing South Railway Station, hence an important gateway connecting Nanjing with the core cities of the Yangtze River Delta. As early as the Liang dynasty of the Northern and Southern dynasties period, Tangshan's hot springs were honored as "Holy Springs." Throughout the ages, Chinese literati and scholars have visited Tangshan, hailing its hot springs as "Holy Springs of a Millennium" and a "Paradise for Health Preservation." With an established reputation for the "Imperial Hot Springs," "Prehistoric Caves," and "Peerless Monument Material," coupled with the strategic construction of the Yangtze River Economic Belt, the integration of the Yangtze River Delta, and the integration of Nanjing, Zhenjiang, and Yangzhou, Tangshan is in a good position to embrace the best development opportunities ever. **Tangshan is linked to a convenient transportation network, featuring the Ning-Jurong Intercity Rail Transit, Shanghai-Nanjing Expressway, Nanjing-Hangzhou Expressway, Urban Third Ring Road, among many other high-grade highways and railways passing through the region. With Tangshan in the center, the one-hour driving radius reaches a population of 22 million, and the two-hour high-speed rail**

radius, a population of 100 million in the core cities of the Yangtze River Delta.

Tangshan is home to rich historical and cultural heritage. The discovery of the skull of *Homo erectus* in a prehistoric cave at Tangshan extended the history of human activities south of the Yangtze River by approximately 500,000 years. The magnificent Yangshan Monument Material has been recognized by Guinness World Records. The traces of historical periods, from the prehistoric age to the Ming dynasty and then to the Republican era, can all be found in Tangshan. Tangshan also boasts abundant ecological resources, with 150,000 acres of mountains and forests covering an area of 171 square kilometers, the water reservoir capacity reaching 20 million cubic meters, the forest coverage rate standing at 58.5%, and the two scenic lakes, namely Tangquan Lake and Anji Lake, delighting the soul. Rich in various minerals and trace elements with high therapeutic value, Tangshan Hot Springs is one of the four major healing-oriented hot springs in China. **Tangshan witnessed the emergence of distinctive industrial clusters.** Established as one of the first national-level tourist resorts in October 2015, Tangshan has become the most attractive culture- and health-oriented tourist spot in Nanjing. **Major leisure and tourism projects, such as the World-level Mountain Garden-Garden Expo Park, the National 4A Tourist Attraction Ziqing Lake, the National Geopark Museum, and the Amusement Park of Nanjing Happy Water World, have been completed and put into operation.** Health and wellness development projects such as Jinmao Health Town, Hantian Yiyang, and Qianhai Hospital are under accelerated construction. High-quality hot spring hotels have gathered here too, including Kayumanis Nanjing Private Villa & Spa, Banyan Tree Nanjing Garden Expo, Autograph Collection, Radisson Collection Resort, Nanjing, Westin Nanjing Resort & Spa, and Hotel Indigo Nanjing Garden Expo.

Dear guests and friends, Tangshan basks in the glow of ancient culture and breathtaking scenery and promises bright prospects with immense business opportunities. Our promotional slogan is “Rediscover Tangshan; our splendid future springs from here.” **We sincerely hope that you can visit Tangshan to enjoy its**

charming landscapes and experience its vibrant community. I wish everyone success and all the best. Thank you!