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### General Socio-economic Profile

Hefei, the capital city of Anhui Province, is located in the center of Anhui and between the Yangtze River and the Huaihe River. It is home to the Chaohu Lake. Literally, Hefei refers to the converging place of Dongfei River and Nanfei River. Under the jurisdiction of the city, there are 13 counties (county-level cities), districts and development zones.

In 2020, Hefei's GDP reached over RMB 1 trillion, which ranked top 20th in the country and 9th among provincial capitals. As a key city in the Yangtze River Economic Belt, the world-class Yangtze River Delta urban agglomeration, and the National Comprehensive Transportation Hub, Hefei is easily accessible from all directions with its favorable geological position and critical strategic status, and is connected with diversified transportation means including high-speed railways, highways, international airport and inland water transportation.

Over the recent years, Hefei has been working on integrating scientific innovation with industries. As a result, its innovation competence has grown significantly. The national laboratory in Hefei is among the first batch of national laboratories. The city also accelerates the construction of the Comprehensive National Science Center, and launches research platforms that focus on energy, AI, big health and environmental protection. Hefei's strategic emerging industries feature intelligent chips, screen displays, new energy vehicles and vehicle connectivity. Its industry clusters of display, chips and AI have been listed in the first batch of national strategic emerging industry cluster. Hefei also witnesses rapid urban development, improving livelihood, stable and harmonious social governance, and more favorable business environment.

# Hefei



9,370,000



11,400 km<sup>2</sup>

Technologies 4.0, Industry 5.0 & Digital Economy

Education, jobs & skills, Innovation centres, business clusters

### Preferred Areas of Cooperation

Hefei will continue its cooperation with the EU under the guidance of technological innovation, further give play to its regional strengths, strengthen its opening up, and enhance collaboration with higher education institutions in Europe to promote scientific and technological innovation and application. In addition, Hefei will continue to develop the China-Europe International Electronic Material Innovation Center and the Sino-German (Hefei) Intelligent Manufacturing Park, so as to attract talent, investment, technology and other resources to the city and deepen its cooperation with the EU in innovation, industry, trade, and cultural exchanges.