

Growing the city's bioscience R&D

Local ChemPartner team delivers results more cost effective

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When Chen Yuanwei talked about the high-tech industries, a most frequently used word was "talent".

"Talented people are crucial to companies that require advanced technologies as well as continuous researches and innovation," said Chen, general manager of Chengdu ChemPartner Co Ltd, at an interview with China Daily.

Chengdu has many prestigious universities, medical colleges and research institutions that can nurture a considerable number of high quality graduates each year, he noted.

"That's the reason why more and more foreign companies have moved their offices or set up new research bases in Chengdu."

And, he believes the upcoming Fortune Global Forum will furthermore show the city's edges to the world, serving as a unique chance to promote the local attraction to foreign investments.

Began his career in Chengdu in 2008, Chen introduced that ChemPartner is a service



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outsourcing company that mainly focuses on the biological medical research and development.

The company headquartered in Shanghai provides "customer-oriented R&D on products and technologies in the field," according to the general manager.

"We now have more than 80 companies as clients in Chengdu, including 16 Fortune Global 500 companies and many Chinese famed pharmaceutical factories,"

he said. The company has developed such medicines as treating diabetes, cancers and cardiovascular diseases, Chen said.

When briefed the latest information of biological medicine, Chen said that China is now striving to promote the industrial development.

"The industry has a bright prospect and great market potential, with an annual increase rate of nearly 20 percent in turnover these years." ChemPartner has a young



Located in Chengdu's high-tech zone, the company offers international-standard R&D. Shown here is the sixth Europe-China Roundtable on Science and Technology and Innovation, held in Chengdu in October 2011.

but strong and innovative research team, Chen added.

"We have about 200 researchers, with an average age of 26, and over 60 percent hold master degrees or PhDs from across the country and 13 are returned specialists after studying abroad," he noted.

So, "our research team allows the company to provide services that are good in quality and low in price," said Chen. Parallel with foreign counterparts in research

results, but the price will be two thirds or 75 percent lower than that of those companies, he noted.

Chengdu government has shown a supportive attitude to the high-tech industries and the people who will boost these industries, according to Chen.

"The company locates at the city's high-tech zone, where the administrative committee offered some preferential policies," he said.

"For instance, it has helped build an advanced analysis lab-

oratory boasting diverse testing equipment.

"Some are very expensive, which enables us to provide medical-related testing services to hospitals and research institutes that can not afford those expensive instruments," he noted.

Due to the government subsidies, services are provided at a very low price, he said.

Chengdu has witnessed an improved business environment in past years.

The city will also promote

its internationalization in the future, especially in field of air transportation, Chen said.

"It will significantly boost the company's business if Chengdu has more direct flights to foreign countries," he noted.

Moreover, Chen also said there is a goal that exists throughout his career.

"I want to bring Chengdu's biological medicine to a new height and develop more effective home-made medicines to reduce the costs to benefit Chinese people," he added.

The lasting allure of historic wonders

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The Dujiangyan irrigation system and Qingcheng Mountain are among the most famous tourist attractions in Chengdu.

Considered the oldest water-control project still functioning in the world, Dujiangyan has stood the test of time for nearly 2,300 years, diverting water to irrigate nearly 70,000 hectares of farmland in Sichuan province.

The system was built in 256 BC to tame the frequent



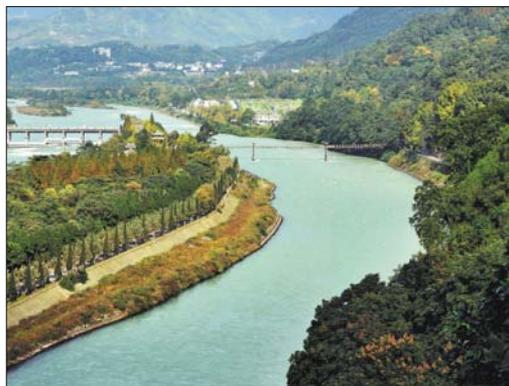
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flooding of the Minjiang River. Close to Dujiangyan, Qingcheng

Mountain has long been recognized as the birthplace of Taoism, China's ancient indigenous religion.

The mountain is also known for its special local cuisine such as aged bacon, ginkgo chicken stew and kiwi wine.

The sites were both included on the list of UNESCO world heritage in 2000.



Dujiangyan looks natural, but it was made by man millennia ago.



Sichuan hotpot is a colorful feast for the senses.

Ancient hotpot, modern cuisine

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Sichuan hotpot dates back to the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) when it was first created in a small town along the upper reaches of the Yangtze River.

Local boatmen cooked a kind of spicy soup with vegetable, meat and hot peppers to help them in the humid, cold weather.

Over hundreds of years, hotpot evolved to become a major Sichuan cuisine.

There are more than 2,000 hotpot restaurants in Chengdu and every restaurant has different recipe for the soup base.

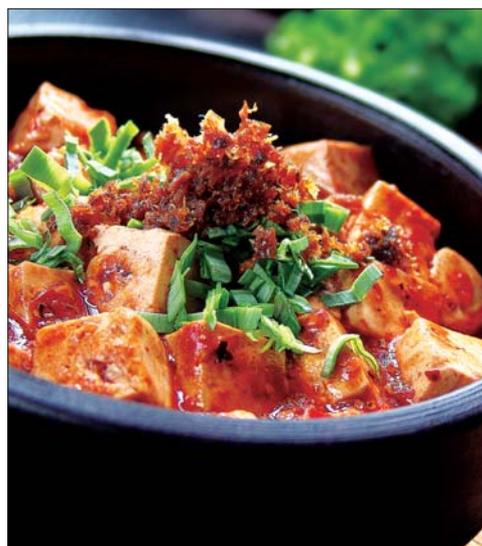
Major kinds of soup base include traditional butter, clear oil, porridge, clear soup and cold fish.

The dipping sauces are usually made of sesame oil with garlic and green onion.

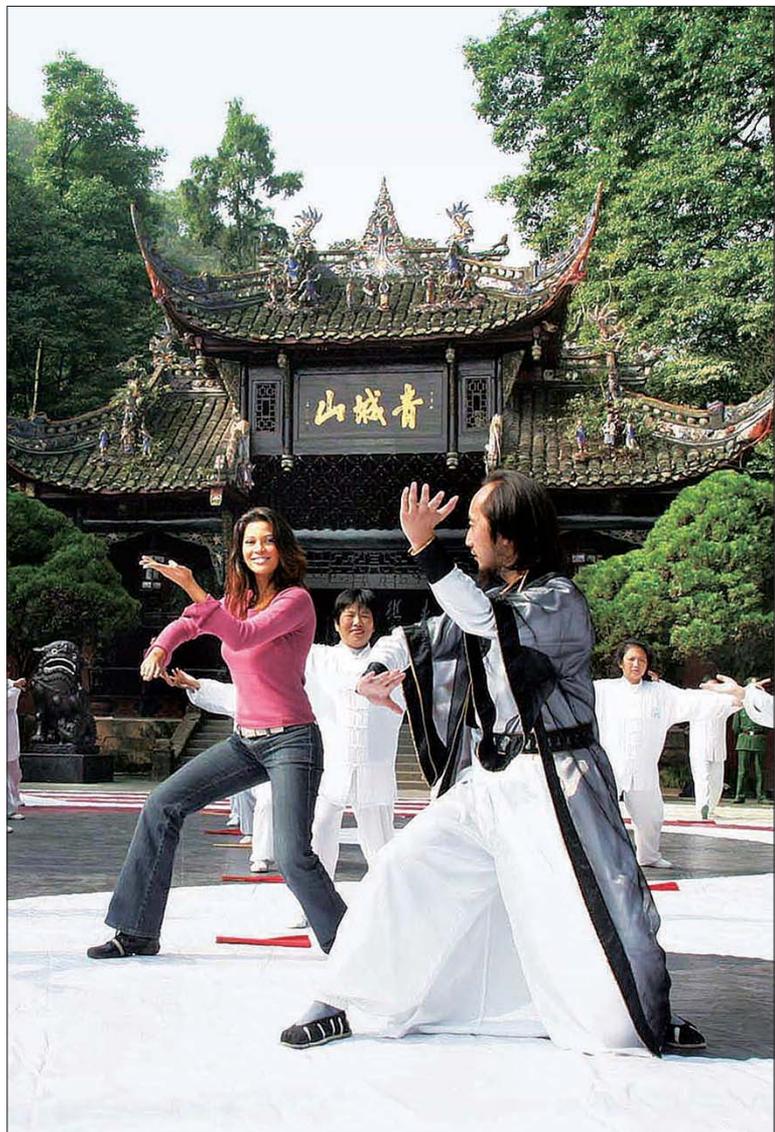
People can put any meat and any vegetables including potato, lotus root and tofu, into the pot.

For those who don't like chili, porridge hotpot and clear soup are mild with house special dipping sauces.

Mandarin Duck hotpot with half spicy and half clear soup base often satisfies a range of tastes.



Spicy tofu is among the most popular hotpot ingredients.



Ancient Taoist temple at Qingcheng Mountain

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IF YOU GO:

• Express rail

Express Rail sets out every 45 minutes to Qingcheng Mountain from the northern train station.

Journey time: 30 minutes

Fare: 15 yuan per person

• Bus

You can easily find buses from Chengdu to Dujiangyan and Qingcheng Mountain at West Bus Station and Xinnanmen Bus Station

Time: 2 hours

Fare: 17 to 24 yuan per person

• Hotel

Qingcheng Howard Johnson International Hotel
Address: 88 Qingcheng Avenue, Qingchengshan
Telephone: 028-87198677

Price: 800-900 yuan a night

• Cabin

Qingcheng Dingshang
Address: Weijiang Village, Qingcheng Mountain
Telephone: 028-66887771

Price: 300 to 400 yuan a night

• Qingchengshan Golf Course

Address: Daguan, Qingchengshan
Telephone: 028-87170000

Price: 800 to 1,100 yuan

IF YOU GO:

Traditional butter hotpot:

• Shu Jiu Xiang

Address: 116 Century City Road, Hi-Tech Zone

Telephone: 028-85186989

Price: 90 yuan per person

Clear oil hotpot:

• Hot Space

Address: 15 South Yulin Road, Wuhou Zone

Telephone: 028-85547222

Price: 70 yuan per person

Porridge hotpot:

• Nan Zhou Bei Mian

Address: Zishan Walking Street, Wuhou Zou

Telephone: 028-85188744

Price: 60 yuan per person

Clear soup pot:

• Zhen Yi Lan Ting

Address: 99 Youpin Avenue, Qingyang district

Telephone: 028-61358999

Price: 300 yuan per person

Cold pot fish:

• Chai Men Fish Restaurant

Address: 6-16 Hang Kong Road, Wuhou Zone

Telephone: 028-87733580

Price: 200 yuan per person