



# ***Regional Cities Missions***

## ***Hangzhou & Ningbo***

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## Introduction to Hangzhou

Hangzhou is the largest city in and capital of China's wealthy Zhejiang province. A major industrial, logistical, commercial and economic hub for the region, Hangzhou's population of 6.89 million enjoy one of the most open investment cultures and highest standards of living in China.

This "heaven on earth", as it is commonly referred to, has received Forbes' award for Best Commercial City in China on 6 consecutive occasions, and has 4 times been rated mainland China's best city for investment by the World Bank.



## Introduction to Ningbo

Ningbo is a major city and seaport on China's east coast. By volume, it is the second largest seaport in the world, beaten only by neighbouring Shanghai. A huge and sprawling city of some 7.6 million inhabitants has grown up around the port, and established itself as a major player in a number of industries, including: education, chemicals, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and material processing.

Historically isolated from many neighbouring cities due to its geographical location, Ningbo is now well-connected with Shanghai thanks to the construction of a record breaking bridge across Hangzhou Bay that opened in 2008.