



Teams performing aerial stunts will participate in the 2017 Guizhou Anshun Aviclub General Aviation Flight Carnival this weekend. PHOTOS PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

General aviation show to boost sector growth in city

Fair produced 29 deals worth \$5.16 billion, drew famed intl teams

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The 2017 Guizhou Anshun Aviclub General Aviation Flight Carnival is scheduled to open on Friday and will last through the weekend.

Renowned teams will perform aerial stunts at the airshow in Anshun, Guizhou province in Southwest China, organizers said at a news conference in Beijing in early July. Among the performers are the Aviclub Wasp team, which is renowned for its stunts of walking on airfoils, a night flight show and aerobatics; Britain's Global Stars team, who made their China debut in Shanghai in 2014; and the Freedom to Fly team from New Zealand, three members of which have each flown more than 10 years.

Also on the agenda are aviation industrial forums, an aircraft display, an industrial

exhibition, related tourism and cultural promotions.

"The event will help to boost the growth of the host city's general aviation sector and facilitate the military-civil industrial integration," said Zeng Yongtao, Party chief of Anshun.

Chen Xunhua, mayor of the city, said Anshun has been serving as a key national aviation industry hub and a traditional base of the national defense industry since the 1960s.

Its muscles in traditional military aircraft can be transformed into strength in developing the general aviation industry, local policymakers said.

The city boasts well-established industrial facilities and a wealth of aviation businesses over 50 years of development, ranging from aircraft, engines and components' research and development to

production, tests, operation and maintenance, Chen said.

Anshun is home to more than 40 research institutes, manufacturers and service providers in the industry, including Guizhou Aviation Industry Group, an expert in pilotless aircraft.

At a general aviation investment promotional event in early March, 29 deals worth a total of 34.95 billion yuan (\$5.16 billion) were signed with Anshun, covering advanced machinery manufacturing, aircraft component processing, and development of an industrial park.

"Advancing military-civil industrial integration is key to upgrading Anshun's industries and accelerating its development," Zeng said.

The city's goal is to foster an industrial cluster of leading-edge machines and equipment manufacturers with a focus on the aviation sector, with its military-civil integrated industries estimated to grow more than 25 percent a year on average to 50 billion yuan during the 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-20).



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Anshun was designated one of the four national high-tech industrial centers focusing on the civil aviation industry by the National Development and Reform Commission in 2008. The NDRC also included it among the 26 national comprehensive demonstra-

tion areas for general aviation last year.

"We have an advantageous geographic location and a widespread transportation network, as well as natural beauty," Chen said.

In addition to expressways and highways running through the city, Anshun offers scheduled flight services via more than 10 routes to major cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing and Shenzhen.

Its waterways provide easy access to the Peal River and ocean routes. Also, the high-speed railway linking China's commercial and financial hub Shanghai and Kunming, capital of Yunnan province in Southwest China, passes through the city.

Home to 43 ethnic groups, which account for approximately 39 percent of the city's total population, Anshun is famed as a popular holiday resort. Its attractions include the Huangguoshu Waterfall, the province's top sightseeing spot, and Dragon Palace, which features karst caves, underground waterfalls and serene rural scenery.

Local fighter pilot trainer heralds future success in exports market

By ZHUANTI

As Guizhou Aviation Industry Group has recently rolled out its first plane for export, the aircraft manufacturer is accelerating its overseas expansion.

The subsidiary of Beijing-headquartered Aviation Industry Corp of China has developed an export-oriented aircraft, a modified FTC-2000 Mountain Eagle, with some features more adaptable for combat scenarios, said Hu Jianxing, chief designer for Guizhou Aviation.

Wang Wenfei, the company's president, said the plane, which rolled out in early June, can be used to train fighter pilots in peacetime and be equipped with various types of missiles for use as a fighter in wartime.

AVIC Deputy General Manager Chen Yuanxian said at the launch ceremony that the rollout of the new Mountain Eagle is a first key step forward for exports, though he added that a number of assessments, including experiments and test flights, are still ahead.

The Mountain Eagle made its maiden flight in December 2003, after primary research on the Mountain Eagle began in the 1990s and development officially began in 2001.

Since then, the state-of-the-art trainer has been developed into navy and export series versions.

In 2006 and 2016, the proprietary model caught wide attention at the annual China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai, Guangdong province, which is the only international aerospace trade show in China endorsed by the Chinese central government.

Senior officials from many countries' air forces have visited the company to explore cooperation probabilities, Chinese media reported.

Cost effectiveness and high performance partially explains the Mountain Eagle's popularity in the international market, chief designer Hu said.

Wang agreed, adding that "we will be riding high on our proprietary innovations, continuing research and develop-



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Unmanned aerial vehicles are another trump card behind the company's ambitious sales goal.

Guizhou Aviation has also developed an unmanned aircraft series of the Mountain Eagle, and that plane has become the first of its kind in the country to fly 24 hours in a single flight and reach an altitude of 5,000 meters, according to the company.

Capable of working under a variety of geographical circumstances, including desert, lake, volcanic and glacial environments, the series can take high-resolution photos and capture images with infrared technology. It has completed aerial mapping in scores of cities, providing data for the country's environmental monitoring.

The unmanned planes developed by the company have provided emergency and disaster relief and environmental monitoring services in 10 regions across the country.

"Our next step may be to offer pilot training and provide flight simulator experiences," Wang said. "The national strategy of military-civil industrial integration provides Guizhou Aviation historic opportunities for new takeoffs of its development."



The FTC-2000 Mountain Eagle aircraft developed by Guizhou Aviation Industry Group is designed for exports. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Waterfalls, caves, cool temperatures: Anshun an ideal summer vacation spot

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2 scenic sites

in Anshun, Guizhou province, have been granted 5A attraction status

Known for its waterfall, gorge and stone buildings, Anshun, a city in Southwest China's Guizhou province, is an ideal place for tourists to visit in summer, officials said at a recent promotion conference.

"The average temperature of Anshun is about 21 C in summer. It has fresh and wet air, always raining at night," said Gu Xinwei, director of the Anshun tourism development committee.

The city is home to three national scenic spots, two of which have been granted 5A attraction status.

One of the 5A-level attractions, Huangguoshu Waterfall, is among the largest waterfalls in East Asia.

Located on the Baishui River in Anshun, it is 77.8 meters high and 101 meters wide. Tourists can watch the waterfall from different angles

at six of its observation decks, according to China's travel portal Ctrip.

The best season to visit it is from June to October, Ctrip said.

"The scene in the TV opera *Journey to the West* left me with a deep impression, said Doris Lee, a netizen on Ctrip. "That's when I first learned about Huangguoshu Waterfall."

Lee said she visited the Doupotang waterfall at the Huangguoshu scenic area, a shooting site for the TV series, adapted from an identically named ancient novel.

"You'd better wear a rain-



A camping site in rural areas of Anshun, Guizhou province, provides a holiday resort. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

coat, otherwise you'll get showered all over," Lee said. She also mentioned an underground karst cave inside the waterfall group; the cave contains many colorful stalagmites and stone forests under light.

Cao Pengcheng, deputy director of the Beijing Municipal Commission of Tourism Development, said at the

conference that the natural tourism resources of Anshun attracted many natives in search of a feast for the eyes, clean air for the lungs and a place to relax from the stress of a busy life.

Cao said the two cities are cooperating to develop more travel routes for Beijing residents.

Zeng Yongtao, Party chief



Huangguoshu Waterfall in Anshun is a popular tourist destination. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

of Anshun, said Beijing is an important market for developing its tourism. The first direct flight from Anshun to Beijing took off in early 2013, followed by a flight named after Huangguoshu Waterfall in 2015 flying to Anshun from the Nanyuan airport in Beijing.

Guizhou Fenghuang Travel Agency released preferential

policies to target Beijing tourists, saying visitors from the capital can get a 50 percent discount for travels in Anshun.

After receiving approval to construct a national tourism demonstration area in 2016, Anshun is on the way to innovating different tourism products, including Huangguoshu Waterfall and Dragon Palace Cave, the underground cave

system with lakes, waterfalls and stalactites, as well as the Getu River and stone buildings, Zeng said.

During this year's 2017 Guizhou Anshun Aviclub General Aviation Flight Carnival, which takes place from Friday through Sunday, the city will hold promotional events for air travel.

Anshun ranked No 2 in a list of the Top Attractions of this summer, released by China Tourism Academy in July, following only Kunming of Southwest China's Yunnan province.

Dai Bin, president of China Tourism Academy, said though temperature, humidity and rainfall played an important role in evaluation, the relaxing, fashionable atmosphere is also key elements attracting modern tourists.

Some 300 million Chinese people are expected to seek relief from summer's heat in Anshun and other domestic vacation spots.