

## China's Time-Honored Porcelain Capital Jingdezhen Unveils New Chapter of Cultural Inheritance and Innovation

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JINGDEZHEN, JIANGXI, CHINA, June 21, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Jingdezhen, a city renowned for over 1,700 years of porcelain-making in east China's Jiangxi Province, now shoulders a new mission of building itself into a national ceramic culture inheritance and innovation pilot zone amid its endeavor of preservation and modernity, according to Jiangxi Provincial government.



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The most craved porcelain from China were made by Jingdezhen's workshops, fashioned from clay made smooth by skilled craftsmen, fired in kilns there and then transported across the globe. Porcelain was one of China's first globalized commodities and main trading goods on the Maritime Silk Road,

The city has witnessed ceramic making for more than 2,000 years, including over 1,000 years for official kilns, and more than 600 years for imperial kilns. Due to its role as an official and royal kiln, it developed porcelain-making techniques that put it in a league of its own.

Jingdezhen, a city with its development supported by the ceramic industry, witnessed 66.537

billion yuan (about 9.51 billion US dollars) of ceramic industrial output value in 2022, an increase of 28.95 percent to that of the previous year, 516 million yuan (about 73.71 million US dollars) of ceramic exports, and 55.63 million yuan (about 7.95 million US dollars) of art ceramic exports, an increase of 148 percent and 89 percent to that of 2021 respectively, according to the statistics provided by Jingdezhen Customs.

From 2021 on, Jingdezhen put "advanced ceramics" on top of its industrial development, and set the goal of scaling up to 50 billion yuan (about 7.14 billion US dollars) by 2025.

Jingdezhen has also speeded up porcelain industry relics and cultural heritage protection work by promoting the imperial kiln sites. The city raised nearly 10 billion yuan (about 1.43 billion US dollars) to build Taoyangli Imperial Kiln scenic area, having expanded the imperial Kiln site protection area from the initial 13.1 hectares to more than 320 hectares.

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