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## TRAVEL



Yinchuan is the fourth city in China, after Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, to which Emirates Airline operates regular flights.  
Flight aircraft: Boeing 777-200LR

Flying every Tue, Wed, Fri and Sat for 6 hrs and 45 min

Flight attendants offer Chinese language services and Chinese meals

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Dancers at Yinchuan Hedong Airport in the Ningxia Hui autonomous region welcome a Boeing 777 from the Middle East on Tuesday, when Emirates Airline launched its first direct flight between Dubai and Yinchuan, capital of Ningxia. ZUO MINGYUAN / FOR CHINA DAILY

## Direct flights link China, Middle East

By DU JUAN and WANG HUAZHONG in Beijing

Clad in traditional clothing and holding the sweet tea that local Hui people serve guests, a group of dancers welcomed a Boeing 777 from the Middle East to Northwestern China on Tuesday.

Yinchuan, capital of the Ningxia Hui autonomous region and home of one of China's largest Muslim communities in the

landlocked region, has eagerly awaited the landing of the first-ever Emirates flight.

The Dubai-to-Yinchuan flight is scheduled for every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

"Ningxia is joining hands with Emirates Airline to launch China's westernmost logistics center on the Silk Road to develop itself into a strategic highland in the country's westward opening-up and a strategic transit point on the Silk

Road Economic Belt," said Li Jianhua, Ningxia's top official, at the opening ceremony.

He said China and Arab countries have great potential for cooperation in trade, finance, tourism and real estate, and this flight serves as a good start.

Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, chairman and chief executive of the airline and Emirates Group, said the route provides fast and convenient connections to Middle Eastern,

African and European destinations via Dubai.

"We are confident that this air link will also help boost the flow of trade and tourism to growing central and western parts of China," he said.

After landing at Yinchuan Hedong Airport, the flight will continue farther east to Zhengzhou, capital of Henan province, before returning.

The Dubai-based carrier already flies to Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. New routes

have been scheduled to make seamless connections to destinations in the Middle East, Europe and Africa, helping local Chinese to travel to most cities in the world, via Dubai.

The new flight is the latest factor boosting Ningxia's positioning of itself as a gateway from China to the Arab world and a strategic point in the Belt and Road Initiative.

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## FINANCE

# Delaware looking for China bank

Governor preens state as ideal package of services and laws for more investment

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Jack Markell, Delaware governor

Delaware is home to numerous incorporated Chinese businesses along with half the Fortune 500 companies, and Governor Jack Markell is looking to make it the base for a Chinese bank or financial services titan.

"I believe that when Chinese banks and other companies look at the complete picture — a simplified incorporation process, a responsive bureaucracy and legal system, they will see that Delaware is ideal for their business," he said.

Markell made his comments on Monday at Fordham University in a forum sponsored by the Chinese Business Lawyers Association.

"Delaware's advantages include our judiciary, legal system and regulatory approach," said Markell. He cited the state's general corporation law "... as one of the most advanced and flexible incorporation statutes in the nation."

Markell also praised the state's courts and, in particular, Delaware's corporations court, or Court of Chancery. "Our judiciary is fair and is willing to become an active participant in resolving disputes," he said.

Markell said the state's regulatory system is not burdensome. "Not all regulations are good and not all are bad," he said.

Markell said that about 80 percent of the wealth that will be created in the world over the next few years will occur outside of the US — "mainly in China."

"I am convinced that our kids will have to learn to do business in another language besides English from here on out," he said. "That's why we have established a language immersion program that now has 2,300 students."

Elementary school students spend half their day receiving instruction in English and the other half in either Mandarin or Spanish. Markell said the program will give Delaware students a competitive edge in a globalizing business world.

Last year, he signed an

agreement with Wanxiang Group, China's largest auto-parts manufacturer and the owner of a once-bustling General Motors plant near Newport, Delaware, for students to study at the company's facility in Hangzhou, East China's Zhejiang province, where they take daily language classes, visit local schools, participate in cultural activities, and tour sites of science and technology companies.

Wanxiang provided a grant of about \$450,000 for the study abroad sessions in 2015 and 2016, with up to 24 students and four teachers participating each year.

Markell noted that the state has hosted five trade delegations from China in the last year, and he said that the state's largest college can be an effective tool in recruiting Chinese businesses. "We have over 1,000 Chinese students at the University of Delaware. They can help spread the word," he said.

Companies incorporating in Delaware began more than 100 years ago when then New Jersey governor Woodrow Wilson, who later became US president, opposed the business-holding company structure for his state. Delaware took advantage and hasn't looked back since.

Markell said he is proud of the financial services sector in his state's economy, noting that JPMorgan Chase, Capital One and Barclays are among financial companies in Delaware.

## COOPERATION

# Chinese join Italian police for street patrols in Rome

By ZHANG YI in Beijing and FU JING in Brussels

Police officers from China have started joint patrols in Rome and Milan with their Italian counterparts to provide assistance to Chinese tourists who increasingly are choosing Italy as a vacation destination.

Two uniformed Chinese police officers will patrol for two weeks beginning on Monday at the city's popular tourist spots, including the Colosseum in Rome and Milan's Gothic cathedral.

The initiative stems from an agreement between the two countries reached in 2014 and confirmed last year. Italian police have carried out similar collaboration with such countries as the United States, Spain and Poland.

"Today is an important day, because we are strengthening collaboration with China in a very special field," Italian Interior Minister Angelino Alfano told a news conference in Rome that was attended by officials from the two countries.

The interior minister said he hoped the bilateral collaboration will be deepened with further agreements and extended to other Italian cities.

Gennaro Capoluongo, head of the international police cooperation service in Italy, said: "We feel proud to be the first one in Europe to undergo such an important collaboration program with China."

Luca Sarais, owner of Cantine Isola wine bar in Milan's Chinatown, said, "I think this is a positive initiative."

The initiative is an intercultural



Chinese police officers Shu Jian (right) and Sa Yiming patrol with their Italian counterparts near the Colosseum in Rome on Monday under a Sino-Italian agreement launched on Monday. JIN YU / XINHUA



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Angelino Alfano, Italian interior minister

response to local criminal gangs, he added.

Huang Feng, a professor of international criminal law at Peking University, said the four Chinese police officers will perform their duties according to Italian laws.

The four officers, who speak Italian and English along with

Mandarin, received training from Italian officers in Beijing before they were sent to Italy.

"The command of the Chinese language is their strength in assisting law enforcement, and they know the customs of Chinese tourists and therefore are better able to explain legal regulations and procedures to Chinese when they are in trouble or in disputes," Huang said.

Wang Gang, head of the European Division of the Ministry of Public Security's International Bureau, said that under a memorandum signed by the two countries, China will send officers to Italy during the peak tourist season every year, and Italy can also send police officers to patrol in China if necessary.

This new mode of law enforcement cooperation is based on strengthened mutual trust and demonstrates closer

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## CHINA-JAPAN RELATIONS

# 'Substantial efforts' by Tokyo urged to lift ties

By CAI HONG in Tokyo and ZHANG YUNBI in Beijing

In the wake of his visit to China over the weekend, Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida is apparently moving to lobby Southeast Asian countries to contain China on the South China Sea issue, experts said.

Kishida left Beijing on Sunday and began visiting Thailand, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam through Friday.

In a policy speech delivered in Bangkok on Monday, Kishida addressed maritime security and renewed a call for countries to respect the "rule of law". He gave a briefing on the statement of the G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Hiroshima last month regarding the maritime issue.

Additionally, Japan's Fuji Television said that, because attitudes differ among ASEAN countries toward China's maritime presence, Kishida emphasized that "it is important for ASEAN to demonstrate uniformity".

He made the remark on Monday while meeting with Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha. Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei

said on Tuesday that China-Japan ties are "still vulnerable and complicated", and China hopes Japan will "make substantial efforts" to improve the relations.

The ministry did not respond to Kishida's comment about the ASEAN countries and the South China Sea.

Zhong Feiteng, an expert on Asia-Pacific affairs at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said Tokyo likely will continue stirring tension in the South China Sea, since it will host the G7 leaders' summit later this month.

"Against such a background, the Southeast Asian countries — traditionally friendly with China and economically connected with Japan — will feel Japan's high pressure to take sides on sensitive issues. They don't want to offend either side," Zhong said.

Kishida's high profile on maritime issues "showcases Tokyo's impulse to seek greater development of its defense capabilities after the country adopted radical new security bills," Zhong added.

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