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## The First Medical Spa and Rehabilitation Center at Xinglongbao, Liaoning Province

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On January 19, Xinglongbao of Liaoning Province held the opening of its special designed activity for the Chinese Lunar New Year, "Enjoy Springs & Enjoy Festival".

Well-known for its famous hot springs, Xinglongbao is located at the west of Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province. In 2007, the thermal water was firstly discovered, and certificated by the state authority as "Medical Thermal springs with metasilicic acid and Fluoride". Besides, there are more than 50 sorts of other different trace elements. It's estimated that there were around 0.3 billion tons for the storage.

The design and construction of Xionglong Hot Spring Tourism Resort got started from April, 2010, with a total area of 186 Square Kilometers. It plans to develop the hot spring industry zone within 3 to 5 years in the following years.

On that day, Shenjing Hospital of China Medical University (website: <a href="http://www.sj-hospital.org/">http://www.sj-hospital.org/</a>) signed the cooperation agreement with Shenyang Green House Group in building a medical center for Elderly cardiovascular

rehabilitation. It's learnt that the finish of this medical center will mark the open of the **FIRST** thermal medical wellness center in Shenyang.



Location of Xionglongbao at Shenyang



View of the Spring Resorts at Xinglongbao Town



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### Annual Report on China Hot Spring & Tourism Industry Gets Started Fiona | Guangzhou

In 2010, China Hot Spring Tourism Association (CHTA, for short), for the first time, launched the project-issuing an authentic research report on the whole industry as the rapid developments and amazing achievements of hot spring and tourism have been witnessed.

Annual Report on China Hot Spring & Tourism Industry (also called "Blue Book") is a thorough analysis on the current development situation of hot spring industry in China, drawing conclusions and suggestions from its on-spot investigations and detailed analysis, instructing ALL hot spring engagers and enterprises to follow the main-stream development trends and directions,, providing abundant statistics and investigation results for hot spring & tourism centers, government departments, investing companies and organizations.

Up to now, TWO Blue Books (Edition 2010 and Edition 2011) have been issued with great attention from the whole industry. In 2012, many important activities have taken placed in China with very remarkable impacts on China's hot spring and tourism industry, such as the 65<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and the World Scientific Congress of FEMTEC in China, the Monthly Training Class for Hot Spring Masters all over the country, some well-known Hot Spring Festivals, like

Guangdong International Hot Spring Tourism Festival, etc, many important public activities happened. Expedited developments, to some extent, have aroused great attention from this sector in the past years. Besides, more and more resources have been shifted from other industries to hot spring & tourism, CHTA on one hand has notified this trend; on the other hand has started the Star-rating Metrics and development of related regulations and standards so as full thermal to make use of the resources sustainably and environmental-friendly. In 2013, hot spring star-rating will be conducted accordingly when the completion of related metrics.

Many hot spring resorts and centers have been notified by CHTA of the Blue Book project in 2013. Supports will be offered to the project by CHTA members all over the country. As learnt from the editorial center, the Blue Book of 2012 will be finished in June 2013, and be published for readers in October.

