

## Historic Chinese Capital Competes for Economic Opportunities

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### Vocabulary:

#### **dot** (in this case – verb)

– to spread things or people over an area; to be spread over an area  
ex. A lot of bars and cafes dot the street.

#### **bustle** (verb)

– to move around in a busy way or to hurry  
ex. The city center is bustling with activity.

#### **bolster** (verb)

– to improve something or make it stronger  
ex. Please try to bolster her confidence before the exam.

#### **launchpad** (noun)

– (figurative meaning) an effective starting point for a career, enterprise, or campaign  
ex. He views this job as a launchpad for his future political career.

#### **savvy** (adjective)

– having practical knowledge or understanding of something  
ex. John is the most business savvy person I know.

#### **afloat** (adjective)

– (of a business, etc.) having enough money to pay debts; able to survive  
ex. They need to fire 28 employees to cut costs and manage to stay afloat.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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