

China's Express Delivery Volume Exceeded 80 Billion Pieces in 2020

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On the morning of December 21, based on the real-time monitoring of China's Express Delivery Big Data Platform of the State Post Bureau, an express parcel sent from Huanggang, Hubei Province to Changsha, Hunan Province, fortunately became the 80 billionth express parcel in 2020. China's express delivery volume has seen an increase of 10 billion pieces each month for four months in a row since September 10 when it reached 50 billion pieces. It has now climbed up to 80 billion pieces, once again setting a new record in the history of China's express delivery sector. This has further highlighted the fact that China's express delivery market is dynamic and robust, the quality and efficiency of development is further improved, the Chinese economic recovery is well on track, and the consumption power is strong. This has not only added splendor to the successful conclusion of the "13th Five-Year Plan" for the postal and express delivery industry and but also laid a solid foundation for a good start of the "14thFive-Year Plan".

Early this year when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out, the State Post Bureau took the lead in resuming work and production, and coordinated the work of promoting the pandemic prevention and control and supporting economic and social development. We made every effort to ensure the delivery of

anti-pandemic materials and basic necessities to the residents and fully leveraged our leading role in "realizing the smooth flow on transportation arteries and ensuring the unimpeded microcirculation" and contributing to the dual circulation strategy. The State Post Bureau organized 13 enterprises to open two "green channels" for the delivery of relief materials from across the country to Wuhan as well as the anti-pandemic materials donated from overseas. Millions of couriers were mobilized to deliver the daily necessities to the residents as well as the warmth to the people. They played an important role in fighting the pandemic and serving people's livelihood and formed a strong force to overcome the pandemic. 87,500 vehicles and 779 freight flights were dispatched, delivering 489,800 tons of anti-pandemic materials.

This year, the express delivery business first experienced a shift from negative to positive growth and then went onto the fast track. Affected by COVID-19 pandemic, the express delivery volume ran low in January, experiencing negative growth for the first time. However, it achieved a rapid recovery in February, with the growth turning positive. Into the second quarter, with the resumption of work and production and the reopening of the markets, the growth of express delivery sector accelerated significantly, with the growth rate hitting back to 30%+. At present, the postal and express delivery industry has basically got rid of the impact of the pandemic. Delivering 300 million pieces per day on average has become normal and the industry served 400 million users a day on average. The express delivery sector played a more

prominent role in serving people's livelihood and contributing to the dual circulation strategy. In the process of accelerating the formation of a new development pattern, the sector is creating value as a new type of network that connects individuals, households, and businesses in different parts and integrating both offline and online. The relevant official in charge from the State Post Bureau said that the reason that the postal and express delivery industry can overcome the impact of the pandemic and return to the high-growth range is because the industry was among the first to resume work and production, the online and offline integration of China's consumer markets accelerated, and there were 4 million couriers like "hard-working bees" working day in and day out. Express delivery is the most important delivery channel for online consumption. The booming development of e-commerce has become the main source of growth for express delivery business. The incremental markets in the tier-3 and tier-4 cities and rural areas grew fast. While enabling consumers to enjoy affordable online shopping services, the industry has also identified new sources of growth.

The outgoing 2020 marks the completion of building a moderately prosperous society in all aspects and the closing year for the "13thFive-Year Plan". During the "13thFive-Year Plan" period, the postal and express delivery industry earnestly practiced the mission of "people's postal services for the people" and has built up a network system covering both urban and rural areas and benefiting all the people. All the administrative villages now have direct access

to postal services and the express delivery network has basically covered both urban and rural areas. The industry is playing an increasingly important role in economic and social development and its fundamental, strategic and pioneering roles are getting increasingly prominent. The scale of the postal and express delivery industry has been expanding. The business turnover of the postal sector and the express delivery volume both have nearly quadrupled. China ranked first in the world in terms of the express delivery volume and the growth of the express delivery business. The volume of express parcels has exceeded the combined total of the United States, Japan, Europe and some other developed economies. China's contribution to the world growth has surpassed 50%. Efficient delivery services have effectively driven the robust development of e-commerce and supported the online retail sales in an amount of over 10 trillion yuan per year. The postal and express delivery industry creates more than 200,000 new jobs each year, making outstanding contributions to the stability of employment in China. Express delivery services for modern agriculture and advanced become more specialized and are moving towards high-end of the value chain. Two-way circulation channels are further opened up. In the first 11 months of the, the industry has supported the flow of industrial products to the countryside and the flow of agricultural products to the cities, with the product value exceeding 1.7 trillion yuan.

It is learned that the 80 billionth express parcel is a parcel of local specialty

from Luotian, Huanggang, Hubei, shipped by SF Express. It will be delivered to the hands of the recipient in Changsha, Hunan on the morning of December 22.