



Hubei Province, Central China and the City of Sydney will hold a Sydney-Hubei Business Forum on Monday, 7th February 2011 in Sydney, Australia.

Hubei, in Chinese means 'north of the lake', has a population of about 60 million people, and was originally called the 'Land of Fish and Rice' (meaning abundant supply). Hubei produces important agricultural products including cotton, rice, wheat, and tea, while industrialization started a century ago.

Given its geographic advantages with good water resources, rich land and cultural foundation, Hubei should be going quite well in a normal civilized society, but the reality of [Hubei today is rather distasteful](#).

Water pollution has caused 57% of the lakes in Hubei to disappear since the 1950's, according to a water quality and resource report in 2009 by the Hubei Water Bureau. The bureau says that 15 lakes disappear in Hubei Province every year due to pollution, and that a plan to revive and sustain existing water resources was drafted in 1996 by the bureau, but due to 'many reasons', the draft plan could not be put into practice.

Hubei peasants also face land seizures which is a '[profitable process' of the communist regime's development strategy](#).

In Hubei's

Shiyan county, peasants' land was [forcibly taken](#)

by local government and sold for 350 thousand yuan (US\$53,380) per hectare, but the peasants were told that they would receive 20 thousand yuan (US\$3,050) per hectare, and as the years passed, most people got nothing, and some got 400 yuan (US\$61) per family per year as compensation.

A Hubei peasant, [Yang youde](#) , built a tree house with a home made canon to prepare to fight with the local government for his land.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRFtKVbi8r8>

[The Governor of Hubei Province, Li Hongzhong](#), was famous for his quick actions: grabbing a recording microphone from a journalist who asked him about Miss [Deng Yuejiao's](#) case (she stabbed 3 local communist officials when they tried to rape her). Li did not apologize and sayed the 'grab' was a misunderstanding. Suggestion: reporters at this Sydney event need to hold tight to their recording microphones while asking questions.

A Hubei official was sent to a psychiatric hospital because [he reported two provincial government officials for corruption](#)

In May last year, a Chutian newspaper reported that 4 people were arrested during their appeal to government and were sent to a psychiatric hospital.

A nurse in Shiyan psychiatric hospital revealed that the government offers 5000 yuan per month to this hospital to lock up troublesome citizens for the government.

The owner of a local brick making business illegally detained 10 people from 5 families when they refused to continue to work for him as they would not accept his low wages. Local police did not both to help until family members informed the media. A journalist and camera man were assaulted by the owner, and police finally answered the call to the premises. It was later revealed that [the company had no business license](#) .

While Beijing erected a Confucian statue in Tienanmen Square after decades of denigrating Confucius, the education department of Hubei and Shandong provinces decided to remove many of Confucius's sayings from school text books.

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With many rivers and lakes in Hubei Province, one company is licensed (in single handed control) to search and rescue or recover bodies after accidents, but they demand cash in hand before conducting a rescue and the price will be negotiated on the spot.

If you take your family there, try not to go too close to the rivers or lakes. "Accidents might happen".

Mrs. Chen Yulian, [a wife of a high official from Hubei was beaten by 6 police](#) in front of the government building in Hubei. The police explained that they did not recognize her and thought she was one of those citizens who keeps going to government offices to appeal (a right that all Chinese citizens supposedly have).

A self-made billionaire in Hubei, Mr. Tan Wude apparently jumped from a building to his death. Local police claimed that there were no suspicious circumstances. Mr Tan was visiting a Chinese building company that owed his company billions of yuan for contracts completed.

Teachers in Hubei Province were forced to pay their superannuation every month themselves, and when Mrs. Shao Anfu, could not afford to pay her superannuation from her meager wage, she committed suicide.

According to a police statement, a man died whilst washing his face in the sink when he was detained at Gonggan county police station on 8th April, 2010.

20 thousand people developed a lung illness from dust in the last 8 years in Hubei Province due to pollution, and 5000 people have died due to this illness according to Hubei Health Department.

A former city mayor of Tianmen county, Hubei Province, [Zhang Erjiang](#) , confessed that he raped many women, about a new one every month during his time as mayor from 1989 to 2001.

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According to Wuhan Evening News, the railway station in Xiangfan county sold 3633 tickets for a train that only had 978 seats on 28th August 2008.

Tongshan county, Hubei Province became famous on 28th Sep. 2009 because it openly recruited ' [wu mao party members](#)'('wu mao dang'), to post pro government propaganda in different web blogs. Each post earns them 5 mao (approx US 4cents) , hence the name *wu mao dang*

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