

China opens world's longest sea bridge

China has opened the longest cross-sea bridge in the world. The Jiaozhou Bay Bridge is 42.5km long and links the eastern port city of Qingdao with its Huangdao suburb and Hongdao Island on the other side of the bay

Travel time between Qingdao and Huangdao cut from 40 to 20 mins

Cable-stayed sections allow large ships to pass

LONGEST BRIDGES

Danyang-Kunshan Grand Bridge, China 164.8km

Tianjin Grand Bridge, China 113.7km

Weinan Weihe Grand Bridge, China 79.7km

Bang Na Expressway, Thailand 54.0km

Beijing Grand Bridge, China 48.2km

Jiaozhou Bay Bridge, China 42.5km



Max roadway height 50m



More than 5,000 pillars support roadway

Construction started	May 2007
Opened	June 30, 2011
Width	35m (eight lanes)
Daily traffic	30,000 vehicles
Cost	\$2.3bn (14.8bn yuan)