Undo the discriminatory hukou system to achieve ‘cities of dream’?
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1. Chan, Kam Wing. 2013, February 4. Turning China’s cities with invisible walls into cities of
1. During a widely publicised tour of Shenzhen, China, the new head of the Communist Party, Xi Jinping, called for the realisation of the ‘Chinese dream’ — a great national revival. Shortly after that, the Chinese character meng (dream) was voted ‘character of the year’ in an online poll of 50,000 people.
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In China, breathing becomes a childhood risk 
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BEIJING — The boy’s chronic cough and stuffy nose began last year at the age of 3. His symptoms 
worsened this winter, when smog across northern China surged to record levels. Now he needs his 
sinus cleared every night with saltwater piped through a machine’s tubes.
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The last of a generation (or bangbangjun and urbanization) 
written by Miguel Elosua
Built on mountains and crossed by the Yangtze and Jialing rivers, Chongqing is known as the 
“mountain city” (shancheng – 山城), and “bridge capital” (qiaodu – 桥都). Streets are often steep and 
arduous to walk along, with many stairs.
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A basic understanding of Kunming city 
written by Chi-Han Ai

Kunming: location and weather
Kunming is located in the southwest of China and is the provincial capital of Yunnan province. The 
abbreviation of Kunming is “Kun”. Kunming is also known as the “city of eternal spring”
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Chinese cities and colonial heritage preservation 
written by Sebastien Goulard
All Chinese cities do not preserve their architectural heritage in the same way. Many Chinese coastal 
cities were under Western influence, with the Unequal Treaties, from the second half of the 19th 
century to the end of WW2. The foreign presence was reflected in the introduction of Western 
architecture.
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