

# Min's Journey

Like millions of migrant workers in China, Lu Qingmin left her rural village to find work in the city



- **February 1986:** Min is born in a farming village in Hubei province
- **February 2003:** Min comes to Dongguan, a sprawling city of factories in the Pearl River Delta that is home to more than five million migrants
- **March:** Min gets a job doing quality control on the assembly line of an electronics factory
- **February 2004:** Min quits, takes a week off and goes to the Zhitong Talent Market to find a new job. She joins a factory making parts for mobile phones and other electronic products as a clerk, a big jump in status and pay from her previous assembly-line job
- **June:** Min is promoted to the factory's human-resources department. Three weeks later, she leaves the factory, takes a week off and goes to the Zhitong Talent Market again
- **July:** Min joins the human-resources department of a factory making rubber parts for electronic products



**A section of Dongguan city (top picture); Lu Qingmin (bottom left) stands reading a job posting at the Zhitong Talent Market and (right) in her company-provided dorm room while her sister, Lu Guimin, sleeps after arriving for a visit.**