# Xinhua Headlines: Farewell to poverty in Three Gorges Project regions

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**- Boasting a number of tourist attractions with beautiful natural landscapes, the regions have taken tourism as one of their pillar industries.**

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CHONGQING, July 12 (Xinhua) -- This year, people living in regions of the Three Gorges Project, the world's largest hydropower project, witnessed a historic achievement in bidding farewell to poverty.

Covering about 10,000 square km, the regions involved in the project are located in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, China's longest waterway. With a population of about 30 million, they had been plagued by poverty long before the project was launched.

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