

## Southeast China's Gutian County reaps success in mushrooms farming

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Xinhua Sil Road reports that, with over 50 years of efforts in the cultivation of edible fungi, Gutian County in Ningde City, southeast China's Fujian Province, has reaped success in industrial development, brand building and improvement of people's livelihood.

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Greg Seymour, President of the International Society for Mushroom Science, said during the event that tremella is a truly exceptional variety of mushroom known for its rich content of polysaccharides and polyphenols. These natural compounds offer numerous health benefits, including boosting our immune system, promoting healthy intestinal flora.

The county has continued to upgrade the cultivation and production of edible fungi in the past fifty years. According to Tan Guoliang, head of Gutian's edible fungi association, riding on the wave of digitalization and intelligence, Gutian's tremella production, logistics and sales have been gaining steam, forming a close industrial cluster.