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From Wikipedia:

Talca
Location in Chile
Coordinates: 35°26′0″S 71°40′0″W / 35.433333°S 71.666667°W / −35.433333; −71.666667

Region Maule Region

Province Talca Province

Foundation February 17, 1742

Government
– Mayor Juan Castro

Area
– Commune 232 km2 (89.6 sq mi)

Population (2002)
– Commune 201,797
– Metro 193,755

Time zone Chile Time (CLT)[1] (UTC−4)
– Summer (DST) Chile Summer Time (CLST)[2] (UTC−3)

Website: www.talca.cl

Talca (2002 Census pop. 193,755) is a city and commune in Chile, and is the capital of both Talca Province and Maule Region (7th Region of Chile).

The city was founded as San Agustín de Talca in 1742 by José Antonio Manso de Velasco.[3] It was partially destroyed by earthquakes in 1742 and 1928, being rebuilt both times. It sits near the epicenter of the 2010, magnitude 8.8 earthquake and suffered severe shaking[4]. The city played a role in Chile's independence; it was the home of Mgr. José Ignacio Cienfuegos, and was the site Bernardo O'Higgins' proclamation of Chilean independence in 1818.[3]

The city is an important economic center, with agricultural (wheat) and manufacturing activities, as well as wine production. It is also the location of the Universidad de Talca and the Catholic University of Maule, among others. The Catholic Church of Talca has held a prominent role in the history of Chile.

The inhabitants of Talca have a saying, Talca, Paris & London, born from a hat shop which had placed a ribbon stating that it had branches in Paris and London. The shop was owned by a French immigrant named Jean–Pierre Lagarde.

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