

Major Tasks in 2016 for Implementing the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao

I. Modern Services Industry

(1) Service trade liberalisation

1. The Parties shall accelerate the formulation of details of market access measures under services trade provisions in the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), to upgrade liberalisation of trade in services between Guangdong and Macao. They shall continue exploring a negative list management approach within the framework of CEPA, and replacing the approval-based system with a registration system for Macao Service Suppliers seeking to invest in a field that is not in the negative list. They shall also refine follow-up supervision of foreign investment, and explore implementation of a business operation reporting system and a declaration system for concentration of ownership.

(2) Financial cooperation

2. The Parties shall encourage the usage of Renminbi in pricing and settlements for water, electricity and food supplies from Guangdong to Macao. They shall support cooperation between Guangdong financial services institutions and eligible Internet payment processing institutions in providing Renminbi settlements for cross-border electronic commerce between Guangdong and Macao.

3. The Parties shall support Renminbi borrowing from Macao by enterprises in China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone (hereafter referred to as “GDFTZ”), guiding Macao’s Renminbi funds to finance infrastructure in the GDFTZ. They shall facilitate centralised internal cross-border Renminbi capital operations by Guangdong and Macao enterprises.

4. The Parties shall study the feasibility of Macao residents obtaining cross-border Renminbi mortgages. They shall also support Guangdong and Macao institutions with establishing Renminbi foreign investment funds in the GDFTZ, targeting countries included in the “Belt and Road” initiative.

5. The Parties shall build an exchange and cooperation mechanism for monitoring and formulating laws and regulations regarding cross-border payments and settlements between Guangdong and Macao, and provide a protection system for the integration and liberalisation of payment services markets. They shall promote mutual recognition of credit ratings by Jiangmen and Macao, and facilitate the introduction of credit ratings in cross-border capital financing between Guangdong and Macao.

6. The Parties shall strive for national policy support to reduce the barriers for Macao insurance institutions wishing to enter mainland China, and relax restrictions – such as shareholding ratio – on setting up joint venture securities

companies, joint venture fund management companies and joint venture futures companies by Macao-owned financial institutions.

The Parties shall enhance innovative cooperation in the insurance industry between Guangdong and Macao; and explore the coordination between the two regions' insurance industries, to provide follow-up services – including claims investigation, relief and insurance claims – for clients who make cross-border insurance claims.

8. The Parties shall support Macao banks with establishing branches in Guangdong. They shall advance bilateral opening of financial markets, bilateral purchasing, selling and recognition of financial products such as cross-border transactions of assets, funds and insurance. They shall also facilitate the acceptance of financial IC cards as a payment solution for public services in Guangdong and Macao.

9. The Parties shall establish a trading platform with new features in the GDFTZ, introduce Macao investors to participate in the building of the International Financial Asset Exchange centre, and explore cross-border transactions in financial assets.

10. The Parties shall perfect the task force on financial cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, jointly organise task force conferences, and advance financial cooperation.

11. The Parties shall support Macao's unique financial development. They shall leverage the intermediary function of Guangdong and Macao banks, and promote usage of Renminbi to settle trade between Guangdong and Portuguese-speaking countries.

(3) Cooperation in tourism

12. The Parties shall support eligible Macao enterprises with establishing travel agencies in Guangdong, and further facilitate Macao residents to sit National Tour Guide Qualification Examinations.

13. The Parties shall step up the promotion of the "144-hour visa" application policy, jointly launch marketing campaigns in countries and regions that are important visitor source markets, and guide overseas tourists to make good use of the "144-hour visa" policy.

14. The Parties shall incorporate the "Belt and Road" initiative in cooperation between Pan-Pearl River Delta regions. They shall step up their joint efforts in overseas marketing, by promoting the itineraries of Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao multi-destination tours in the shared markets, and enhancing the image of Guangdong and Macao as a "World tourism destination".

15. The Parties shall continue promoting the free entry scheme for sailing tourism between Guangdong and Macao, and strive to implement the scheme for sailing tourism between Zhongshan and Macao within the year. They shall explore the practice of "joint border-crossing inspection at a single berthing

point” at the GDFTZ for Macao yachts.

16. The Parties shall develop Hengqin as an international leisure travel island, foster promulgation of measures facilitating arrival and departure of travellers, and encourage sharing of tourism resources between Hengqin and Macao.

(4) Cooperation in the cultural and creative sector, in the convention and exhibition industry, and in trade investment

17. The Parties shall coordinate participation in and organisation of exhibitions by Guangdong enterprises, and continue co-organising the 14th China Products (Mumbai India) Exhibition 2016.

18. The Parties shall jointly organise exchange and training programmes, policy seminars, exhibitions and forums regarding cross-border electronic commerce, to provide a communication platform for the cross-border electronic commerce industry in Guangdong and Macao, and to advance integration and development of related businesses.

19. The Parties shall strengthen ties with Macao’s judiciary, to start cooperation regarding trade arbitration, maritime arbitration and mediation of trade disputes.

(5) Cooperation in the Chinese medicine industry

20. The Parties shall leverage the functions of the Guangdong- Macao Chinese medicine industry task force, explore different medical service models, management approaches and cooperation mechanisms, and strive to form a regional platform for communication and cooperation.

21. The Parties shall leverage the Guangdong-Macao Chinese medicine industrial park’s role as a platform, and initiate exchanges and cooperation with countries included in the “Belt and Road” initiative, especially the Portuguese-speaking countries. They shall support the industrial zone with studies, international registration of and collaborative research on Chinese medicine products, and construct a global cooperation and exchange platform.

22. The Parties shall foster the establishment of a Chinese medicine accreditation system, strengthen cooperation in brand building, and commence research on proprietary Chinese medicine and Chinese medicine quality standards. They shall encourage Macao Chinese medicine enterprises to develop businesses in Hengqin, jointly explore a system for regulating Chinese medicine in Guangdong and Macao, and promote entry of Macao Chinese medicine products into the mainland China market. They shall ensure the conditions for Chinese medicine production in Macao meets the needs of industry development, and explore standards and criteria for “Made in Macao” Chinese medicine products in the Guangdong-Macao industrial zone .

(6) Cooperation in professional services

23. The Parties shall perfect the mechanism for forming task forces on qualification and certification cooperation between Guangdong and Macao,

improve coordination, upgrade standards, and enhance promotions, exchanges and training regarding measurement technology employed in testing techniques, quality and safety levels within the two regions. They shall also promote exchanges and cooperation regarding technical trading measures.

The Parties shall implement the “Opinions regarding development of the legal services industry to foster construction of the pilot GDFTZ”, to secure the development of the free trade zone. They shall encourage Macao legal firms to establish representative offices in the GDFTZ; ensure a smooth delegation of the provincial-level approval authority to the GDFTZ; and strengthen operational training.

25. The Parties shall support the development of law firms that are partnerships between firms in Guangdong and Macao; and encourage innovative business models, service mechanisms, and service items provided by these partnerships. They shall support mainland China law firms to appoint local practising lawyers as legal consultants to work in the representative offices of Macao law firms in mainland China.

26. The Parties shall refine the intellectual property cooperation mechanism between Guangdong and Macao, organise the third meeting of the Guangdong and Macao intellectual property working group, and enhance cooperation on projects. They shall promote cooperation in training and services regarding intellectual property, and raise the standards of the creation, usage, protection, management and services of intellectual property in Guangdong and Macao. They shall also enhance the level of exchanges, visits, promotion and training regarding intellectual property between Guangdong and Macao, and assist Macao candidates with taking the National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents.

27. The Parties shall enhance sharing of intellectual property information, and perfect the information exchange mechanism between Guangdong and Macao for sharing information on the latest intellectual property laws, regulations and policies. They shall build an intellectual property information platform and an intellectual property database covering Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

28. The Parties shall continue to promote cooperation between tertiary institutions and scientific research institutions in Macao and Guangdong regarding research projects on Chinese medicine patent protection, and promote cooperation in utilising Chinese medicine patent information.

29. The Parties shall continue to host national accreditation examinations for vocational skills in Hong Kong and Macao, and promote the “One examination, two certificates” certification scheme. They shall organise the Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Macao and Chengdu Youth Skills Competition, to enhance exchanges and cooperation in vocational skills.

30. The Parties shall promote exchanges regarding vocational skills education in Zhaoqing and Macao, and encourage exchange visits by staff of vocation training schools in the two regions, to deepen mutual understanding regarding vocational skills education and lay a foundation for cooperation in vocational

skills education.

31. The Parties shall support schools and professional organisations in Zhaoqing and relevant Macao organisations with co-organising training for teachers and on-the-job training for students of different professions, such as preschool education, electronic commerce and culinary skills, to promote talent exchanges between the two regions.

II. Major Cooperation Areas

(1) Deepen construction of the pilot free trade zone in Guangdong

32. The Parties shall jointly accelerate construction of the GDFTZ, create an innovative comprehensive cooperation mechanism, deepen reform in various aspects, explore further opening up of Macao's services industry, and promote synergy between the trading of services and goods between Guangdong and Macao.

(2) Fully advance development of and cooperation regarding Hengqin New Area

33. The Parties shall seize the opportunity to establish a model for liberalisation of services trading between Guangdong and Macao, and explore comprehensive opening to Macao under the framework of CEPA. They shall further remove or relax the barriers to entry, such as investor requirements, shareholding ratio and business scope, targeting significant developments, especially in financial services, commercial and trading services and professional services sectors.

34. The Parties shall expedite construction of platforms such as the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Industrial Park and Macao Youth Entrepreneurship Valley, strive for capital resources and lowering of the industrial park entry barrier for enterprises, attract more Macao talents and professionals to set up innovative business ventures, and further facilitate entry of professionals to the industrial park.

35. The Parties shall accelerate progress in facilitating the movement of Macao-registered vehicles to and from Hengqin, and in formulating the provisional approach to management of Macao vehicles travelling between Macao and Hengqin. They shall strive for proper formulation and implementation of related regulations.

36. The Parties shall promote innovation in the cross-border financial services industry, accelerate development of cross-border Renminbi business, and support development of newly emerged financial businesses, such as financial leasing, commercial factoring and warehouse receipt pledge financing.

37. The Parties shall strengthen cooperation with Macao financial institutions and capital markets; and strive for compatibility of financial infrastructure, mutual recognition of products, and market interconnections with Macao.

38. The Parties shall enhance creation of a demonstration region for talents in Hengqin, formulate policies for attracting talented people, set up a comprehensive services system for developing talents and business ventures, and build a multi-channel, high-standard platform for exchanges and cooperation. They shall also study the expansion of subjects in “One examination, two/three certificates” national accreditation examinations for vocational skills, continue holding national accreditation examinations for vocational skills, and encourage Macao residents to sit for the examinations.

(3) Promote cooperation with Nansha New District, Guangzhou

39. The Parties shall carry out the Implementation Plan for the Construction of Nansha New District of the GDFTZ, and accelerate opening of various Nansha New District sectors in Macao – including financial services, shipping services, professional services, public services, telecommunication services and commercial and trade cooperation. They shall also support industries in Macao with participating in the development of the district, and formulate measures to support education, medical and taxation systems.

40. The Parties shall further perfect the mechanism of task forces for cooperation between Guangzhou and Macao, explore new cooperation models, and provide Guangzhou and Macao young people with multi-channel support for developing innovative business ventures.

(4) Accelerate cooperation between Zhongshan and Macao

41. The Parties shall perfect the cooperation between Zhongshan and Macao for the development of Cuiheng New District master plan and industrial plan; and expedite the establishment of joint venture developers and launch of landmark projects.

42. The Parties shall fully utilise the functions of Macao as a platform for exchanges and cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries for promoting exchanges and cooperation between Zhongshan and Portuguese-speaking countries. They shall support Zhongshan with further enhancing exchanges and cooperation with quality tertiary institutions in Portuguese-speaking countries.

43. The Parties shall continue to organise exchanges and cooperation of various forms for young people of Zhongshan and Macao. They shall build a base for startups in Cuiheng for young people from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and support Macao young people with starting innovative business ventures in Zhongshan.

(5) Promote construction of Jiangmen’s Daguang Bay

44. The Parties shall enhance communications with the Macao SAR Government, to jointly promote development and construction of Daguang Bay. They shall continue to deepen the study of Daguang development cooperation, enhance planning and creation of vehicles and models for cooperation, and explore new formats for cooperation.

III. Infrastructure and facilitation of border crossings

45. The Parties shall implement the Innovative Pilot Solution for Zhuhai Border Checkpoint Inspection Mechanism, issued by General Office of the State Council (Circular no. (2015) 133). They shall strive to establish a one-way inspection testing point at Hengqin checkpoint, as an "inspection on arrival, monitor on departure" measure for Macao and mainland China residents.

46. The Parties shall accelerate construction of a new border-crossing channel between Guangdong and Macao, and foster early research on construction of a pedestrian tunnel between Wanzai, Zhuhai and the Inner Harbour in Macao, and a tide sluice.

47. The Parties shall speed up the construction of the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge. They shall strive for improvements in efficiency of border crossings at the bridge checkpoints, and scientifically formulate a reasonable fee schedule. They shall also support construction of the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge artificial island for Macao border facilities, accelerate progress with construction, and achieve better planning and space allocation for major supporting industries, such as logistics, tourism and commerce.

48. The Parties shall strengthen cooperation between airports in Zhuhai and Macao, and explore new cooperation formats in shareholding structures and management and operational models.

49. The Parties shall continue to perfect the high-level network of waterways in the Pearl River Delta, speed up construction of projects to upgrade the Xijiang River, Beijiang River and Xiling passages, encourage Guangdong and Macao enterprises to establish new cross-border waterways between Guangdong and Macao for passengers and goods, and promote a multi-functional maritime network for tourism, passenger and goods transportation and cruises.

50. The Parties shall follow the unified planning of the Central People's Government, and effectively implement follow up work to define the Macao SAR's jurisdiction over its waters and territorial boundary.

51. The Parties shall properly terminate land lease contracts and resolve all related legal problems after the lot at the Border Gate Checkpoint Building is included in Macao's jurisdiction.

52. The Parties shall enhance communication and coordination for waters management and reclamation, join hands to protect the ecology of Macao's peripheral waters near the Pearl River estuary, and secure its flood control function and ensure waterway safety. They shall jointly publicise the maritime laws and policies, to strengthen legal awareness of persons using the sea. They shall also support reclamation of Macao New Districts for the sustainable development of Macao.

53. The Parties shall develop and implement an annual plan to tackle saltwater intrusions. They shall expedite construction of the fourth pipeline for water

supply to Macao and the Pinggang–Guangchang Raw Water Supply Security Project, to increase security of Macao’s water supplies.

54. The Parties shall commence the project to construct a 220kV circuit connecting Yandun Power Station and Xinao Power Station, and the feasibility study of the project, to ensure the third power supply channel to Macao can be completed within the period of the 13th Five-Year Plan, to secure a stable electricity supply to Macao.

IV. Social and public services

55. The Parties shall enhance urban planning. They shall make use of the findings of Guangdong and Macao urban planning research to commence studies on the Major Action Plan of the Joint Construction of Dawan Quality Living Area by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao within the period of the 13th Five-Year Plan, based on cooperation within the Guangdong and Macao urban planning and development task force. They shall facilitate assessments of and discussions on urban planning cooperation and coordinated development between Guangdong and Macao within the period of the 13th Five-Year Plan.

56. The Parties shall enhance cooperation between Zhuhai and Macao in social security and medical and healthcare services, and study the social and public services matching arrangement between the two regions, to facilitate cross-border employment and living.

57. The Parties shall strengthen cultural exchanges between Guangdong and Macao, and support building Guangdong’s brand as an international cultural exchange hub. They shall promote exchanges for the film industry, and strive to develop better policies and environment to facilitate Guangdong and Macao joint film productions.

58. The Parties shall enhance cooperation in social security. They shall enhance social security service quality through a task force implementing various measures. They shall also facilitate Macao residents working in Guangdong to join the stipulated Guangdong provincial social security scheme.

59. The Parties shall step up cooperation in prevention and control of communicable diseases and handling of public health emergencies, and widen the scope of cooperation in prevention of communicable disease and professional training. They shall foster communication of information, medical skills exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao medical professionals – such as organising professional exchanges and training programmes, and deploy clinical professionals to work in Macao hospitals. They shall perfect the emergency medical services cooperation mechanism between Guangdong and Macao, and increase the ability to respond to public health emergencies. They shall also encourage more Macao medical institutions to set up wholly-owned branches or joint ventures in Guangdong under the framework of CEPA.

60. The Parties shall enhance cooperation in maritime emergency rescue, implement the mutual recognition and cooperation arrangement among the search and rescue authorities of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao on the Cooperation Plan for Search and Rescue Services and Passenger Ships, to increase the ability to conduct maritime rescues, and ensure safety of passenger vessels in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao waters.

61. The Parties shall strengthen cooperation between Guangdong and Macao police, refine the police operational mechanism, strengthen intelligence exchanges, and jointly combat cross-border crimes, to ensure public security and stability in Guangdong and Macao.

62. The Parties shall co-organise the Fourth Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Marine Life Drawing Competition, enhance research, popularisation, promotion and education on preservation of marine life and endangered species.

63. The Parties shall continue implementing the Cooperation Agreement on Regional Air Pollution Control and Prevention Between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, to enhance air quality management in Pearl River Delta regions and jointly maintain operation of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality Monitoring Network. They shall advance research on airborne PM2.5 particulates in the Pearl River Delta, and deepen exchanges and cooperation in the environmental protection industry.

64. The Parties shall establish an exchange mechanism to enhance communications between the nature conservation areas at the boundary of Zhuhai and Macao, jointly protect the mangroves of the coastal wetlands at the Pearl River estuary, and enhance forestry cooperation between Guangdong and Macao. They shall jointly commence prospective and comprehensive studies on forestry cooperation, and promote ecological development and environmental protection. They shall continue to deepen Guangdong and Macao cooperation on ecological education, scientific research, and identification and protection of endangered wild animals and plants. The Parties shall also jointly monitor conservation of bird species and habitats, and combat illegal activities that are harmful to endangered wild animals and plants.

65. The Parties shall optimise the management of agricultural product exports destined for the Macao market, and improve allocation of export quotas for livestock and poultry products, to encourage competitive enterprises to expand their export businesses. They shall support transformation and upgrading of agricultural enterprises supplying the Macao market, to facilitate sustainable development of the industry, and secure agricultural produce supplies in Macao.

66. The Parties shall work in tandem with the MSAR government's tuition fee subsidy scheme, to support Macao students studying in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in Guangdong, and support inter-institution exchanges between primary and secondary schools and vocational colleges in Guangdong and Macao.

67. The Parties shall support various formats of national awareness experience and innovative business venture exchange activities for young people from Guangdong and Macao.

68. The Parties shall continue to promote the implementation of transferring inert construction wastes, demolition materials and scrap vehicles from Macao to Guangdong for processing.

V. Cooperation mechanisms

69. The Parties shall enhance the advisory functions of the Guangdong and Macao strategic development task force; commence research on topics and policies related to key areas of Guangdong-Macao cooperation, and facilitate cooperative development in Guangdong and Macao.

70. The Parties shall, under the mechanism of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference, hold cooperation meetings between Zhuhai and Macao, Zhongshan and Macao, and Guangzhou and Macao; perfect the mechanisms of operations and regular discussions; establish annual targets and implementation plans, and enhance daily communications and coordination to advance cooperation in relevant areas.

71. The Parties shall strengthen non-governmental exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao. The Guangdong Association for Promotion of Co-operation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao shall serve as a platform to deepen industrial exchanges between the two regions. The Parties shall also support the organisation of the Sixth Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation and Development Forum.