

Major Tasks in 2017 for Implementing the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao

I. Joint Participation in the “Belt and Road” Initiative

The Parties shall:

1. Support Guangdong and Macao enterprises with participating in conventions and exhibitions in countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, promote bilateral investment and cooperation with these countries and regions, encourage Guangdong and Macao enterprises and returned overseas Chinese to invest abroad, and organise visits to Guangdong’s joint industrial zones with foreign partners;
2. Jointly lead and organise delegations to visit major countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, for promoting and attracting investments, and developing new areas of cooperation;
3. As partner province of the 22nd Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF), Guangdong shall join Macao to invite representatives from Portuguese-speaking countries and the countries and regions along the “Belt and Road” to participate in the MIF;
4. Support work on organising the China Import and Export Fair, the China Hi-Tech Fair, and the Guangdong 21st Century Maritime Silk Road International Expo;
5. Leverage the functions of the Cooperation and Development Fund between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries headquartered in Macao, to provide convenience to Guangdong and Macao enterprises investing in Portuguese-speaking countries, and to better facilitate the “Belt and Road” initiative;
6. Realise organic integration of the International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum with Macao’s financial service platform for commercial and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, the Cooperation and Development Fund between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, and specialised finance, and explore development of a funding platform for Guangdong and Macao’s joint participation in the “Belt and Road” initiative;
7. Support organisation of the Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum (MIECF), jointly promote Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) cooperation in environmental protection, and technological matching and cooperation in environmental protection between Guangdong and the European Union;
8. Jointly organise an art troupe to visit Bahrain, to perform for the Silk Road Art Festival, and help to foster people-to-people bonds along the “Belt and Road”;

9. Facilitate establishment of the “Belt and Road” Legal Services Research Centre, to enhance research on laws, regulations and policies of the countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, and explore the ways to provide legal services;
10. Support Guangdong and Macao legal firms with setting up branches in key strategic countries along the “Belt and Road”, and establish cooperative relationships;
11. Enhance cooperation in tourism with the countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, develop “Belt and Road” tourism products, and explore the feasibility of joint development of Maritime Silk Road tourism products;
12. Strengthen scientific research on Chinese medicine, cultivation of talented people, and cooperation in transformation of research achievements, promote Chinese medicine in “Belt and Road” countries and regions, promote exports of quality Chinese medicine products through Macao to Portuguese-speaking countries and markets along the “Belt and Road”;
13. The Macao Foundation shall set up a special “Belt and Road” scholarship to support young people in Guangdong and Macao in pursuing studies in Portuguese-speaking countries and the countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, enabling young people to understand and support the “Belt and Road” initiative; and
14. Organise elite workshops and innovation and entrepreneurship forums for young people of the countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, and motivate participation by overseas young Chinese and foreign young people, organise delegations to visit each other to enhance trade, cultural and educational exchanges with these countries and regions.

II. Joint Promotion of Planning and Construction of the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area Metropolis

The Parties shall:

15. Jointly support the formulation of the Development Plan of the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area. Drawing experiences from world-class greater bay areas, the parties shall determine strategic positioning for the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area metropolis, oversee all coordination mechanisms, core city functions, development goals, major projects and tasks, and security measures; and
16. Jointly implement construction of the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area metropolis, study the development of a smart city benchmark system, establish a regular liaison mechanism, promote

cooperative industrial-academic-research activities, and facilitate connections and cooperation between smart cities.

III. Promote Cooperation in Modern Industrial Services

(A) Liberalisation of Trade in Services

The Parties shall:

17. Further implement the market access measures under services trade provisions in the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, and improve the negative list management approach within the framework of the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA).

(B) Financial Cooperation

The Parties shall:

18. Facilitate development of cross-border Renminbi business, interoperability of UnionPay multi-currency cards in Guangdong and Macao, and development of cross-border investment businesses, such as RQFII, QDII and QFLP;
19. Support Macao's development of specialised financial services and financial leasing businesses;
20. Support cross-border cooperation between financial institutions in Guangdong and Macao, support Macao banking institutions with establishing branches in Guangdong that focus on serving hi-tech financial services zones in Nansha, Qianhai, Hengqin and Guangdong;
21. Promote two-way opening of financial markets, and explore the mechanisms for mutual recognition of products, inter-flow of capital and inter-connection of markets; and
22. Leverage the intermediary functions of banks in Guangdong and Macao, promote Renminbi settlements in trade with Portuguese-speaking countries, facilitate Macao's development as the Renminbi clearing centre for Portuguese-speaking countries, and help Guangdong enterprises to set up Portuguese-speaking countries business subdivisions in Macao, and use Macao as a platform for Renminbi settlements.

(C) Cooperation in Tourism

The Parties shall:

23. Participate in organising the National Congress of the Portuguese Association of Travel and Tourism Agencies, the PATA Travel Mart, and the Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo, to support the tourism industries of Guangdong and Macao in developing tourism markets; and
24. Achieve progress in exploring the practice of “joint border-crossing inspection at a single berthing point” at the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone (hereafter referred to as “GDFTZ”), checkpoint border crossing controls, and pleasure boat pier facilities.

(D) Cooperation in Culture and Creativity, Convention and Exhibition, and Trade and Investment

The Parties shall:

25. Organise delegations from Guangdong enterprises to attend and participate in exhibitions in Macao, and jointly organise the 15th China Products (Mumbai India) Exhibition 2017 and the Guangdong and Macao Branded Products Fair 2017; and
26. Implement the Memorandum for Strengthening Cooperation in Cross-border e-Commerce, and continue providing an exchange platform for cooperation and training for Guangdong and Macao cross-border e-commerce businesses.

(E) Cooperation in the Chinese Medicine Industry

The Parties shall:

27. Establish the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park and the Zhongshan National Health Technology Park as pilot schemes under relevant national policies, to build a pioneering demonstration zone for international healthcare tourism;
28. Improve exchange and cooperation mechanisms between Guangdong and Macao on foods and drugs safety, strengthen information reporting and feedback mechanisms, optimise regional collaboration mechanism, and promote technical supervision, cooperation and exchanges;
29. Jointly develop an international Chinese medicine industrial base, support the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park and the Zhongshan National Health Technology Park with commencing international registration and

collaborative research on Chinese medicine products;

30. Enhance cooperation between higher educational institutions in Guangdong and Macao in cultivating talent, and technical projects related to Chinese medicine; and
31. Explore the standards and conditions for the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park and the Zhongshan National Health Technology Park to be commissioned by Macao local medicine product manufacturers for processing Chinese medicine products based on the manufacturing conditions and development requirements of Macao's Chinese medicine industry; seek support from relevant ministries and commissions at central government level, and explore the possibility of implementing more convenient testing, certification and approval processes at the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park and the Zhongshan National Health Technology Park.

(F) Cooperation in Professional Services

The Parties shall:

32. Enhance cooperation in developing standards applicable to Guangdong and Macao, and promote integrated development of measurement technology and testing techniques;
33. Continue refining the intellectual property cooperation mechanism and the project collaboration system between Guangdong and Macao;; promote cooperation in exchanges and discussions, publicity and training, and intellectual property guiding services; enhance intellectual property establishment, usage, protection, management and service standards in Guangdong and Macao; and continue assisting Macao candidates with taking the National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents;
34. Enhance sharing of intellectual property information; jointly organise exchanges for public servants in the Pan-Pearl River Delta region who deal with intellectual property; establish a perfect intellectual property information platform and an intellectual property database covering Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao; promptly provide the most up-to-date information about intellectual property policies, regulations and measures of Guangdong and Macao; and facilitate the establishment of a cooperative administration mechanism for the intellectual property protection departments of Guangdong and Macao;
35. Implement the Guangdong and Macao Trademark Cooperation Plan, to improve trademark law enforcement and cooperative handling of cases, and support Macao enterprises operating in Guangdong in applying for the accreditation of renowned trademarks in Guangdong province;

36. Implement a “through train” service for business registration and banking service applications; provide services at banks in Macao through the commercial banks in Guangdong for the convenience of Macao enterprises and Macao citizens founding companies or individual businesses in Guangdong; and
37. Make use of the intellectual property protection platform of the Hengqin New District Sub-zone of the GDFTZ to provide intellectual property customs services to export companies in the Hengqin Free Trade Sub-zone.

IV. Construction of Major Cooperation Areas

(A) Deepen Construction of the GDFTZ

The Parties shall:

38. Jointly accelerate construction of the GDFTZ, create an innovative comprehensive cooperation mechanism, deepen reforms in various aspects, and explore the feasibility of further opening up Macao's services industry; and
39. Jointly enhance cooperation in the development of the Macao Youth Entrepreneurship Valley in Hengqin, an innovation and business hub in Nansha for young Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao people, and an innovative entrepreneurship development base in Qianhai – to encourage young people of Guangdong and Macao to jointly establish innovative businesses.

(B) Fully Advance Development of and Cooperation Regarding Hengqin New Area

The Parties shall:

40. Enhance follow-up work on the recommended projects in the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Industrial Park, and continue recommending that projects beneficial to Macao's economic diversification are established and developed in the industrial park;
41. Implement construction of public services platforms such as the GMP Pilot Plant, the Testing and Certification Building, and the Research and Development Headquarters Building of the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park, to develop a public service showcase platform of traditional Chinese medicine industry in Guangdong province; and

42. 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 encourage Macao residents to sit for the national examinations for accreditation of vocational skills.

(C) Expedite Cooperation Regarding Development of Cuiheng New District, Zhongshan

The Parties shall:

43. Expedite the establishment of joint venture developers for cooperation between Zhongshan and Macao to construct Cuiheng New District, and jointly consider ways to solve the issues related to limitation of scale of land use, in order to accelerate project implementation;
44. Fully leverage Macao's functions as a commercial and trade cooperation service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, promote exchanges and cooperation between Zhongshan and Portuguese-speaking countries, and make use of the Torch International Exhibition Center to facilitate the establishment of the Portuguese-speaking Countries Products Exhibition Centre in Zhongshan; and
45. Continue organising various forms of exchanges and cooperation for young people of Zhongshan and Macao, support Macao young people with starting innovative business ventures in Zhongshan, and facilitate the establishment of an innovation and cooperation centre for young entrepreneurs from Guangdong and Macao in Cuiheng New District.

(D) Promote Construction of Jiangmen's Daguang Bay

The Parties shall:

46. Implement the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao Regarding Construction of Daguang Bay, and jointly consider the implementation of planning and development of Guangdong-Macao (Jiangmen) Industrial Cooperation Demonstration Zone;
47. Leverage the advantages of Macao's tourism institutions and related educational institutions to promote cooperation in tourism education and training; and
48. Continue deepening and promoting cooperation in financial and healthcare services, introduce Macao food processing industry, and promote industrial cooperation between the two cities.

V. Improve Infrastructure and Facilitate Convenient Border Crossing

The Parties shall:

49. According to the Innovative Pilot Solution for Zhuhai Border Checkpoint Inspection Mechanism, issued by the State Council, jointly implement the new “joint inspections for one-stop border crossing” model, accelerate construction of the new Guangdong–Macao border crossing, and expedite implementation of Canal dos Patos improvement project and construction of the border checkpoint building;
50. Conduct a preliminary study on construction of sluices between Wanzai, Zhuhai and the Inner Harbour in Macao, and strive for early implementation of the construction project;
51. Speed up construction of the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge, strive for improvements in efficiency of border crossings at the bridge checkpoints, support construction of the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge artificial island for Macao border facilities, and achieve better planning and space allocation for major supporting industries, such as logistics, tourism and commerce;
52. Promote cooperative development of Zhuhai and Macao aviation industries, develop business flight services, promote cooperation in air passenger and air freight markets, and explore areas for cooperation between Zhuhai Airport and Macau International Airport – including equity cooperation, complementary advantages, and synchronised development – to strengthen growth of the aviation industry;
53. Strengthen administration of Guangdong and Macao waters, enhance exchanges and cooperation in reclamation, and support the needs for reclamation to provide land for various new districts in Macao;
54. Implement the Agreement on Supporting Sand Supply for Reclamation Projects in Macao’s New Urban Zone Area A and press ahead with the provision of sand supply from sand-mining areas 1 and 2 for Macao’s New Urban Zone Area A reclamation;
55. Implement the Agreement on Water Supply between Guangdong and Macao, the Cooperation Framework Agreement on Water Supply between Guangdong and Macao, the Cooperation Agreement on Construction of the Fourth Water Supply Pipeline to Macao, and the Cooperation Agreement on Construction of Pinggang - Guangchang Raw Water Supply Safeguarding Project, as well as accelerate the construction of the fourth water supply pipeline, to ensure a secure water supply to Macao; and
56. Complete the feasibility study on construction of the Zhuhai section of

the third 220kV power supply line to Macao, and sign the supplementary agreement on the 2010-2020 Power Supply Cooperation Framework Agreement, to ensure stable power supplies to Macao.

VI. Promote Cooperation in Social and Public Services

The Parties shall:

57. Step up cooperation in prevention and control of communicable diseases and handling of public health emergencies; promote cooperation in prevention of communicable diseases, professional training and exchanges; and deploy clinical professionals to work in Macao hospitals;
58. Increase the ability to respond to public health emergencies, and assess the arrangements for non-emergency medical treatment and cross-border medical transport for the convenience of Macao residents;
59. Implement the mutual recognition and cooperation arrangements between the search and rescue authorities of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao on the Cooperation Plan for Search and Rescue Services and Passenger Ships, enhance cooperation in maritime emergency rescues, and ensure safety of passenger vessels in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao waters;
60. Strengthen cooperation between Guangdong and Macao police, enhance intelligence exchanges, and jointly combat cross-border crimes, to ensure public security and stability in Guangdong and Macao;
61. Continue implementing the Cooperation Agreement on Regional Air Pollution Control and Prevention Between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, enhance air quality management in Pearl River Delta regions, jointly maintain operation of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality Monitoring Network, and advance research on airborne PM_{2.5} particulates in the Pearl River Delta;
62. Continue promoting the implementation of transferring scrap vehicles and inert construction wastes from Macao to Guangdong, for processing, and strive to reach a decision on the location of the site of collection of inert construction waste;
63. 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;
64. 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;

65. Continue implementing the “Youth Concentric Plan” Guangdong-Macao exchange and cooperation project, and Guangdong-Macao sister school exchanges, support various formats of national awareness experience and innovative business venture exchange and cooperation activities for young people from Guangdong and Macao; and
66. To deepen development and cooperation among talented young people, support students in Macao universities with participating in internship programmes in Guangdong, strengthen young Macao people’s knowledge and working experiences in e-commerce, financial services, convention and exhibition, tourism and culture.

VII. Improve Cooperation Mechanisms

The Parties shall:

67. 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 in participation of the “Belt and Road” initiative, and the planning and development of the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area, and facilitate cooperation and development in Guangdong and Macao;
68. Jointly organise and participate in conference series related to the “Belt and Road” initiative, improve meeting and consultation mechanisms, and enhance regular communications and cooperation; and
69. Strengthen non-governmental exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, leverage the platform functions of the Guangdong Association for Promotion of Co-operation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and deepen industrial exchanges between the two regions.