

Major Tasks in 2013 for Implementing the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao

I. Promote Guangdong-Macao service trade liberalisation

(1) The Parties shall enhance financial cooperation by expanding the scale of Renminbi settlements.

1. The parties shall further promote Renminbi settlements in cross-border trade; actively facilitate the use of Renminbi for settlements of water, electricity and food supplies from Guangdong to Macao and project-based transactions between Guangdong and Macao; encourage more Macao enterprises to use Renminbi to participate in direct investments in Guangdong; support banks in Macao with progressively expanding the scope of Renminbi business; and promote development of personal cross-border Renminbi remittance services between Guangdong and Macao.

2. The Parties shall intensify cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in payment and settlement services; explore the development of cross-border escrow payment services; support the joint issuance of a PBOC2.0 standard cross-border financial IC card by financial institutions in Guangdong and Macao; and expedite improved acceptance of financial IC cards in Guangdong and Macao, in order to gradually realise mutual connections and use of financial IC cards issued in Guangdong and Macao.

3. The Parties shall support the participation of Macao enterprises in a certified currency exchange pilot programme for individuals in Guangdong, according to the relevant mainland China regulations.

4. The Parties shall continue to consider easing the requirements for Macao financial institutions to enter the Guangdong market; relax the prerequisites and restrictions; and support Macao financial institutions with establishing representative offices in Guangdong.

5. The Parties shall continuously strengthen cooperation in developing innovative insurance products and facilitate convergence of insurance

businesses.

6. The Parties shall improve mechanisms for collaboration between Guangdong and Macao on combating money counterfeiting, and make greater efforts in fighting cross-border illegal financial activities.

7. The Parties shall promote Macao as a business cooperation platform for Guangdong financial institutions and Portuguese-speaking countries.

8. The Parties shall promote intellectual cooperation in the financial sector; enhance exchanges and training of financial talents in Guangdong and Macao; and develop training programmes for financial services practitioners.

(2) The Parties shall enhance exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao conference and exhibition sectors; establish a mechanism for communications and liaison between conference and exhibition authorities, trade organisations and industry representatives; actively support Macao's professional conference and exhibition organisers to independently hold exhibitions or jointly organise events with local exhibition organisers in Guangdong; and continue to join hands with related Macao organisations to hold themed exhibitions overseas, especially in emerging countries.

(3) The Parties shall facilitate Hengqin of Zhuhai, Nansha of Guangzhou, Qianhai of Shenzhen and Cuiheng New District of Zhongshan to jointly organise exhibitions and industrial parks with Macao's cultural and creative industries; consider compiling a directory of cultural, creative and technology enterprises in Guangdong and Macao in order to encourage enterprises to leverage their hi-tech research projects and innovative products; strengthen cooperation with the China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair; and encourage cultural and creative enterprises in Guangdong to participate in Macao's exhibitions and cultural festivals.

(4) The Parties shall improve the Guangdong-Macao logistics cooperation mechanism, and join hands to organise the Guangdong-Macao Logistics Cooperation Conference in order to enhance technical exchanges and facilitate corporate collaboration between Guangdong and Macao; and

enhance publicity on favourable policies and investment environments to facilitate the commencement of the first batch of cooperation projects.

(5) The Parties shall facilitate mutual recognition of electronic signature certificates between Guangdong and Macao; consider signing a framework proposal on mutual recognition of electronic signature certificates between the two regions; actively develop pilot applications on e-government and e-commerce involving mutual recognition of electronic signature certificates; and promote trial applications in the form of a pilot scheme between government departments and enterprises in Guangdong and Macao.

(6) The Parties shall commission the Guangdong-Macao Standardisation Taskforce to develop a mechanism for exchanges on standardisation and enable the related bodies to realise their intention to cooperate on public inspection and testing services; promote mutual recognition of inspection and testing results on inspection and certification services involving independent third parties; strive for support from the Article Numbering Center of China (ANCC) to jointly explore the feasibility of simplifying barcode records with GS1 Hong Kong and GS1 Macau; and provide quality enhancement support by developing quality control training courses for senior management staff of Macao enterprises in Guangdong.

(7) The Parties shall enhance cooperation on protecting intellectual property and improve the regional business environment; perfect the mechanism for assistance in handling intellectual property lawsuits; establish a liaison officer system and arrangements for regular meetings between the intellectual property law enforcement authorities of Guangdong and Macao; implement pre-trial information exchanges on cross-border intellectual property cases and trend analyses on the intellectual property infringement situation; establish an intellectual property information platform to enhance sharing of and communication on information and resources; encourage Macao candidates to take the intellectual property agent qualification examination in Guangdong; develop intellectual property training for Macao enterprises that invest in Guangdong to provide essential support and

assistance on intellectual property protection for businesses with investments from Macao .

II. Cooperation in the development of Hengqin

(1) The Parties shall strive to accelerate the launch of a preferred industry list in accordance with the State Council's Official Response on the Policy Regarding the Development of Hengqin and the People's Government of Guangdong Province's Views on Accelerating the Development and Construction of Hengqin; establish the mechanism for cooperation between the taxation authorities of Guangdong and Macao, to achieve progress in the personal income tax rebate scheme for Macao residents who work on Hengqin; and commence research on policies to support Macao residents to live and work on Hengqin.

(2) The Parties shall implement in detail the Zhuhai Special Economic Zone Hengqin New Area Ordinance; strive to develop new mechanisms and systems and be innovative in the development of business registration reform, an internationalised arbitration environment, integrity system and anti-corruption work to establish a favourable internationalised business environment.

(3) The Parties shall strive to launch the border crossing supervision and control solution for the Hengqin New Area based on the principles of loosening control at the first level, tightening control at the second level, separate processing of cross-border travellers and goods and categorised management; continue to facilitate construction of facilities for first-level and second-level border administration, and strive to expedite commencement of hierarchical management; facilitate implementation of extended opening hours at the Hengqin border to phase in 24-hour border crossing; conduct a pre-feasibility study on the control of Macao motor vehicles' entry into and exit from Hengqin (such vehicles can only stay in Hengqin).

(4) The Parties shall improve the joint working mechanism for the

Guangdong-Macao industrial zone and conduct research to define the development plan, key projects and construction plans for the industrial zone; facilitate effective operation of the Commission on Strategic Development and the Commission on Development Consultation of the Hengqin New Area to make decisions on important matters and provide policy advice on major issues related to Hengqin's development.

(5) The Parties shall expedite construction of the Guangdong-Macao Chinese Medicine Industrial Park and commence construction of infrastructure to support power supplies, water supplies, sewerage, flood drainage and telecommunications; facilitate implementation of the industry development plan of the Guangdong-Macao Chinese Medicine Industrial Park; implement in detail the policies governing pharmaceutical product approval, testing and certification and Chinese medicine industry; and attract top-level talents and investors.

(6) The Parties shall accelerate construction of Hengqin's leisure and resort zone, to complete work related to the completion and commencement of operations of the first phase of the Chimelong International Ocean Resort; and, based on Macao as the platform, attract tourists from all over the world to visit Macao and Hengqin for holidays.

(7) The Parties shall enhance cooperation on promoting the development of cultural and creative industries; and strive for support from relevant state departments for establishing Hengqin as a pioneering experimental zone for cultural and creative industries.

(8) The Parties shall facilitate construction of the Gongbei-Hengqin section of the Zhuhai Urban District-Zhuhai Airport Intercity Railway and its connections with Macao's LRT system.

(9) The Parties shall enhance coordinated efforts on the acceptance inspection, handover and move-in arrangements of the Hengqin new campus of the University of Macau; and properly equip the facilities with power, water

and telecommunications utilities.

III. Facilitate the development and construction of Nansha New District in Guangzhou.

(1) The Parties shall improve cooperation mechanisms and jointly facilitate the development and construction of Nansha New District in Guangzhou; implement the Development Plan for Nansha New Area of Guangzhou approved by the State Council; and strive for support from the state's relevant departments to develop detailed policies on implementation of the plan.

(2) The Parties shall promote collaboration between the institutes for tourism studies in Nansha and Macao concerning training professionals in sectors related to tourism, cultural heritage, hotel management, conferences and exhibitions, festival and event management and food and beverage retail operations, and cultivate individuals with talent and expertise in tourism.

(3) The Parties shall facilitate the development of waterfront leisure tourism; leveraging on the Nansha Marina and the plan to build the Nansha Cruise Homeport, to jointly explore a new border crossing channel between Guangdong and Macao by pleasure boats, to boost development of the yachting industry.

(4) The Parties shall implement construction of the pioneer zone in Nansha to showcase the CEPA pilot schemes for the exploration of innovative cooperation models; encourage Macao's cultural and creative businesses in product design, industrial design, animation, multimedia, publishing, fine arts, advertising, TV and film and music to gather in the pioneer zone for collective development and thus establish an important regional platform for the growth of cultural and creative industries.

(5) The Parties shall support the establishment of a home base for importation of fresh agricultural produce from Nansha into Macao; enhance

cooperation between relevant government departments of Nansha and Macao to encourage logistics and trade, technological services and testing service operators related to the agricultural produce sector to develop their businesses in Nansha.

(6) The Parties shall closely follow and assist Macao enterprises with realising their investment plans and goals in Nansha, in order to promote mutual development of the two cities.

IV. Synergetic development of industries

(1) The Parties shall enhance cooperation in tourism to develop Macao as a world renowned tourism and leisure destination.

1. The Parties shall enable the tourism industries from both regions to better understand one another's tourism resources and investment environments; and encourage Macao tourism operators to set up branches in Guangdong, and vice versa.

2. The Parties shall improve the itinerary of Guangdong-Macao multi-destination tours; develop newly emerged premium quality products in cultural and historical tourism, leisure tourism, MICE, health tourism, yacht and ocean cruise tourism; publish multi-language publicity brochures; and develop joint promotional activities.

3. The Parties shall enhance cooperation in training for the tourism sector by promoting tourism professional skills training through cooperative development of training programmes by tourism academies in Guangdong and Macao.

4. The Parties shall enhance exchanges and cooperation in the supervision of tourism markets in Guangdong and Macao, and clamp down on violations of laws and regulations; establish mechanisms for handling complaints received by the tourism product supervision and law enforcement departments, exchanging information, and disclosing service quality data; and continue to implement and improve the Guangdong-Macao travel alert system during Golden Week holidays.

(2) The Parties shall enhance cooperation in Chinese medicine and promote the development of the Chinese medicine industry in Guangdong and Macao.

1. The Parties shall ensure the taskforce on cooperation in the Chinese medicine industry functions to maximum potential; create favourable conditions for cooperative projects; and facilitate exchanges between the Chinese medicine industries of Guangdong and Macao.

2. The Parties shall conduct research into the development of Chinese traditional patent medicines and industrial standards for testing them; and explore the establishment of a mechanism for cooperation on licensing and brand building in Chinese medicine.

3. The Parties shall leverage the resources of higher medical institutions and Chinese medicine institutions in Guangdong; derive maximum benefits from advantages in academics and professional talents of the State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicine; strengthen cooperation in Chinese medicine and technology; and promote exchanges and cooperation between teaching and technical staff from Guangdong and Macao.

4. The Parties shall support the establishment of joint venture or solely owned Chinese medicine healthcare institutions; seek to jointly build a Chinese medicine healthcare and disease prevention network; and launch a pilot scheme to provide preventive treatment services.

5. The Parties shall, with Zhongshan National Health Technology Park as the base, actively encourage medical and healthcare investments from Macao; introduce advanced management models; attract local and overseas experts to provide high-end medical and healthcare services; and establish a platform specialising in research, development and testing of medical and healthcare products to foster industrial production based on medical and scientific research.

(3) The Parties shall strengthen support for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, by implementing favourable policies and providing assistance. Guangdong province shall accelerate the promotion of “CEPA Green Channel” for business registration and online registration services. The Parties shall actively strive to expand the scope of business open to individual

Macao business operators.

(4) The Parties shall commence publicity and promotion activities to attract overseas investment and traders; join hands to organise marketing events in Portuguese-speaking countries in order to introduce business opportunities in the Greater Pearl River Delta region and outsourcing services for Portuguese-speaking countries; support Guangdong enterprises with exploring markets in Portuguese-speaking countries via Macao; organise delegations together with Macao's merchant associations and entrepreneurs aimed at better understanding the investment environment in Guangdong; jointly organise product and service promotional events and seminars to facilitate exchanges; and provide support and assistance to Macao enterprises in order to overcome the challenges due to changes in the international economic situation.

(5) The Parties shall support Macao telecommunications operators and mainland China enterprises with establishing joint venture telecommunications service businesses in Guangdong, especially in regions like Hengqin, in accordance with the requirements of CEPA; encourage the development of innovative telecommunications operation and management models; and support mainland China and Macao operators with exploring and developing more competitive telecommunications charges based on the actual situation, in order to continue lowering roaming charges.

V. Infrastructure and Convenient Border Crossing

(1) The Parties shall jointly undertake the various tasks required for building Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge; rely on the Joint Works Committee of the Three Governments to strengthen coordination in construction projects; continue to facilitate progress with construction of the main structure of the bridge, the Zhuhai checkpoint and the Zhuhai link road; and commence the study on the policies related to the opening of the bridge for cross-border traffic.

(2) The Parties shall expedite construction of the extension of the Yuehuan-Nanping section of the Western Coastal Expressway.

(3) The Parties shall expedite the preliminary work of the Guangdong-Macao new checkpoint project, and explore the possibility of implementing more convenient and efficient new checkpoint clearance procedures.

(4) The Parties shall facilitate the implementation of joint customs clearance for cargo and conduct research on the establishment of a unified public platform for this purpose; consider implementing unified customs declaration at the dedicated checkpoint for the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone Checkpoint; expand the functions of the checkpoint at the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone and complete the preliminary work pertaining to relevant supporting infrastructure projects, so that vehicles transporting fresh produce to Macao via Gongbei can be diverted to the designated checkpoint at the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone.

(5) The Parties shall conduct special studies on management of small passenger cars crossing between Macao and Guangdong that are issued with temporary single-entry permits; and consider implementing a small-passenger-car driving licence application scheme for the convenience of drivers from both regions.

(6) The Parties shall pursue the signing of a cooperation agreement between Lingnan Pass and Macau Pass, and propose a technical solution to realise mutual linkage and use of the two cards.

(7) The Parties shall call for the Joint Meeting of the Five Major Airports in the Pearl River Delta to continue promoting cooperation between airports and facilitate airport passenger and cargo transfers between Macao and Zhuhai.

(8) The Parties shall facilitate construction of a 220kV triple-circuit

transmission line from Qinyun to Macao and accelerate progress with the construction of the 500kV Jialin Substation and related power transmission projects to enhance power supplies to Macao.

(9) The Parties shall accelerate construction of the LNG project in Gaolan Port and consider facilitating natural gas supplies from the South China Sea to Macao, in order to enhance safety and capacity of LNG supplies in Macao.

(10) The Parties shall launch a preliminary study on constructing a cross-river pedestrian tunnel linking Wanzai of Zhuhai with Barra on the Macao peninsula, and its checkpoint facilities.

(11) The Parties shall develop a solution for the Zhuhai Zhuyin Reservoir water storage project and construction of a park to commemorate cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in water supplies; explore the feasibility of building a water supply pipeline to COTAI via Hengqin; and jointly facilitate the construction of the Pinggang-Guangchang raw water supply protection project.

(12) The parties shall hold regular meetings to exchange information on harbour and marine transport development and intensify cooperation in maritime passenger transport, sailing routes and transportation of goods and building materials.

(13) Zhuhai and Macao shall cooperate in building a weather radar system to provide quality and more reliable meteorological services to the two cities.

VI. Social and public services

(1) The Parties shall further increase the number of places available for Macao students at tertiary education institutions in Guangdong, and consider developing a scheme to allow eligible vocational institutions to independently assess and recruit Macao students; enable the University of Macau to raise its

enrolment quota in Guangdong; facilitate the development of joint laboratory and research centres between tertiary institutions of the two regions; actively promote sister-school relationships between secondary vocational schools in Guangdong and Macao to enhance cooperation in vocational education; and commence the pilot scheme for subsidising Macao citizens paying school fees for kindergarten, primary and secondary education in Guangdong.

(2) The Parties shall facilitate cooperation between the Zhongshan Municipal People's Government and the Macao University of Science and Technology in the development of a comprehensive university focusing on full-time undergraduate programmes, and expedite progress with related preparatory work.

(3) The Parties shall enhance exchanges and cooperation between cultural and artistic talents; support joint productions and performances organised by cultural organisations in Guangdong and Macao; and encourage mutual recommendations of quality books and publications between the two regions.

(4) The Parties shall enhance cooperation in healthcare and medical services; set up a liaison and expert group to share information on infectious diseases; host on a rotation basis joint conferences on infectious disease prevention and control; and promote exchanges regarding fast sampling and testing technology to provide rapid pharmaceutical testing services, talent training and management system support for pharmaceuticals testing laboratories in Macao.

(5) The Parties shall enhance cooperation in developing and assessing work-related skills of human resources; launch the pilot "One examination, three certificates" certification scheme for the profession of facilities management; promote talent exchanges between Guangdong and Macao; and provide stronger human resources support for the economic and social development of the two regions.

(6) The Parties shall continue to intensify exchanges on ecological education and scientific research in the Qiao-Cotai ecological zone; jointly develop monitoring and preservation programmes for wild birds and their habitats; and conduct research and recommend detailed planning for the Cotai-Hengqin nature reserve cooperation zone.

(7) The Parties shall consider establishing a mechanism for exchanges and cooperation on environmental greening and identifying endangered species. Guangdong can fully deploy its achievements in scientific research and experience to assist Macao with implementing related work.

(8) The Parties shall support the preliminary study and technical preparations for introducing Macao's air quality monitoring stations into the Guangdong-Macao-PRD regional air quality monitoring network.

(9) The Parties shall strengthen river flooding and pollution controls along the border and formulate solutions to tackle the problems.

(10) The Parties shall expand the scope of police cooperation between Guangdong and Macao; strengthen liaison on fighting cross-border crimes, regular working meetings and case investigations under the framework mechanism for exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao police to enhance law enforcement.

(11) The Parties shall facilitate effective operation of the expert panel for negotiations and cooperation related to legal matters; promote exchanges regarding documentation of laws and regulations; and establish a system for coordination of legal affairs.

(12) The Parties shall enhance cooperation in notary services, continue to facilitate exchanges between the notary industries of Guangdong and Macao, and explore the establishment of a system that can be applied for verification of documents notarised in Guangdong and Macao.

(13) The Parties shall promote cooperation in anti-corruption work; implement the Letter of Intent between Guangdong and Macao for Exchanges and Cooperation in Establishing Clean and Honest Government; commence cooperation and exchanges on a corruption-free Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge construction project; enhance integrity education, exchanges and training; and enhance the mechanism for reciprocal visits.

(14) The Parties shall complete the design and review of the solution for interconnecting Guangdong and Macao emergency management platforms; accelerate the establishment of Green Channels to speed up cross-border procedures for rescue teams on emergency duties; and hold regular joint emergency drills.

(15) The Parties shall implement round-the-clock advance booking for inspection and quarantine services and prioritised inspection of imported fresh produce to Macao at border checkpoints; enhance cooperation in sharing information on food and agricultural product hygiene; strengthen inspection and controls of food and agricultural products imported into Macao; and improve food safety and sanitation.

VII. Regional cooperation planning

(1) The Parties shall complete formulation of the tourism cooperation project and strive to implement the work as planned.

(2) The Parties shall expedite completion of the plan for collaborative development between Guangdong and Macao and prepare for its implementation.

(3) The Parties shall expedite formulation of the plan for developing Macao and the western bank of the Pearl River Estuary.

VIII. Cooperation mechanism

(1) The Parties shall perfect the mechanism of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference; and implement arrangements for working meetings to boost effectiveness.

(2) The Parties shall leverage the functions of the strategic taskforce for the development of Guangdong and Macao; conduct research on building a more competitive world-class urban agglomeration and establishing the Hengqin Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Industrial Park.

(3) The Parties shall intensify non-government collaboration; fully employ the functions of the Guangdong Association for Promotion of Cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong & Macao; and establish a liaison and communication mechanism for industry associations and chambers of commerce in Guangdong and Macao to promote exchanges and cooperation between the two regions.