

Major Tasks in 2014 for Implementing the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao

I. Promote Guangdong-Macao service trade liberalisation

(1) Strengthen financial cooperation between Guangdong and Macao

1. The parties shall further promote Renminbi cross-border trade financing business; support Hengqin, Zhuhai in developing the cross-border transfer of Renminbi trade financing assets; and promote the development of personal cross-border Renminbi remittance services between Guangdong and Macao.

2. The Parties shall develop incentive schemes to encourage enterprises to adopt Renminbi denomination in cross-border trade; and encourage Macao-based Guangdong showcase enterprises and state-owned foreign trade enterprises to take the lead in adopting Renminbi denomination in transactions between Guangdong enterprises and their affiliated companies in Macao. The Parties shall continue to facilitate the use of Renminbi for denomination and settlements of bilateral trade projects such as water, electricity and food supplies from Guangdong to Macao and actively promote Renminbi settlements in project-based transactions between Guangdong and Macao.

3. The Parties shall support the development of cross-border Renminbi syndicated loans for major infrastructure construction, large backbone enterprises and investment projects in Guangdong.

4. The Parties shall support Macao to fully utilise its advantage of close trade relations with Portuguese-speaking countries to promote Renminbi denomination in trade with these countries.

5. The Parties shall intensify cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in payment and settlement services; improve acceptance of cross-border financial IC cards in Guangdong and Macao; facilitate the interconnection of payment and settlement systems between Guangdong and Macao; further promote the cross-border use of “Macao Pass”, “Yang Cheng Tong” and “Lingnan Pass” to provide convenience to Guangdong and Macao citizens for cross-border commuting.

6. The Parties shall continue to consider easing the requirements for Macao financial institutions to enter the Guangdong market, relax prerequisites

and restrictions, and further improve collaboration in the monitoring of financial order between Guangdong and Macao.

7. The Parties shall facilitate the insurance industry in Guangdong and Macao to launch a pilot collaboration scheme in Macao and Hengqin in accepting policyholders' entrustment and the provision of cross-border insurance, vehicle investigation and rescue services for motor vehicles.

8. The Parties shall promote innovation in financial cooperation in Hengqin New Area. They shall support Macao banks to set up branches in Hengqin; encourage Macao banks to cooperate with eligible Guangdong private investors in setting up joint venture banks in Hengqin. They shall support eligible Macao-owned financial institutions to set up joint venture securities companies, joint-venture securities investment consulting companies and joint venture funds in Hengqin according to the relevant regulations in mainland China. The Parties shall develop cross-border Renminbi loan business and strive to extend the pilot scheme of Renminbi loans to Hengqin New Area. They shall encourage financial institutions in Guangdong and Macao to strengthen business innovation and cooperation, develop and launch financial products and services in Hengqin that cater to the need of businesses.

(2) Explore cooperation in tourism

1. The Parties shall deepen cooperation in sailing tourism; speed up the sailing tourism cooperation project in Nansha (in Guangzhou), Zhongshan and Macao; improve the management and operational mechanisms of cooperation in sailing tourism; and actively seek policy support, such as facilitation of border crossing, from relevant central government departments for sailing tourism in Guangdong and Macao.

2. The Parties shall enhance the itineraries of Guangdong-Macao multi-destination tours; strengthen joint promotion of such tours; and jointly explore local and overseas tourist markets.

3. The Parties shall enhance exchange and cooperation in the supervision of tourism markets in Guangdong and Macao, and clamp down on violations of laws and regulations; improve the tourism safety alert system and emergency response mechanism; and continue to implement and improve the Guangdong-Macao travel alert system during Golden Week holidays.

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

(3) Strengthen cooperation in the cultural and creative sector, and in the convention and exhibition industry

1. The Parties shall regard Hengqin of Zhuhai, Nansha of Guangzhou and Qianhai of Shenzhen as major cooperation areas and shall cooperate to implement pilot scheme policies.

2. The Parties shall strengthen cooperation between the cultural and creative industry and the convention and exhibition industry, encourage the cultural and creative sector in Guangdong to participate in exhibitions and cultural festivals in Macao, and encourage Macao to strengthen cooperation with the China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair.

3. The Parties shall improve the cultural cooperation mechanism among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao for the organisation of the 15th Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Cooperation Meeting. They shall strengthen communication and connections among relevant government departments and trade organisations related to culture and creativity and facilitate exchange and cooperation among industries from both sides. They shall fully utilise Macao's advantages in the cultural and creative industry to launch cooperation and research projects.

4. The Parties shall implement the "Memorandum of Cooperation in the Convention and Exhibition Industry between Guangdong and Macao"; start talent training programmes for the convention and exhibition industry in Guangdong and Macao; organise appropriate training courses for the convention and exhibition industry; and encourage convention and exhibition practitioners from Guangdong and Macao to jointly participate in these training programmes.

(4) Promote the development of the Chinese medicine industry in Guangdong and Macao

1. The Parties shall rely on the taskforce on cooperation in the Chinese medicine industry in Guangdong and Macao to facilitate the establishment of a cooperation mechanism for licensing and brand building of Chinese medicine; and conduct research on developing Chinese traditional patent medicines and industrial standards for quality assurance.

2. The Parties shall strive to make the best possible use of the academic and professional talents of the State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicine, together with the platform for practice provided by Chinese medical institutions in Guangdong, to strengthen cooperation in Chinese medicine and technology.

3. 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.

4. The Parties shall, with Zhongshan National Health Technology Park as the base, and South China Modern Chinese Medicine Park, Cuiheng New Area Medical Device and Equipment Park and Banfu Health Service District as the foundation, actively encourage 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 industrialisation based on the achievements in medical and scientific research.

(5) Strengthen exchange and cooperation in standardisation between Guangdong and Macao. The Parties shall actively strive to implement the pilot scheme on the mutual accreditation system in certification and related inspection in Guangdong and Macao. They shall strengthen exchanges relating to measurement technology between laboratories in Guangdong and Macao; develop quantity comparison and quality verification. They shall continue to encourage Macao-owned enterprises in Guangdong to apply to become famous-brand products of Guangdong Province (industrial category). They shall encourage support for quality monitoring technical institutes in Guangdong Province to cooperate with Macao, and strive to complete the construction of the Zhuhai and Macao Precious Metals and Gems Public Inspection Service Platform as planned. They shall promote members of the product barcode system in Macao to be included in the ANCCNET platform.

(6) Promote cooperation in intellectual property rights between Guangdong and Macao. The Parties shall improve the cooperation mechanism in intellectual property rights in Guangdong and Macao; hold the second meeting of the Guangdong-Macao Intellectual Property Rights Working Group to study the next phase of cooperation project in intellectual property rights between Guangdong and Macao. They shall strengthen exchanges among intellectual property rights authorities in Guangdong and Macao; enhance information exchange; promote interaction between intellectual property rights services institutions and trade organisations; and extend cooperation in intellectual property services in Guangdong and Macao.

(7) The Parties shall strengthen the promotion of the policy on the reform of Guangdong's industry and business registration system; promote online registration; actively guide Macao-owned enterprises in Guangdong to apply for Guangdong famous trademark certification; and actively strive to expand

the scope of business open to Macao proprietors.

(8) The Parties shall strengthen trade investment and facilitate cooperation; jointly organise the 2014 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Joint Promotion on the Greater Pearl River Delta, the 12th China Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Products Exhibition in Mumbai, India, and a delegation of Macao entrepreneurs to visit Guangdong to better understand the investment and business environment there.

II. Deepen the establishment of major platforms for Guangdong-Macao cooperation

(1) Cooperate fully in the development of Hengqin

1. The Parties shall give play to the direct communication function of the Guangdong-Macao Industrial Zone Coordination Working Group between Hengqin and Macao; expedite planning and construction of the Guangdong-Macao industrial zone; unleash the functionality of Macao's "Hengqin Development Project Assessment Committee" in project promotion; and actively create a liberal environment for Macao enterprises, especially SMEs, to establish offices in Hengqin.

2. The Parties shall facilitate project operations at the Guangdong-Macao Chinese Medicine Industrial Park; speed up the development and approval process for infrastructure at the park; and jointly start the investment invitation exercise, to reap the benefits of geographical concentration of industry as soon as possible.

3. The Parties shall expedite construction of facilities for implementing hierarchical management at the Hengqin border; promote the construction of the integrated services area at the checkpoint. They shall also facilitate the implementation of extended opening hours at the Hengqin border checkpoint.

4. The Parties shall unleash the functionality of the Coordination Group for the Construction of Hengqin Extension of the Macao LRT to expedite coordination and promote the cross-border extension of the Macao light railway to Hengqin, and implement preparation work for seamless transfer and connection to the extensions of Guangzhou-Zhuhai Intercity Railway at the Hengqin border.

(2) Extend scope of cooperation in Nansha District, Guangzhou.

1. The Parties shall explore the establishment of a cluster area for Macao SMEs; encourage Macao's cultural and creative businesses engaged in

product design, animation, multimedia, advertising and music, as well as the modern services industry, to set up business in this pioneering zone.

2. The Parties shall make use of the Portugal-Macao Cooperation and Development Forum as a platform to actively facilitate Nansha District's trade cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries.

3. The Parties shall implement the cooperation agreement between Nansha New District and Macao's vocational education institutions; and enhance training cooperation between the Institute for Tourism Studies and Nansha in nurturing tourism professionals with knowledge and skills.

(3) Actively consider a cooperative approach for Cuiheng New District According to the agreement reached at the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference 2013, the Parties shall fulfil the coordination function of the Working Group to Foster Cooperation between Zhongshan and Macao; promote enhanced cooperation in the development and construction of Cuiheng New District in Zhongshan. The Parties shall combine the development needs of Macao to realise a moderately diverse economy and improvements in people's livelihood; explore the cooperative mode, core development and areas for cooperation in the development of Cuiheng New District; strengthen cooperation in industry, tourism, education, culture, society and people's livelihood; promote cooperation between Cuiheng New District and Macao University of Science and Technology in developing projects such as Cuiheng International School and the International Institute for Knowledge and Innovation.

(4) Promotion of cooperation in the Jiangmen Daguang Bay Economic Zone. The Parties shall strengthen mutual communication and exchange; support concrete discussions between relevant departments in Macao and Jiangmen; consider the implementation of cooperation projects in promotion of Daguang Bay Economic Zone; focus on promoting cooperation in elderly services and medical care; speed up the construction of projects such as Yinkui Hospital and the Guangbohui market for lighting products; and facilitate construction of the major platform of cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao on the west bank of Pearl River.

III. Infrastructure and Convenient Border Crossing

(1) The Parties shall jointly undertake the tasks for building the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and rely on the Joint Works Committee of the Three Governments to strengthen coordination of the construction project; continue to facilitate progress in construction of the main structure of the bridge, the Zhuhai checkpoint and the Zhuhai link road; and commence the

study of policies related to the opening of the bridge for cross-border traffic.

(2) The Parties shall expedite the promotion of a pilot scheme of the new customs clearance policy of Guangdong and Macao at the checkpoint; and undertake reform and initiatives in clearance procedures.

(3) The Parties shall expedite construction of the extension of the Yuehuan-Nanping section of the Western Coastal Expressway to ensure the project will be completed and open to traffic in 2016. They shall continue to promote the construction of an expressway from Jinding of Zhuhai to Hengqin.

(4) The Parties shall facilitate planning and construction of new border checkpoints, speed up construction of a 220kV power transmission project around Macao (Fuxiang) and accelerate the progress of the construction of the 500kV Jialin Substation and related power transmission projects to enhance power supplies to Macao.

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

(6) The Parties shall expand the functions of the checkpoint at the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone; and seek to introduce Hengqin New Area's customs clearance policy to the industrial zone, to further promote the transformation and upgrading of the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone.

(7) The Parties shall gradually implement driver's licence exemption whereby driving tests are exempted for the renewal of mainland driver's licence for small private cars (C1) and small automatic-transmission private cars (C2) and Macao driver's licence for light vehicles (B).

(8) The Parties shall make their best efforts in formulating and enforcing regulations on Macao motor vehicle entry and exit in Hengqin.

(9) The Parties shall design an annual plan to tackle saltwater intrusion to guarantee the security of Macao's water supply. They shall facilitate construction of the fourth water supply pipeline from Hengqin to Cotai and the Pinggang-Guangchang raw water supply security infrastructure project.

(10) Based on the opportunity of cooperation between Zhuhai and Macao to build a weather radar system, the Parties shall strengthen the two cities' meteorological disaster prevention and mitigation capability, and give full play to the benefits of this cooperative project. They shall implement the Zhuhai and

Macao Cooperation Plan for a Meteorological Network Construction in the Pearl River Estuary to provide more reliable meteorological services to Zhuhai and Macao.

(11) The Parties shall consider expediting the connection of the Natural Gas backbone between Macao and Guangdong to enhance gas supply security and capability in Macao.

IV. Social and public services

(1) The Parties shall promote exchange and cooperation among tertiary institutions in Guangdong and Macao; hold educational exchange meetings on tertiary education; and facilitate cooperation in launching scientific research projects by tertiary institutions from Guangdong and Macao. They shall urge tertiary education administrative authorities in Guangdong and Macao to sign a memorandum on exchange and cooperation programmes; establish a communication mechanism to further promote exchange and cooperation on tertiary education. They shall expand the enrolment quota for Macao students at tertiary institutions in Guangdong to encourage cultivation of high-level talented people; promote cooperation on basic education and vocational training and facilitate establishment of sister-school partnership between schools from both sides. They shall further enhance the tuition fee subsidy scheme to support Macao students to study in kindergartens, primary schools and secondary schools in Guangdong.

(2) The Parties shall facilitate implementation of academic cooperation between Zhongshan and Macao University of Science and Technology in building a cooperation platform for political, industrial and academic research in Guangdong and Macao.

(3) The Parties shall promote cooperation between Zhaoqing Medical College and Macao's Kiang Wu Nursing College and expedite implementation of student exchange and teacher training programmes.

(4) The Parties shall promote exchange and cooperation between the Zhaoqing City Museum and the Macao Museum. They shall facilitate Zhaoqing City Museum's offering of precious Duanxi ink stones to the Macao Museum as a gift, promote the culture of Duanxi ink stone in Macao, and participate in the 2014 International Museum Day Carnival.

(5) The Parties shall organise the 14th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Tripartite Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases; enhance cooperation in the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases, public health emergency response, information reporting, food safety and professional training; and continue to carry out cooperation in specialist

nursing training.

(6) The Parties shall implement the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Guangdong Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau and the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau of Macao Regarding the Feasibility Study of the Application of Electronic Barcode Technology on Food Animals Imported into Macao; compile the feasibility report on the application of electronic barcode technology; and implement in a timely manner the ear tagging of live cattle imported to Macao.

(7) The Parties shall strengthen food safety and technical cooperation between Guangdong and Macao; carry out the cooperative project Research and Application of High-throughput Screening Technology on Pesticide Residues in Food. They shall jointly push forward the feasibility study on implementing a traceability system for vegetables imported into Macao and commence the system development work in a timely manner. The Parties shall strengthen working exchanges between Guangdong and Macao government departments; encourage the Government and industries of Macao to participate in the development of an agricultural produce demo zone for food supplied to Macao from Guangdong; and jointly enhance the ability to assure the quality, safety and hygiene of agricultural produce imported into Macao.

(8) The Parties shall support and encourage Macao service providers to offer home care services in Guangdong in the form of sole proprietorship instead of establishing companies. They shall explore the formulation of the Guidelines for Macao Service Providers Offering For-profit Elderly Centres and Services for the Disabled in the Form of Sole Proprietorship in Guangdong.

(9) The Parties shall improve the regional air quality monitoring network, in support of the merging of Macao's air quality monitoring stations into the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality Monitoring Network.

(10) The Parties shall support the planning and construction of the new border crossing facilities between Guangdong and Macao; conduct a thorough environmental impact assessment and monitor the overall rectification work of Canal Dos Patos; and continue to intensify the clearance of water lettuce in Qiangshan River.

(11) The Parties shall continue to develop the environmental protection industry and promote technical exchanges between Guangdong and Macao; and actively encourage environmental protection enterprises in Guangdong to participate in the 2014 Macao International Environmental Cooperation Forum and Exhibition (MIECF).

(12) The Parties shall continue to deepen the ecological education and scientific research exchanges on the Qi'ao-Cotai Ecological Zone; continue to cooperate in developing the Cotai-Hengqin nature reserve cooperation zone and gradually implement the proposed work on the basis of the results of the previously completed wild bird study conducted in Hengqin and Macao. They shall strengthen exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao on wetland protection, and establish cooperative mechanisms to identify endangered species and to conduct training exchanges.

V. Regional cooperation planning

(1) The Parties shall speed up the development of the Outline of the Vision of Cooperation on Regional Tourism in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and proceed with the implementation of relevant work.

(2) The Parties shall jointly compile the Development Plan of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural Exchange and Cooperation 2014-2018 to determine the direction of development in cultural exchange and cooperation, the main tasks to be fulfilled, the major projects and procedures of implementation in the next few years.

(3) The Parties shall continue to compile the Action Plan for a Livable Bay Area of the Pearl River Estuary and conduct public consultations in a timely fashion, and seek to complete and publish the action plan in the first half of 2014.

(4) The Parties shall continue to compile the Zhuhai-Macao Coordinated Development Plan and the Development Plan for Macao and the West Bank of the Pearl River Estuary.

VI. Cooperation mechanisms

(1) The Parties shall, under the mechanism of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference, strengthen the function of the mechanism; organise the Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation and Development Forum; support Zhuhai in strengthening direct communication and negotiation with the Macao SAR Government on the joint development of Hengqin Island.

(2) The Parties shall further give play to the function of the Guangzhou-Macao Cooperation Task Force to jointly explore cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries and explore the mechanism for promoting implementation of specific projects.

(3) The Parties shall formulate a solid liaison mechanism for Zhongshan-Macao cooperation in developing the Cuiheng New District; improve the operation system of the Zhongshan-Macao Cooperation Task

Force to expedite consultations to advance cooperative projects in the Cuiheng New District.

(4) The Parties shall continue to leverage the functions of the strategic taskforce for the development of Guangdong and Macao; jointly conduct policy research on the establishment of a major platform for Guangdong-Macao cooperation as a reference for decision-making in the promotion of optimum economic diversification in Macao and the development of science in Guangdong.