

Major Tasks in 2015 for Implementing the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao

I. Modern Services Industry

(1) Service trade liberalisation

1. The Parties shall fully implement the provisions in CEPA regarding the service trade liberalisation between Guangdong and Macao in principle; speed up the formulation of auxiliary policies and measures; and establish a market entry and regulatory system that complies with the management approach of “pre-establishment national treatment plus a negative list”. They shall strengthen communications, coordination and policy promotion, advancing the measures for liberalisation of trade in services between Guangdong and Macao.

(2) Financial cooperation

2. The Parties shall promote innovation and development of cross-border Renminbi business, by allowing the use of Renminbi capital from Macao in building infrastructure within the pilot free-trade zone in Guangdong, China, and advancing the cross-border Renminbi bilateral financing services together with the usage of Renminbi for settling other capital projects or transactions. They shall facilitate Guangdong and Macao enterprises to carry out internal cross-border Renminbi capital centralised operations, and promote the provision of cross-border Renminbi settlement services by banks in Guangdong, for current accounts of personal customers. They shall expand the usage of Renminbi in stock and service trading settlement between Guangdong and Macao, while promoting the usage of Renminbi in pricing and settlements for water, electricity and food supplies in Macao. They shall encourage banks in Guangdong, either independently or through cooperation with payment processing institutions, to provide Renminbi pricing and settlement in cross-border electronic commerce between Guangdong and Macao. They shall also prudently commence the cross-border assets transfer operations, for trade financing in Renminbi by banks in Guangdong and Macao.

3. The Parties shall deepen payment and settlement cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, to launch as soon as practicable the services of settlement in Renminbi by China UnionPay customers in Macao, facilitating Guangdong residents' use of credit cards in Macao.

4. The Parties shall continue to support banks in Guangdong with establishing financial institutions in Macao, and vice versa; and support banks in Macao with establishing branches in Guangdong, and encourage them to establish specific institutions that provide financial services for SMEs in Guangdong. They shall promote the establishment of new financing organisations such as rural banks and small loan companies, and join the reform and construction of local corporate financial institutions in Guangdong.

They shall help set up a joint ventures bank of China and Macao, and strive to facilitate establishment of pilot consumer loan companies in Guangdong by eligible Macao financial institutions and establishment of branches in Macao by eligible Guangdong corporate banks.

5. The Parties shall support eligible Guangdong-and-Macao-funded joint venture to finance through public listing via the capital market in the PRC, and encourage listed companies in Guangdong to participate in the industrial diversification in Macao. Eligible securities and futures corporate organisations are encouraged to set up branches in Macao to provide financing intermediate services according to the regulations. They shall support Macao-owned financial institutions that are eligible to open joint venture fund management companies, joint venture securities companies, and joint venture securities investment consulting companies in accordance with relevant requirements.

6. The Parties shall continue to step up cooperation in the insurance industry to provide follow-up services - including investigation, relief and insurance claims – for clients who make cross-border automobile insurance claims.

7. The Parties shall continue to support Macao as a platform for Guangdong financial institutions to carry out business cooperation in Portuguese-speaking countries, and for using Renminbi to settle trade between Guangdong and Portuguese-speaking countries through financial institutions in Macao.

(3) Cooperation in tourism

8. The Parties shall deepen cooperation in tourism, guiding Macao service providers to establish tourism enterprises in the pilot free-trade zone in Guangdong, China and to enjoy the convenience of relevant policies while launching yachting tourism. They shall support and promote the arrangements enabling Macao residents to enjoy treatment as Chinese nationals when they provide tour guide services, perfecting relevant auxiliary measures.

9. The Parties shall continue to enhance the itineraries of Guangdong-Macao multi-destination tours; and jointly explore local and overseas tourist markets to build up local tourism brands. They shall step up their efforts in overseas marketing, by promoting the itineraries of Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao multi-destination tours and Maritime Silk Road tours in the common markets.

10. The Parties shall commence 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.

11. The Parties shall deepen cooperation in sailing tourism; promote the early launch of the free entry scheme for sailing tourism between Shenwan (in

Zhongshan) and Macao; speed up the implementation of the free entry scheme for sailing tourism between Nansha (in Guangzhou) and Macao; explore a new regulatory model for sailing; advance the development of the new free entry scheme for sailing trips amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao.

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

12. The Parties shall continue to host conventions and exhibitions through organisations including Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute. They shall continue to support Guangdong businesses joining exhibitions in Macao.

13. The Parties shall jointly organise trade delegations to Africa for exchange activities. Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao shall jointly arrange delegations to promote activities in the Pearl River Delta Region.

14. The Parties shall continue to co-organise Guangdong and Macao Branded Products Fair. They shall advance the exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao enterprises, through the Branded Products Fair, procurement conferences, and trade fairs.

15. The Parties shall continue to jointly organise delegations of Macao entrepreneurs visiting western Guangdong, to launch trading exchange activities that promote communications between representatives of enterprises.

(5) Cooperation in the Chinese medicine industry

16. The Parties shall expedite planning and construction of the Guangdong-Macao industrial zone for the Chinese medicine industry, and jointly commence the investment invitation exercise. They shall advance preparations for establishing the industrial zone as a partner of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine.

17. The Parties shall support collaboration in various projects, such as the planting base for Chinese medicine, Chinese medicine processing, research and development, healthcare industries, and personnel training.

(6) Cooperation in professional services

18. The Parties shall enhance cooperation in the testing and certification sector by focusing on facilitation, liberalisation and professionalisation, to encourage testing or certification institutes in Macao to help Guangdong industries with transforming and upgrading. They shall strengthen the exchanges in information regarding standards and cooperation regarding revisions to standards; support relevant enterprises and organisations in Guangdong and Macao with participating in local or overseas standardisation activities, to improve coordination and enhance revisions to standards. They

shall enhance corporation between Guangdong and Macao regarding measurement technology, to promote exchanges regarding technical trading measurements.

19. The Parties shall support legal firms in mainland China and Macao with conducting pilot partnerships in Nansha (in Guangzhou), Qianhai (in Shenzhen), and Hengqin (in Zhuhai). They shall strive for the support of national policies to expand the partnership pilot areas for Guangdong and Macao law firms to include the entire province, to increase the number of partnership law firms, and to remove the restrictions on practising for lawyers from partnership law firms who practise in mainland China.

20. The Parties shall strive for support from the Ministry of Justice, so eligible Macao lawyers will become practising lawyers in Guangdong through a practice access system upon the promulgation of Regulations of Chartered Practice of Lawyers. They shall strive for further relaxation of the scope of civil proceedings undertaken by lawyers who are Macao residents and are qualified as practising lawyers in mainland China.

21. The Parties shall continue to promote the pilot “One examination, three certificates” certification scheme; and strive to launch the pilot “One examination, three certificates” certification scheme for baristas, tea specialists, and assistant facility management specialists in Guangdong and Macao by 2015. They shall complete the standard interconnection and test question database establishment for facility management specialists; and continue to host national accreditation examinations for vocational skills in Hong Kong and Macao.

22. The Parties shall carry out the audits and evaluations for tax exemption/refund eligibility of facility procurement by foreign-funded research and development centres, together with the supervision of tax concessions, to ensure the appropriate implementation of favourable policies.

23. The Parties shall promote the reform of the business system, pushing forward legislation on management of the business registration ordinance. They shall thoroughly implement the Provisional Regulations on Public Notice of Corporate Information, expedite and perfect the follow-up regulatory system, and upgrade and revise the system for public announcements of corporation credit information.

24. The Parties shall promote the mutual accreditation of electronically signed certificates. They shall complete the formulation and promulgation of the Strategy for Mutual Recognition of Electronically Signed Certificates between Guangdong and Macao. They shall propose specific measures for promoting application of pilot mutual accreditation by Guangdong and Macao; prepare and organise the construction of pilot platforms of Facilitation of Online Trading between Guangdong and Macao and Free Online Services between Guangdong and Macao; promote the Safe Electronic Mail Services project and the application of cross-border mutual accreditation of certificates by Guangdong and Macao.

25. The Parties shall enhance cooperation in intellectual property protection. They shall commence cooperation with departments including Macao Customs; discuss and formulate evaluation of cooperation in trademark enforcement; establish the system of contact persons; and define the scope of exchanges and cooperation and specific procedures.

26. The Parties shall leverage on the implementation of supportive policies, support the pilot business of Macao offshore calling centres, while enabling Macao telecommunication providers to sell telephone cards in Guangdong. They shall also support mainland China and Macao telecom operators with exploring favourable pricing policies in accordance with actual circumstances, with the aim of reducing roaming charges.

27. The Parties shall deepen the exchanges and cooperation on statistical work by Guangdong and Macao, enhancing exchanges of statistical information and information on sectors in which Guangdong and Macao cooperate.

II. Major Cooperation Areas

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

28. The Parties shall promote the construction of the pilot free-trade zone in Guangdong, China by implementing auxiliary policies and measures, and expediting reform of the management system. They shall further deepen cooperation between the sub-areas of the pilot free-trade zone and Macao.

(2) Fully advance development of and cooperation regarding Hengqin

29. The Parties shall promote comprehensive cooperation between Hengqin New Area and Macao. They shall expedite construction of the Guangdong-Macao industrial zone and Chinese Medicine Industrial Park as well as other relevant projects, advancing the optimum diversification of Macao's economy.

30. The Parties shall speed up financial construction of Hengqin New Area; and promote financial innovation by reducing the entry barriers for Macao-owned financial institutions planning joint or independent development. They shall speed up the construction of the electronic settlement system of Hengqin and Macao, supporting and facilitating the back-office services or back-up centres for Macao financial institutions in Hengqin. They shall explore more convenient cross-border financial services between Hengqin and Macao.

31. The Parties shall encourage the establishment of a pilot zone in Hengqin for national talent management reform. They shall actively strive to support policies for Macao professionals to practice in Hengqin.

32. The Parties shall support technological exchanges and cooperation

between tertiary institutions, scientific research institutions and enterprises in Guangdong and Macao, regarding sectors such as Chinese medicine and telecommunications. They shall actively participate in the development and construction of Hengqin New Area.

33. The Parties shall line up more projects with sound foundations for cooperation and industrialisation prospects along with relevant organisations in Macao, to jointly apply to the Ministry of Science and Technology for collaborative projects between Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan.

34. The Parties shall encourage the joint organisation of quality seminars regarding the mutual concerns of Guangdong and Macao, advancing exchanges and cooperation by scientific research personnel between the two areas.

35. The Parties shall follow up on the arrangement for insurance providers of Guangdong and Macao to provide pilot cross-border automobile insurance services, by assisting pilot companies to resolve policy issues and consolidate relevant experience.

(3) Study on cooperation between Macao and Nansha New District, Guangzhou

36. The Parties shall explore and reform the model for cooperation between Nansha New District and Macao, by deepening implementation of the Guangzhou Nansha New District Regulations. They shall promote innovations in the economic and social management system, creating an excellent business environment that follows international standards and the principle of rule of law.

37. The Parties shall, according to the Development Plan of the Guangzhou Nansha New District, promote cooperation between Guangdong and Macao regarding technology, finance, cultural innovation, tourism, education, medicine, and law, with the aim of establishing advanced manufacturing bases, regional technological innovation centres, integrated services hubs, and a quality circle of living for Guangdong and Macao.

(4) Accelerate transformation and upgrading of the cross-border industrial area between Zhuhai and Macao

38. The Parties shall strive for state support in enabling the transformation of Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Park from a manufacturing-oriented facility into a trade services-oriented facility.

(5) Accelerate cooperation between Zhongshan and Macao

39. The Parties shall speed up the joint establishment of the Demonstration Region for Comprehensive Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, between Cuiheng (in Zhongshan) and Macao. They shall expedite the establishment of a body focusing on joint development, and complete

overall planning of the demonstration region and preparatory planning for industries.

(6) Study of the new collaborative model for Jiangmen's Daguang Bay Economic Zone

40. The Parties shall conduct a study on the industrial cooperation between Macao and Jiangmen's Daguang Bay. They shall reform the cooperation and development model, and commence solid cooperation in due course, creating conditions for further cooperation between Macao and western Guangdong.

III. Infrastructure and facilitation of border crossings

41. The Parties shall speed up the construction of various projects including the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, and complete the study on the border crossing policies for the bridge.

42. The Parties shall accelerate the construction of the extension line for the inter-city railway between Guangdong and Zhuhai (the inter-city railway between downtown Zhuhai and Zhuhai Jinwan Airport). They shall speed up the design of the extension of the Macao light railway to Hengqin, advancing preparations for the smooth transition and connections of railways at the Hengqin border.

43. The Parties shall study cooperation between the airports in Macao and Zhuhai, exploring an innovative cooperation model to realise mutual benefits.

44. The Parties shall speed up planning and construction of a new passage between Guangdong and Macao (at Qingmao border), focusing on the new wholesale market and the comprehensive dredging of Canal Dos Patos, the planning of environmental impact assessment, and the design of a joint immigration inspection centre. They shall work on the preparation of auxiliary equipment and system software engineering, based on the new cooperation model of "joint inspection and one pass". They shall improve the efficiency of border crossings between Zhuhai and Macao, by facilitating the construction of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge border, Hengqin border and a comprehensive traffic hub.

45. The Parties shall promote early research on construction of a pedestrian tunnel and border facilities between Wanzai in Zhuhai and the Inner Harbour in Macao, and negotiate regarding dredging the waters between the two areas.

46. The Parties shall promote construction of the extension between the Yuehuan and Nanping branches of the Western Coastal Expressway, to complete the project and make it operational by 2016. They shall also promote construction of the expressway between Jinding in Zhuhai and Hengqin.

47. The Parties shall promote construction of the third 220kV return circuit,

connecting the Qinyun power station to Macao's CT220 (Lotus) station, striving for completion by 2015; strive to complete the second 220kV return circuit connecting the Yandun power station to Xinao power station within the period of the 13th Five-Year Plan, as the third power cable to Macao. They shall accelerate progress with construction of the 500kV Jialin Substation and related power transmission projects, to secure the power needed for Macao's economic and social development.

48. The Parties shall promote the quarantine and supervision systems for boats sailing between Hong Kong and Macao; implement in a timely manner the ear tagging of live cattle imported to Macao; and enhance the application of information technology in customs clearance.

49. The Parties shall accelerate the study of the provisional approach to management of Macao automobiles entering and leaving Hengqin, aiming to regulate the management of vehicles travelling between Macao and Hengqin, and ease traffic flows between the two regions.

50. The Parties shall conform to the driver's licence exemptions, whereby driving tests are exempted for renewals of mainland China driver's licences for small private cars (C1) and small automatic-transmission private cars (C2); and for Macao driver's licences for light vehicles (B)

51. The Parties shall actively raise construction funds and improve the supervision of funding for construction projects, to ensure smooth construction of major cross-border traffic infrastructure.

52. The Parties shall design an annual plan to tackle saltwater intrusions, to guarantee the security of Macao's water supplies. With the signing of the Cooperation Agreement on the Construction of the Fourth Pipeline for Water Supply to Macao and the Pinggang-Guangchang Raw Water Supply Security Project, they shall facilitate the progress of the two infrastructure projects.

53. The Parties shall follow the unified planning of the Central Government of China, to define the Macao SAR's jurisdiction over its customary waters and the land boundary of the Macao SAR.

IV. Social and public services

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

55. The Parties shall improve the cooperation in the Social Security Fund of Macao regarding protection of the elderly, improve exchanges, research and discussions, and promote the signing of agreements to facilitate cooperation in

protecting the elderly in Guangdong and Macao.

56. The Parties shall leverage on the construction of new border crossing facilities between Guangdong and Macao to enhance work on river management between Zhuhai and Macao, aiming to jointly safeguard the waters of both regions.

57. The Parties shall promote regional air protection, jointly maintain the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality Monitoring Network, and jointly publish information on air quality in the Pearl River Delta. They shall advance research on improving airborne PM2.5 particulates in the Pearl River Delta.

58. The Parties shall continue to develop the environmental protection industry and promote technical exchanges between Guangdong and Macao; and actively participate in the 2015 Macao International Environmental Cooperation Forum and Exhibition (MIECF).

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

60. The Parties shall host training courses on labour supervision and enforcement in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and participate in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Labour Supervision Cooperation Conference held in Macao. They shall step up the promotion of policies regarding labour supervision, and refer to Hong Kong and Macao's opinions concerning major legislation on labour relations in Guangdong province.

61. The Parties shall launch cooperation in legal matters between Guangdong and Macao, leveraging on the platform of the expert group on the negotiations and cooperation in legal matters between Guangdong and Macao. They shall launch cooperation in topical seminars, personnel training, recommending legislation and mutual communications, while establishing a legal affairs coordination mechanism that fosters closer cooperation between the two regions.

62. The Parties shall strengthen cooperation in emergency response management, accelerating construction of interconnected emergency response platforms. They shall carry out regular joint drills; coordinate research on solutions to the policy on emergency pathways of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. They shall deepen the agreement on cooperation in the event of emergencies affecting the Hengqin Campus of the University of Macau, by taking turns to conduct regular drills. They shall strive for support from the PRC government for constructing a "green channel", which enables the emergency rescue teams of Guangdong and Macao to enter the area under one another's jurisdiction when jointly handling an emergency.

63. The Parties shall continue to strengthen ecological education and scientific research exchanges regarding the Qi'ao-Cotai Ecological Zone,

enhancing wetland management and jointly launching work on protecting birds and their habitats. They will cooperate on constructing Cotai-Hengqin Ecological Protective Zone. They shall establish mechanisms for cooperating to identify endangered species, enforcing the law, and conducting training exchanges.

64. The Parties shall continue to promote cooperation in meteorology. They shall step up cooperation in enhancing regional weather forecasting technology, and weather forecast and warning technology; and advance research and exchanges on weather changes, as well as optimise meteorological networks concerning the Pearl River Delta, oceans and the atmosphere.

65. The Parties shall perfect the working mechanism for ensuring safe and steady supplies of basic necessities including food, agricultural produce, water, electricity, and natural gas to Macao.

V. Cooperation mechanisms

66. The Parties shall continue to leverage the functions of the strategic taskforce for the development of Guangdong and Macao; jointly conduct research on the key sectors and projects of Guangdong-Macao cooperation, to aid decision-making for advancing economic and social development in Guangdong and Macao.

67. The Parties shall, under the mechanism of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference, support Zhongshan in perfecting the mechanism of forming cooperation taskforces with the Macao SAR, carrying out regular working meetings to advance cooperation.

68. The Parties shall, under the mechanism of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference, perfect the mechanisms for working meetings and forming working groups on construction, between Zhuhai and Macao. The Parties shall continue to organise the Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation and Development Forum, building the platform for interactions and exchanges among the industry players, so they can make recommendation and formulate strategies for Guangdong and Macao to develop in synergy.

69. The Parties shall, under the mechanism of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference, support the establishment of the mechanism for cooperation in meteorological technology, and by signing the meteorological cooperation agreement increase the scope and depth of the cooperation.