

The Implementation of the Major Tasks in 2012 for the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao

I. Cooperation in the development of Hengqin

(1) The Parties shall implement the State Council's Official Reply on the Policy Regarding the Development of Hengqin and the People's Government of Guangdong Province's Opinions on Accelerating the Development and Construction of Hengqin. The Zhuhai Municipality shall implement in detail the Zhuhai Special Economic Zone Hengqin New Area Ordinance, formulate practical and feasible solutions, and make their best efforts to establish an international business environment.

(2) The Parties shall establish a joint working mechanism for the Guangdong-Macao industrial zone, conducting research to define the development plan, key projects and construction plans for the Guangdong-Macao industrial zone. In respect of the Hengqin New Area two new bodies are to be formed to make decisions on important matters and give policy advice on major issues related to Hengqin's development: the Commission on Strategic Development and the Commission on Development Consultation.

(3) The Parties shall promote and implement the "Beyond Special Economic Zone (SEZ)" incentive policy, refine the "hierarchical management" policy, kickstart construction of the related facilities of first-level and second-level border administration and commence hierarchical management. The tax incentive policy applicable to Hengqin is to be implemented according to the relevant state government department's list of approved industries and tax incentives for Hengqin. A personal income tax rebate scheme is being considered for proposal for residents of Macao or Hong Kong who work in Hengqin. The Parties shall jointly commence a plan to attract investment, publicise policy information, and provide assistance to corporations in implementing investment plans.

(4) The Parties shall expedite the construction of the Guangdong-Macao Chinese Medicine Industrial Park, establish a joint working mechanism, formulate industrial development plans, and establish a specific cooperation project. The approval process to establish the Hengqin pharmaceutical product registration platform is to be accelerated.

(5) The Parties shall accelerate the construction of Hengqin's leisure and resort zone to enable its completion and commence operations of the first phase of the Chimelong International Ocean Resort by the end of the year.

(6) According to the overall plan for "hierarchical management", the Parties shall discuss the formulation of regulations on Macao motor vehicles

crossing the Hengqin border (travelling in Hengqin only) at the technical meetings on Guangdong-Macao cross-border vehicles.

(7) To satisfy the needs of Hengqin development, the Parties shall consider extending the opening hours of the Hengqin border to phase in 24-hour border crossing.

(8) The Parties shall actively pursue the interconnection of Hengqin's and Macao's railway systems, and strive for commencing construction of the Gongbei-Hengqin section of the Zhuhai Urban District-Zhuhai Airport Intercity Railway. The Parties shall consider a future extension of the Macao LRT to Hengqin and connection with the Zhuhai Urban District-Zhuhai Airport Intercity Railway.

II. Promote Guangdong-Macao service trade liberalisation

(1) The Parties shall join forces to study and develop the plan to promote service trade liberalisation between Guangdong and Macao, and accelerate the progress of CEPA and the convergence and implementation of the pilot policy on opening the Guangdong market to Macao's service industry.

(2) The Parties shall enhance financial cooperation by expanding the scale of yuan settlement:

i. The Parties shall expand the use of yuan for goods and services trade settlement between Guangdong and Macao; actively facilitate the use of yuan for settlements of project transactions between Guangdong and Macao; and support banks in Macao to progressively expand the scope of yuan business.

ii. The Parties shall intensify the cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in payment and settlement services; explore the development of cross-border escrow payment services; promote the use of cross-border multi-purpose stored value cards for small amounts; 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.

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

iv. The Parties shall consider easing the requirements for Macao financial institutions to enter the Guangdong market; and support the establishment by Macao financial institutions of representative offices in Guangdong.

v. The Parties shall promote intellectual cooperation in the financial sector and enhance exchange and training of financial talent in

Guangdong and Macao.

vi. The Parties shall improve collaboration mechanisms between Guangdong and Macao against counterfeit money and make greater efforts in fighting cross-border illegal financial activities.

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

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

(3) The Parties shall enhance exchange and cooperation between Guangdong's and Macao's conference and exhibition sectors to promote the development of conference and exhibition services in both cities, and shall encourage industry participation in the events and activities of their counterparts. The Parties shall support the provision by Macao's conference and exhibition industry of cross-border services for the organisation of events in Guangdong. The Parties shall assist Macao conference and exhibition service providers who are equipped with established corporate information systems to open yuan settlement accounts and foreign exchange accounts in Guangdong. Under the framework of CEPA, the Parties shall implement measures to facilitate the convenient issuance of visas and permits for mainland exhibitors visiting Macao and a pilot scheme for cross-border movements of exhibitors and exhibits.

(4) The Parties shall enhance cooperation to promote the development of cultural and creative industries, support Zhuhai to establish its video and film post-production centre to provide digital video post-production services for Macao companies, and set up a training centre for the industry.

(5) The Parties shall improve the Guangdong-Macao logistics cooperation mechanism, and join hands to organise the Guangdong-Macao Logistics Cooperation Conference to enhance technical exchange and facilitate corporate collaboration between Guangdong and Macao.

(6) The Parties shall enhance cooperation to protect intellectual property and improve the regional business environment.

i. The Guangdong Intellectual Property Office and the Economic Services Bureau of the Macao SAR shall take the lead to establish the Guangdong-Macao intellectual property liaison and coordination mechanism. An intellectual property working group shall be formed to hold meetings from time to time for discussion, confirmation and implementation of cooperative projects.

ii. The Parties shall establish the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao intellectual property information platform and continue to update the

Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao intellectual property database and related information. The Parties shall provide more effective channels for the exchange of information on intellectual property to enhance the business sector’s and the public’s awareness of the intellectual property systems of Macao and the mainland.

iii. The Parties shall organise intellectual property exchange activities for the creative industries of Guangdong and Macao and visits for creative talents, and explore the possibility of researching the current status of intellectual (creative) development in Guangdong and Macao. The Parties shall enhance exchange on intellectual property intermediary services and promote the exchange, cooperation and coordinated development of intellectual property agent services in Guangdong and Macao.

iv. The Parties shall establish the Guangdong-Macao Standardisation Taskforce to develop an exchange mechanism for standardisation and shall strive to realise resource sharing over the two parties’ public testing service platforms. They shall actively support Macao-based enterprises in Guangdong to improve product and service quality.

v. The Parties shall enhance occupational skill assessment and exchanges regarding professional standards. Guangdong and Macao shall cooperate to develop qualification certification schemes for eight professions including Chinese cuisine chef and maintenance electrician, each at four levels from junior technician to master technician. The first “one examination, three certificates” pilot certification scheme shall be launched for the profession of facilities management, and the feasibility of introducing a human resources evaluation model into the scheme is under consideration.

III. Synergetic development of industries

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

i. The Parties shall encourage tourism operators from both cities to set up branches and support Macao enterprises to establish joint ventures or wholly owned travel agencies in Guangdong.

ii. The Parties shall jointly develop Guangdong-Macao multi-destination tours and encourage tourism operators to launch World Heritage Tour Shuttle Bus services. A joint briefing session is to be organised and travel agency operators and the media from major tourist sources such as the United States, Canada, Japan and Korea will be invited to experience the multi-destination sightseeing routes. The Parties shall cooperate to conduct a study on this tourism initiative and a discussion about its target markets and the commencement of joint promotional activities.

iii. The Parties shall continue to improve the interconnectivity between

the websites of the Tourism Administration of Guangdong Province and the Macao Government Tourist Office to provide the people of Guangdong and Macao with tourism and promotional information.

iv. The Parties shall study the plan for implementation of the Citizen Leisure Travel Card Dedicated Merchants Scheme to enable visitor visa issuing agents, such as China Travel Service (Macao) Ltd, to issue Citizen Leisure Travel Cards for residents of Guangdong and Macao.

v. The Parties shall increase cooperation in training for the tourism sector by promoting tourism professional skills training through the cooperative development of training programmes and courses by tourism academies in Guangdong and Macao. The Parties shall formulate appropriate measures to attract talented hotel management staff into Macao.

vi. The Parties shall enhance exchange and cooperation in the supervision of tourism markets in the Guangdong and Macao and clamp down on violations of laws and regulations. They shall join hands to promote integrity in the tourism sector and shall continue to exercise 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.

i. The Parties shall give full play to the functions of the Chinese medicine industry cooperation taskforce, and create favourable conditions and an exchange platform to promote cooperative projects.

ii. The Parties shall conduct research into the development of Chinese traditional patent medicines and industrialised standards for their testing, and explore the establishment of a cooperative mechanism for licensing and brand building in Chinese medicine.

iii. The Parties shall leverage the resources of higher medical institutions and Chinese medicine institutions in Guangdong to enable Macao students to receive education and training.

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

(3) The Parties shall strengthen support by implementing favourable policies and providing assistance to promote the development of small and medium-sized enterprises. Guangdong province shall speed up the promotion of "CEPA Green Channel" for business registration and online registration services. The Parties shall also commence promotion of Guangdong's famous

brands and support applications by Macao enterprises for the recognition of famous brands. The Parties shall actively strive to expand the business scope open to Macao individual business operators, and relax the limitations against them in terms of operator number and the area of operational premises.

(4) The Parties shall join hands to organise marketing events in Portuguese-speaking countries to introduce their business development and outsourcing services for the Greater Pearl River Delta region and Portuguese-speaking countries.

(5) The Parties shall improve cooperative mechanisms and jointly facilitate the development and construction of Nansha New District in Guangzhou.

i. The Parties shall promote collaboration between the institutes for tourism studies in Nansha and Macao in training professionals in sectors related to tourism, cultural heritage, hotel management, conference and exhibition, event management and travel retail operations, and cultivate individuals with talent and expertise in tourism.

ii. Leveraging on the Nansha Marina and the plan to build the Nansha Cruise Homeport, the Parties shall jointly explore the feasibility of allowing pleasure boats from Macao to freely enter Nansha, so as to boost the development of the yachting industry in Guangdong and Macao.

iii. The Parties shall implement the construction of the pioneer zone to showcase the CEPA pilot schemes for the study of innovative cooperation models.

iv. The Parties shall support the establishment of the home base for the importation of fresh agricultural produce from Nansha into Macao. They shall also enhance cooperation between relevant government departments of Nansha and Macao to encourage logistics and trading, technological services and testing service operators related to the agricultural produce sector to develop their businesses in Nansha.

v. The Parties shall closely follow up and assist Macao enterprises to realise their investment plans and intent in Nansha, in order to promote mutual development of the two cities.

IV. Infrastructure and Convenient Border Crossing

(1) The Parties shall expedite the construction of Guangzhou-Zhuhai intercity railway, and open the Gongbei Station in Zhuhai to achieve full service of the railway.

(2) The Parties shall jointly implement the various tasks for the construction of the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge, complete the construction drawings and design of the bridge, commence the design of the

Zhuhai border checkpoint, continue to implement the construction of the artificial island and tunnels, commence the construction of the bridge and the Zhuhai link road network.

(3) The Parties shall strive to complete the construction of the third phase of the Guangzhou-Zhuhai Western Expressway, and expedite the construction of the extension of the Yuehuan-Nanping section of the Western Coastal Expressway.

(4) The Parties shall complete the expansion of Gongbei Border Checkpoint and consider extending the opening hours of the checkpoint. The Parties shall also consider implementing joint customs clearance for cargo and developing a licence and certificate information capture solution for goods declaration. The Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone Checkpoint shall consider implementing unified customs declaration and commence planning and construction of support facilities after the functional upgrade of the checkpoint. The Parties shall adjust the functions of the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone Checkpoint and complete preliminary work pertaining to relevant projects, so that vehicles transporting fresh produce to Macao via Gongbei can be diverted to the designated control point at the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone.

(5) The Parties shall expedite the preliminary work of the Guangdong-Macao new checkpoint project, and explore the possibility of implementing new checkpoint clearance procedures such as single-counter clearance. The Parties shall assiduously negotiate the development of the working procedures and submit these for approval by the State Council before implementation.

(6) The Parties shall explore the possibility of approving small passenger cars from Macao for temporary single-entry into Guangdong province, and commence the study of suitable control measures at the appropriate time. Under the direction of the relevant department of the central government, the Parties shall consider implementing a small-passenger-car driving licence application scheme for the convenience of drivers from both regions.

(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, strive to relief airspace congestion, facilitate airport passenger and cargo transfer between Macao and Zhuhai, and study the feasibility of operating helicopter routes between Macao and certain cities of Guangdong province.

(8) The Parties shall facilitate the construction of a transmission line to increase electricity supply to Macao. Preliminary work on the Guangdong Jialin 500-kV power transmission project and its auxiliary transmission network is to be completed. The Parties shall also further study the medium and long-term plan for the supply of electricity to Macao.

(9) The Parties shall launch the study of construction of a cross-river pedestrian tunnel linking Wanzai in Zhuhai with Barra in Macao. The

preliminary study will be completed by the end of 2012.

(10) The Parties shall make arrangements for the Zhuhai Zhuyin Reservoir water storage project and the construction of a park to commemorate cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in water supply. The Parties shall also explore the feasibility of integrating the Zhuhai-Macao water supply system with the urban water supply networks of Zhuhai, Zhongshan and Jiangmen, and commence the preliminary feasibility study of constructing water supply pipes from Hengqin to Cotai.

(11) The Parties shall enhance cooperation in e-commerce, establish mechanisms for RFID technology application exchange and mutual recognition of electronic signature certificates between Guangdong and Macao, and speed up the progress of implementing e-sign mutual recognition.

(12) The parties shall hold regular meetings to exchange information on harbour and marine transport development, intensify cooperation in waterway passenger transport, sailing routes, goods transportation and building material transportation, and encourage the launch of Macao's round-the-island sightseeing ferry tour. The Parties shall also explore cooperation between the deep-water harbour of Zhanjiang and the free port of Macao.

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

V. Social and public services

(1) The Parties shall expedite the construction of the new campus of the University of Macau on Hengqin Island, slated for completion by 20 December 2012, and shall equip the facilities with power, water and telecommunications utilities. The Parties shall also facilitate mutual opening of education resources so that the children of Macao citizens working and residing in Zhuhai can receive compulsory education at public schools in Zhuhai in accordance with the relevant regulations. Those who have achieved the required scores will enjoy the same benefits as students with Zhuhai citizenship. The Parties shall complete the formulation of the tuition fee subsidy scheme for Macao children and students attending kindergarten, primary or secondary schools in Guangdong.

(2) The Parties shall enhance cooperation in healthcare and medical services, set up a liaison and expert group to share information on infectious diseases, and host on rotation the joint conference of infectious disease prevention and control. The Parties shall also promote exchange regarding fast sieving and testing technology to provide pharmaceutical fast testing services, talent training and management system support for pharmaceutical test laboratories in Macao.

(3) The Parties shall continue to intensify exchange and research on the Qiao-Cotai ecological zone, coordinate and jointly protect wild birds and their

habitats, and conduct research in the Macao Cotai–Hengqin ecology reserve cooperative zone.

(4) The Parties shall support the preliminary study and technical preparation for the introduction of Macao's air quality monitoring stations into the Guangdong-Macao-PRD regional air quality monitoring network.

(5) The Parties shall expand the scope of police cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, establish a system for sharing case-related information, strengthen collaboration and investigation, organise the annual police authorities working meeting, liaison meetings and special meetings, and initiate police cooperation in criminal investigations and joint operations to enhance efficiency and capability of the police forces in combating cross-border crime.

(6) The Parties shall establish an expert panel for negotiation and cooperation related to legal matters, promote exchange of documentation of laws and regulations, and establish a system for coordination of legal affairs.

(7) The Parties shall enhance cooperation in notary services, continue to facilitate exchange between the notary industry of Guangdong and Macao, and explore the establishment of an applicable verification system on notarisational documents in Guangdong and Macao.

(8) The Parties shall establish and strengthen the regular coordination mechanism for cross-border emergency incidents, and a Guangdong-Macao cooperative crisis management column shall be established on the website of the Emergency Management Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province. The Parties shall complete the design and review of the Guangdong-Macao emergency management platform interconnection solution.

(9) The Parties shall implement prioritised inspection of imported fresh produce to Macao at border checkpoints and 24-hour advance booking for customs inspection and clearance. The Parties shall also establish a distribution centre for fresh catch and chilled seafood products supplying Hong Kong and Macao, and improve the safety and sanitation quality of foods.

VI. Regional cooperation planning

(1) The Parties shall continue to formulate, revise and improve the plan for the tourism cooperation project. The work shall be completed by the end of 2012.

(2) The Parties shall expedite the preparations to plan collaborative development of Guangdong and Macao, and strive to submit the preliminary report by the second quarter of 2012. The whole project shall be completed by the end of 2012.

(3) The Parties shall expedite the formulation of the development plans of Macao and the western bank of the Pearl River Estuary, and strive to complete these by the end of 2012.

VII. Cooperation mechanism

(1) The Parties shall consolidate the special taskforces under the mechanism of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference according to specialisation and the development requirements of comprehensive coordination.

(2) The Parties shall strengthen the functions of the strategic taskforce for the development of Guangdong and Macao, study the long-term strategic arrangements for cooperative development of Guangdong and Macao, and invite participation from experts, scholars and representatives from all sectors to promote scientific cooperation and decision making.

(3) The Parties shall continue to hold the Pearl River Forum, give full play to the functions of the Hong Kong-Macao non-government cooperation platform, and promote interaction between government and society.