

## **Major Tasks in 2020 for Implementing the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao**

### **I. Promoting Adequate Economic Diversification in Macao**

The Parties shall:

1. Expedite construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone, establish cooperation mechanisms and systems between Guangdong and Macao, and explore more flexible and open ways for cooperation, to facilitate exchanges of personnel and economic relations between Guangdong and Macao;
2. Optimise hierarchical management policies and launch a pilot scheme to facilitate customs clearance in Hengqin;
3. Jointly consider establishing a common platform for commercial registration in Hengqin;
4. Support cooperation in Chinese medicine and technology; leverage the expertise of the State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicine in Macao, to jointly establish the international Chinese medicine information centre, trade centre and pricing centre, as well as Chinese medicine quality assurance centre and testing centre; jointly support projects of the Innovation Centre for Chinese Medical Sciences for the Greater Bay Area established by the Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Chinese Medicine, the Hong Kong Baptist University and the University of Macau; and support scientific research institutions in Guangdong and Macao in applying for research projects in major domains in Guangdong province;
5. Expedite implementation of pilot policies to promote the development of Macao's Chinese medicine industry in Hengqin;
6. Facilitate cross-border business, trade and industrial cooperation, promote the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Logistics Park, and jointly establish an economic and trade co-operation platform between China and Latin American countries;
7. Support the development of a technology application cooperation platform between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, and support Macao's use of reserved land in Hengqin to strengthen cross-border cooperation in technological innovation;
8. Explore the feasibility of temporary storage in Hengqin and the Zhuhai Park of the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone; jointly discuss the plan for cargo customs clearance at Hengqin checkpoint, the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone checkpoint and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Zhuhai Port checkpoint, and reserve related infrastructure construction projects for supporting inspection and quarantine of imported and exported food (such as frozen meat and live food);

9. Facilitate development of the Guangdong-Macao Cross-border Financial Cooperation (Zhuhai) Display Zone, to facilitate sustainable development of cross-border finance and financial technology between Guangdong and Macao; make use of resources in the display zone such as training venues to cultivate financial talents;
10. Facilitate construction of the Nansha Guangdong-Macao Portuguese-speaking Countries Industrial Park, to explore an innovative model for cooperation; and
11. Facilitate construction of the international headquarters of Guangzhou Pharmaceuticals Corporation in Macao, to facilitate the development of Macao's Chinese medicine industry.

## **II. Cross-border Infrastructure Development and Clearance Facilitation**

The Parties shall:

12. Support the conversion and expansion works of Macau International Airport, and cooperate with planning, evaluating and rationalising maritime development projects;
13. Jointly seek support from the Central People's Government to optimise the structure of airspace in the Pearl River Delta;
14. Support the relocation of the Lotus Flower Checkpoint to Hengqin Checkpoint, jointly prepare for commencement of operations of the Macao border crossing area and related extension zones of the Hengqin Checkpoint, and prepare for the opening of the Hengqin Checkpoint.
15. Expedite construction of the new Guangdong-Macao border crossing (Qingmau Checkpoint), with a view to commencing operation for customs clearance within this year, and implementing the innovative joint inspections for the one-stop border crossing operation model; Support the preliminary rationalisation and construction of sluices at the Inner Harbour in Macao;
16. Proactively coordinate with the construction of the third electric power transmission channel in Macao;
17. Push ahead with the comprehensive cargo service platform under the Single Window initiative between Guangdong and Macao; and promote the implementation of one-stop border posts;
18. Facilitate full implementation of Macao motor vehicle entry to and exit from mainland China via the Zhuhai border-crossing area of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge;
19. Promote implementation of the pilot project on Guangdong-Macao express customs clearance, to facilitate cargo customs clearance; and
20. Expedite implementation of the free entry scheme for sailing tourism between Guangdong and Macao, and explore the practice of "joint border-crossing inspection at a single berthing point" at the Guangdong Free Trade Zone (GDFTZ) for Macao yachts.

### **III. Jointly Developing an International Innovation and Technology Hub**

The Parties shall:

21. Expedite construction of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Macao scientific and technological innovation corridor, and further promote pilot projects in exchanges of technological talents, collaboration in technological breakthrough projects, and flow of funding for technological research projects;
22. Implement the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation and Exchange Scheme on Technological Innovation, and arrange for implementation of a programme to provide joint assistance in technological development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area;
23. Expedite construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Joint Laboratory; push ahead with sharing large-scale scientific facilities with Macao's innovation bodies; make the best possible use of the four State Key Laboratories to strengthen cooperation in areas including Chinese medicine, microchips, smart city development, the Internet of Things, space science and space exploration;
24. Actively facilitate construction of high-standard state laboratories; and
25. Fully implement policies for cross-boundary financial funding for technological research projects, to further facilitate cross-boundary disbursement of funds.

### **IV. Fostering Cooperation in Modern Service Industries**

The Parties shall:

26. Work towards relaxing the restrictions on business scopes, shareholding ratios, operation regions and entry requirements, to further reduce the list of prohibited activities under the policy framework of the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA),; strengthen promotions and publicity regarding the Regulation for Implementing the Foreign Investment Law of the People's Republic of China, promote the experience and practices of the service sectors in trade liberalisation, and guide the service sectors on how to make the best use of the liberalisation measures.

#### **(i) Financial Services**

The Parties shall:

27. Enhance the financial cooperation mechanism between Guangdong and Macao and jointly implement the Opinions on Financial Support for the Construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area policy measures, to deeply integrate Guangdong-Macao financial cooperation into the national financial reform;
28. Work towards reform and innovation in foreign exchange management,

- and gradually expand the scale and scope of cross-boundary use of Renminbi, to facilitate trade, investment and financing;
29. Encourage Macao financial institutions to take part in the development of green financial reform pilot zones in Guangzhou;
  30. Explore the potential establishment of a mechanism for cross-boundary joint supervision, and promote the application of financial technology "electronic fences" to explore effective information-based supervision strategies;
  31. Work towards lowering or relaxing the restrictions on establishing banks and insurance companies, along with shareholding ratios and business scopes;
  32. Support insurance companies in Guangdong and Macao in jointly developing innovative cross-boundary medical insurance products; improve the cross-boundary motor vehicle insurance scheme, and strive to implement the motor insurance recognition mechanism for Macao motor vehicles entering Guangdong via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge; establish a Macao insurance service centre to provide after-sales services of life and medical insurance for customers who live or work in the nine cities of the Pearl River Delta and have Macao insurance policies;
  33. Encourage insurance companies in Guangdong province to set up regional headquarters in Macao, to explore markets in Portuguese-speaking countries;
  34. Make extra efforts in developing financial technology and deepening cooperation in financial technology; facilitate Macao residents' use of mobile electronic payment apps for making payments in Renminbi in Guangdong, and promote mutual use of mobile payment apps in Guangdong and Macao; steadily promote attestation services for opening personal Type II and Type III bank settlement accounts for Macao residents, to optimise bank account opening services; and
  35. Support Macao's development of specialised financial services, facilitate Macao's development as a financial service platform for commercial and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries (PSCs); and encourage Guangdong enterprises to make good use of Macao's platform between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, the China-Portuguese-speaking Countries Cooperation and Development Fund, and the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation and Development Fund.

## **(ii) Professional Services**

The Parties shall:

36. Promote mutual recognition of professional qualifications in tourism, health and construction;
37. Promote mutual recognition of electronic signature certificates, and establish sound business rules and management mechanisms for mutual

- recognition, to ensure compliance with different legal systems;
38. Improve the cooperation mechanism on quality standards, inspection and certification between Guangdong and Macao, develop the Guangdong-Macao standardised connectivity and integration mechanism, and leverage the functions of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Institute of Standardisation; and encourage enterprises in both places to participate in the revision, promotion and implementation of international, national and Greater Bay Area standards;
  39. Improve the regulations and strengthen the pilot scheme regarding the partnership associations set up among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao law firms; and cooperate with relevant central government departments to determine the professional qualifications and scope of practice for Macao lawyers in the nine cities of the Pearl River Delta; and
  40. Actively seek approval from relevant central government departments for construction consulting firms and professionals recognised by relevant departments of the MSAR Government or organisations operating and practising their businesses in the nine cities of the Pearl River Delta, upon notification of the relevant governing authorities.

### **(iii) Culture and Tourism**

The parties shall:

41. Jointly develop exquisite multi-destination tourism routes, conduct joint tourism promotions, and develop Macao-Zhuhai (Hengqin) joint-route tourism products, to promote branded Macao-Hengqin tourism; and strengthen regulations on tourism markets to enhance service quality;
42. Optimise cultural exchange cooperation mechanisms, further enhance cultural exchange cooperation in areas such as arts talents, intangible cultural heritage and cultural relics, and forge ahead with promotion and cooperation regarding cultural heritage trails;
43. Strengthen cultural exchanges and brand building, enhance branded performances for cultural exchanges funded by the two governments, and proactively develop cooperation platforms for cultural exchanges, such as in Cantonese opera and music;
44. Support the Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo and the Global Tourism Economy Forum;
45. Continue hosting a side-line event, the “Encounter in Macao – Arts and Cultural Festival between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries,” for the Greater Bay Area Arts and Cultural Festival in Macao; and
46. Support and expedite construction of the Institute for Tourism Studies training base in Hengqin.

## **V. Forging Ahead with Exchanges and Cooperation in Education and Talent and Youth Cultivation**

The Parties shall:

47. Forge ahead with the joint operation projects of the Macau University of Science and Technology, City University of Macau and Guangdong; and support the establishment of the Engineering Research Centre of Applied Technology on Machine Translation and Artificial Intelligence, Ministry of Education, Macao Polytechnic Institute;
48. Support and forge ahead with the cooperation between Macao Institute for Tourism Studies and Guangzhou in strengthening professional training;
49. Support Macao with continuing to provide tuition fee subsidies for Macao students studying in the 21 cities throughout Guangdong province, and launch the stationery allowance;
50. Improve compulsory education policies, including admission and examinations for relocated children of Macao residents, to ensure that these children receive basic education services as required in their places of residence;
51. Improve the vocational qualification accreditation mechanism for Macao professionals in the nine cities of the Pearl River Delta;
52. Facilitate the recruitment of Macao residents by public institutions in the nine cities of the Pearl River Delta, and work together to disseminate and publicise relevant recruitment information in Macao;
53. Work towards policies and measures to facilitate practical training combined with the national vocational qualification system, and broaden the scope of vocational skills in the "One Examination, Multiple Certification" system;
54. Coordinate the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship resources and robustly implement the Greater Bay Area Youth Internship Scheme; support the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Zone, and facilitate development of a youth entrepreneurship and employment base including innovation ventures, creative parks, entrepreneurship zones and entrepreneurship valleys; jointly develop brands, increase investment of resources, and introduce all-round support services with a view to encouraging and attracting participation by more Macao youth;
55. Support launching a wide array of youth programmes related to knowledge of national affairs; jointly organise projects such as the Youth Concentric projects, national studies summer camps for Macao youth, courses on Lingnan culture for Guangdong and Macao university students, national defence experience camps for Macao youth, Guangdong-Macao Sister School (Campus) Scheme and volunteer service activities; and continue jointly organising the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme; and
56. Jointly organise youth basketball and football competitions, and jointly develop a series of sports events that achieve brand-name recognition.

## **VI. Developing an Internationalised Business Environment**



The Parties shall:

57. Explore the potential for establishing an exchange and cooperation mechanism on competition policy and antitrust law enforcement;
58. Strengthen cross-regional intellectual property administrative law enforcement collaboration; strengthen discussions and exchanges in the industry, promote intellectual property creation, application, protection and trading in both Macao and Guangdong, and facilitate the integrated development of high-end intellectual property services and industries in the region; and
59. Optimise the judicial assistance arrangements for civil and commercial arbitration proceedings in Macao and Guangdong, and develop related preventive or interim measures; establish a mediation platform for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area together with Hong Kong, and formulate unified mediator qualifications, accreditation and related standards.

## **VII. Developing a Quality Living Circle**

The Parties shall:

60. Jointly combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; establish a sound cooperation mechanism on pandemic control and prevention, to ensure timely communication regarding information dissemination, preventive measures and cross-boundary connectivity, strengthen coordination and alignment, and prepare for joint action against public health emergencies including emergency medical rescue and cross-boundary transfer services;
61. Optimise the implementation of policy measures to make it easier for Macao residents to purchase properties in Guangdong; further streamline procedures for Macao residents purchasing property, improve the home purchase loan policies for Macao residents, and work towards parity of treatment for Macao residents in Guangdong;
62. Further enable Macao residents who hold residence permits in Guangdong but are not employed there to participate in the old-age social insurance for urban and rural residents and enjoy relevant treatment and financial subsidies;
63. Expedite maintenance work for Ping Gang Pumping Station and Guang Chang Pumping Station, to further improve stability of the water supply; and jointly commence cross-boundary river dredging focusing on Canal Dos Patos;
64. Expedite the development of the integrated community project “Macao New Neighbourhood” in Hengqin and expand Macao's social and livelihood-related facilities to Hengqin;
65. Implement the 2017-2020 Cooperation Agreement between Guangdong and Macao on Environmental Protection, and optimise the mechanism for cooperation regarding air pollution control and prevention;

66. Jointly establish mechanisms for disseminating information on food safety, and investigating and jointly responding to emergencies, and enhance the system for tracing the origins of food;
67. Set up sound mechanisms between Guangdong and Macao for commanding and coordinating emergency rescues, and establish a mechanism for coordinating contingency management and joint action, especially at major checkpoints and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, to strengthen coordination; strengthen emergency response plans for contingencies such as security incidents, and dovetail emergency response plans for major natural disasters; and
68. Strengthen the integration of policing and security resources, exchanging intelligence, investigation of cross-border cases, exchanges on forensic science, and competency of joint operations.

#### **VIII. Jointly Participating in “Belt and Road” Development**

The Parties shall:

69. Encourage investment cooperation among enterprises from Guangdong and Macao in countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, and support Macao enterprises with helping to establish Guangdong’s overseas economic and trade cooperation zones in countries and regions along the Belt and Road;
70. Strengthen cooperation between Guangdong and Macao enterprises and the professional sector, provide investment information and opportunities for industries in both places, and guide Macao enterprises to join the Guangdong “step out” alliance;
71. Actively participate in the Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) and promote cooperation in professional exhibitions; and
72. Organise joint overseas investment promotions and invitations.