

# Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the GBA), as a key development strategy in China, comprises the two Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macao, and nine cities of Guangdong Province. It is one of the most open and economically vibrant regions in the country with great development potential

## Objectives



Deepen cooperation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao



Leverage the complementary advantages of the three places



Promote coordinated regional economic development



Develop an international first-class bay area ideal for living, working and travelling



Area

**56 110** km<sup>2</sup>

Population

**> 87** million

GDP

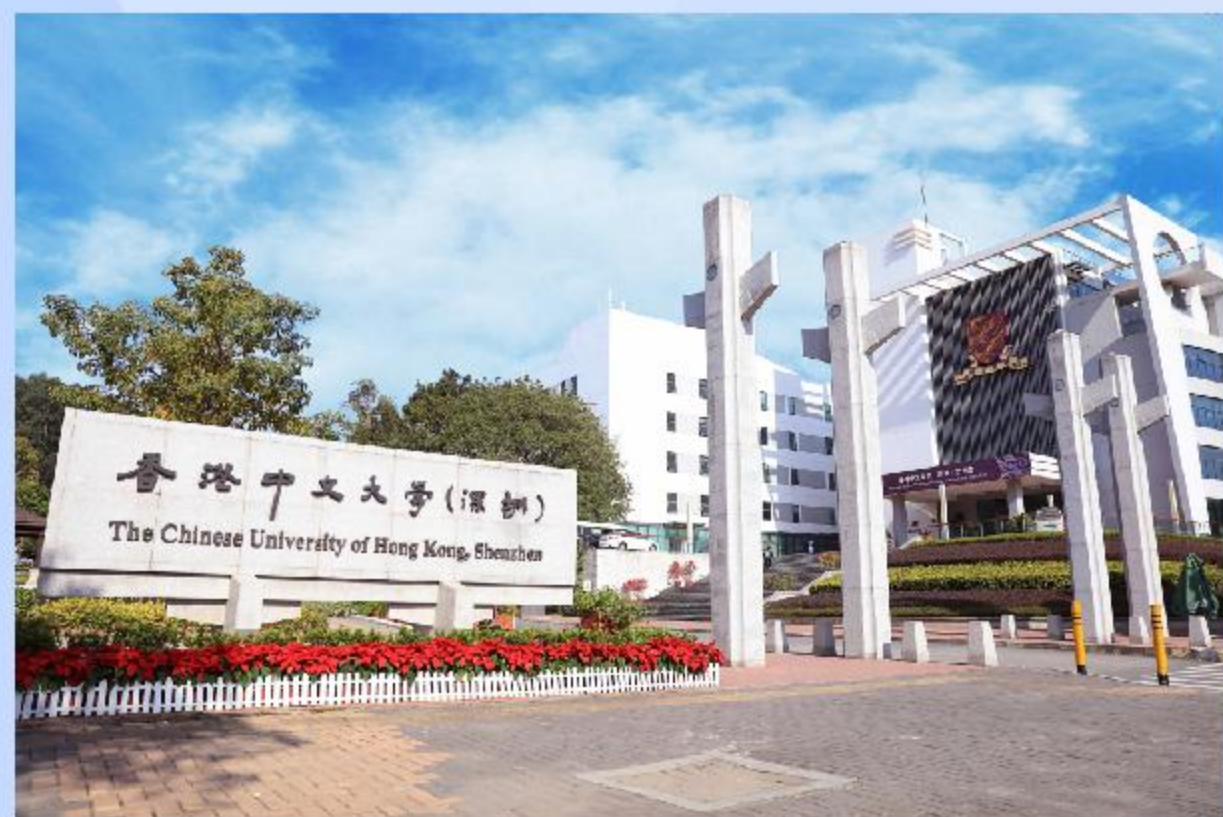
**> 14.5** trillion RMB

*Statistics as at end-2024*

# Pathways to Further Education in the GBA

## Higher Education Collaboration

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (The HKASR Government) supports our post-secondary education institutions in launching different forms of joint education services in the Mainland cities of the GBA to help nurture talents for the development of the country and the GBA



The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen (Shenzhen) established in 2014



The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) established in 2022



City University of Hong Kong (Dongguan) established in 2024

## Vocational and Professional Education Collaboration



The Vocational Training Council (VTC) has established the Vocational and Professional Education Services (Shenzhen) Company Limited in the Mainland. In collaboration with its Mainland partners, it organises joint education programmes and undertakes training initiatives etc., thereby providing Hong Kong students with more opportunities for vocational and professional internships



Vocational and Professional Education Services (Shenzhen) Company Limited

## Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions (Admission Scheme)

Hong Kong young people could apply to study at universities in the Chinese Mainland through the Admission Scheme

Participating Mainland higher education institutions will consider the admission applications of Hong Kong students on the basis of their Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination results, thereby obviating the need for Hong Kong students to sit for the Joint Entrance Examination for Universities in the Mainland

In the 2026/27 academic year, a total of 165 Mainland institutions will participate in the Admission Scheme, of which 26 are from the GBA Mainland cities, including Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Dongguan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing



Admission Scheme in the 2026/27 academic year

## Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme (MUSSS)

2025/26

內地大學升學資助計劃

Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme

Hong Kong students who have received and completed senior secondary education in Hong Kong and are pursuing undergraduate studies in designated Mainland institutions may apply for a subsidy. MUSSS comprises two parts: a "means-tested subsidy" and "non-means-tested subsidy". Under MUSSS, the subsidy will be disbursed based on the distance between the location of the institutions and Hong Kong

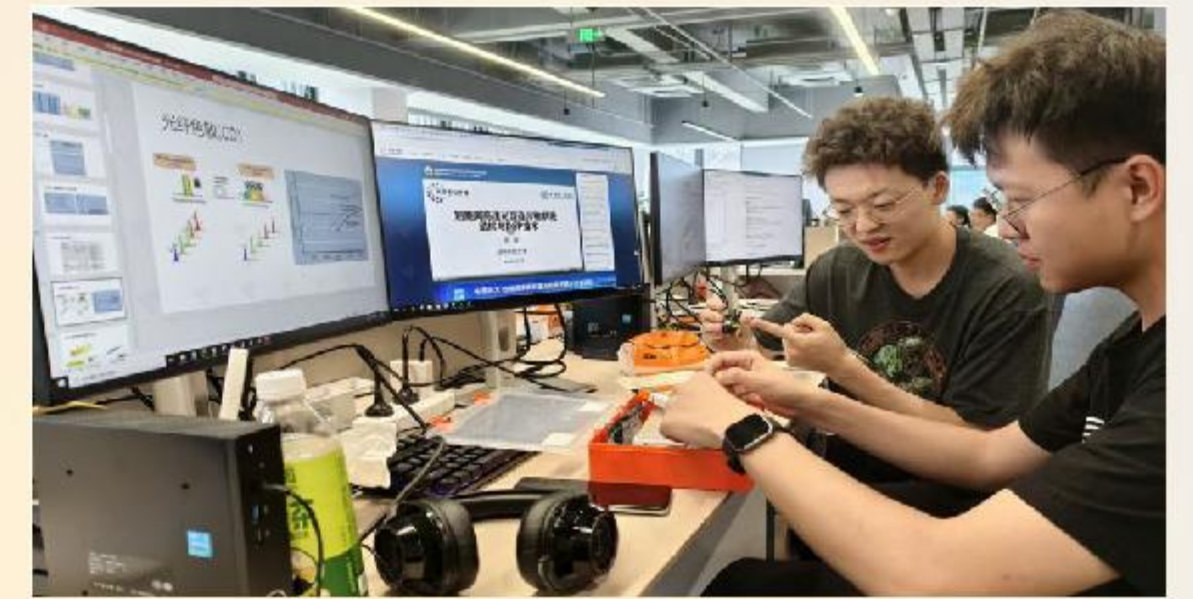


MUSSS 2025/26r

# Venture Beyond Hong Kong, Launch Your GBA Internship Journey

The HKSAR Government has launched a number of schemes to sponsor Hong Kong young people to undertake internship in the Chinese Mainland (including the Mainland cities of the GBA), so as to enhance their understanding of the country and the development of the GBA

## HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland



Under the Scheme, Hong Kong young people aged between 18 and 30 (including students holding valid Hong Kong Identity Cards and enrolled in full-time courses in Hong Kong) can gain first-hand experience of the actual workplace environment in the Chinese Mainland, cultivate a deeper understanding of the employment market, work culture and development opportunities in the Chinese Mainland, and have the opportunity to visit enterprises, trade associations, science/industrial parks, etc



HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland

## HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland

The programmes offer diverse and in-depth thematic internship opportunities for full-time Hong Kong post-secondary students aged between 18 and 30

In 2025, six thematic internship programmes were organised, including:

- (1) Hong Kong-Macao Youth Internship Programme at Palace Museum
- (2) Youth Internship Programme at Wolong Region of Giant Panda National Park
- (3) Youth Internship Programme at Chinese Academy of Sciences
- (4) Youth Internship Programme at Dunhuang
- (5) Youth Internship Programme at Shandong on Marine Sciences
- (6) Youth Internship Programme at Wuyishan on Biodiversity Conservation

A new media thematic internship programme in the Chinese Mainland will be launched in 2026 summer



HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland

## HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas



The Scheme provides full-time Hong Kong post-secondary students (including Hong Kong students studying abroad) with internship opportunities at the Chinese Mainland (including the Mainland cities of the GBA) and overseas operations of the participated corporates. The internship placements cover industries such as financial services, innovation and technology, logistics, property development, retail, hospitality, entertainment and utilities



HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas

## Mainland Experience Scheme for Post-secondary Students

The Scheme provides subsidies for Hong Kong post-secondary students to participate in exchange activities comprising substantive learning elements in the Chinese Mainland (including internship programmes)

Maximum amount of subsidy for each student is HK\$14,400. Students should approach their respective institutions for details of the Scheme

# Greater Bay Area Opportunities Abound for Youth Development

## The GBA Youth Employment Scheme (GBA YES)

The Scheme encourages enterprises to employ Hong Kong young people to work in the Mainland cities of the GBA, with a view to fostering their career development and talent exchange in the region. Enterprises joining GBA YES are eligible for allowance of each youth employed, lasting up to 18 months. They shall –

- employ Hong Kong young people in accordance with Hong Kong laws, offer young people awarded bachelor's degree or above a monthly salary of not less than HK\$18,000
- employ young people with sub-degree qualifications a monthly salary comparable with the market rate
- station them in the Mainland cities of the GBA to work and receive on-the-job training

The 2026 Scheme is now open for applications. Hong Kong young people aged 29 or below with educational attainment at sub-degree level or above are welcome to apply



GBA YES

## Youth Entrepreneurship

The HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA and HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases provide support to innovation and entrepreneurship by Hong Kong young people in the GBA. Youth innovation and entrepreneurial bases in the GBA also provide substantial hardware and software support for innovation and entrepreneurship activities, including creativity nurturing, and commercialisation of research results, etc.



Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in GBA

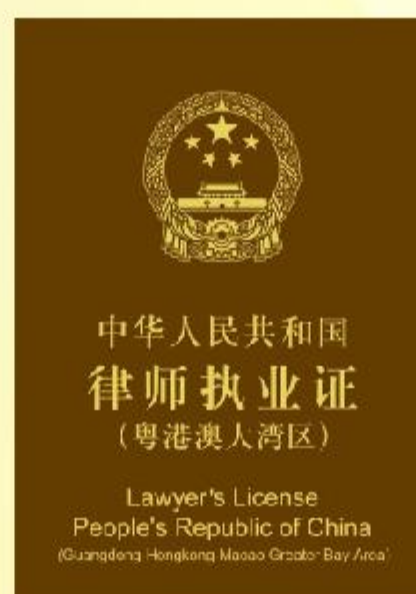


Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in GBA

## Professional Services

### Legal Services

Eligible Hong Kong solicitors and barristers are allowed to provide legal services in the nine Mainland municipalities in the GBA on certain civil and commercial legal matters to which the Mainland laws apply, upon passing the GBA Legal Professional Examination and obtaining the GBA Lawyer's License. By now, the GBA Examination has been held five times



Opportunities for the Hong Kong legal and dispute resolution sector in the GBA

Since mid-February 2025, the measure of “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law” has been extended to the whole of Shenzhen and Zhuhai municipalities, while the measure of “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose Hong Kong as the seat of arbitration” to the nine Mainland municipalities in the GBA. This provides more options for local Hong Kong-invested enterprises and opens up development opportunities for Hong Kong's legal sector in the GBA

## Construction and Related Engineering Services

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area engineering “Professional Title” evaluation was successfully established in 2023, under which Hong Kong professionals can obtain corresponding professional qualifications on the Chinese Mainland. By now, a total of 578 Hong Kong professionals have obtained Chinese Mainland “Professional Title” qualifications, covering eight engineering disciplines and two construction disciplines



Celebration ceremony for GBA Engineering “Professional Title” Evaluation in 2025



GBA Engineering “Professional Title” Evaluation

# About Us

## The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (GBA Office)

- To closely liaise with the Mainland authorities and other GBA cities
- To coordinate the work of the HKSAR Government
- To maintain liaison with local, Mainland and overseas stakeholders
- To publicise and promote significant opportunities of the GBA development

## More Information

### GBA Thematic Website



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### Official WeChat Account



Please use WeChat to scan and follow

### TV Programmes

Provide practical and interesting information about the GBA in various aspects through different thematic reports and stories.



"Hong Kong: Connecting the World and Converging Business in the Greater Bay Area"

Introduces the success stories of Hong Kong as a dual platform for "going global" and "attracting foreign investment", underlining how Hong Kong leverages its unique advantages under the "One Country, Two Systems" principle to play the crucial roles of a "super connector" and "super value-adder"

"Hello GBA, Hello Nansha!"



Introduces the planning and development of Nansha in an easily understandable manner. It showcases how Nansha, through its five development directions, deepens mutually complementary cooperation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.



Scan QR code to watch videos (Chinese only)

### GBA Office Newsletters

Introduce the latest work of the GBA Office and the significant progress of the HKSAR Government in taking forward GBA development.



GBA Office Newsletters

# On-the-ground Support for Hong Kong People and Enterprises

## Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre

- Established by HKSAR Government in Guangzhou in April 2023
- To provide support to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland
- To organise various activities to promote opportunities in the GBA
- To fully leverage Hong Kong's dual roles in "going global and attracting foreign investment"

## Organising seminars and exhibitions



The Greater Bay Area AI+ & Investment Exchange Seminar in Shenzhen



Seminar on Creating Business Value through Intellectual Property in the Greater Bay Area in Guangzhou

## Promoting GBA Opportunities to Mainland-based Hong Kong Groups and Enterprises



Meeting with Hong Kong designer delegations at the 15th China International Animation Copyright Fair

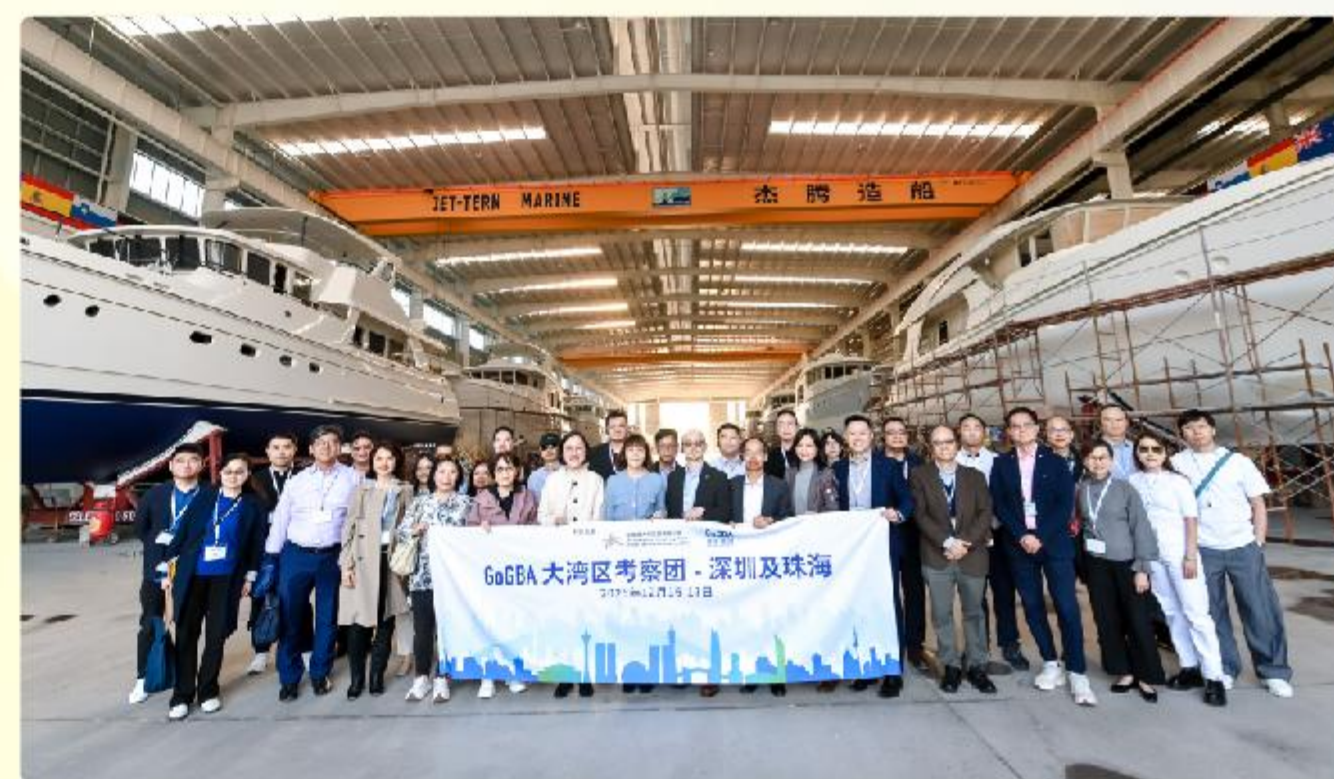


Lunch gathering for Hong Kong people and enterprises in Jiangmen

## Providing support to visits to forge new opportunities



Visiting a drone enterprise in Zhuhai with Hong Kong business mission



Visiting a yacht enterprise in Zhuhai with Hong Kong business mission

## Supporting youth innovation and entrepreneurship



The GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Carnival in Nansha, Guangzhou



Innovation tour for Hong Kong youngsters to the Huawei (Songshan Lake) developer village in Dongguan

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Promotion Centre



Promotion Centre's Activities