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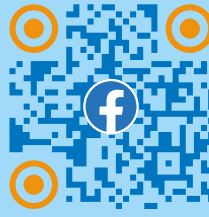


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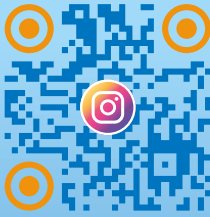
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Message from Commissioner

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



Miss Pamela Lam

Commissioner for the Development of the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

The National 15th Five-Year Plan clearly highlights the need to consolidate and enhance the role of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) as an engine of growth, deepen the development of the Greater Bay Area, promote closer alignment of rules and mechanisms in areas such as technological innovation, economic development and public services, strengthen legal protection, fully harness major co-operation platforms for pilot implementation, accelerate the building of a world-class bay area, and support the development of the Greater Bay Area into a world-class city cluster. This not only demonstrates the Central Government's high expectations for Greater Bay Area development, but also charts a clear direction for Hong Kong's development. To proactively align with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, the HKSAR Government is working at full speed to formulate Hong Kong's first five-year plan, which will outline more comprehensive and targeted strategic initiatives enabling Hong Kong to better integrate into and serve the overall national development, and map out a blueprint for Hong Kong's development over the next five years.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office) of the HKSAR Government has been actively telling good stories of the Greater Bay Area and Hong Kong through diversified channels and multimedia strategies, so as to promote to local, Mainland and overseas stakeholders the significant opportunities presented by Greater Bay Area development, as well as Hong Kong's pivotal role as a core engine in the Greater Bay Area. We are committed to showcasing the vitality and potential of the Greater Bay Area, with the aim of attracting overseas talents, enterprises, technologies and capital to the Greater Bay Area and Mainland markets through Hong Kong.

Upon taking office in February this year, I visited Guangzhou and Zhongshan, meeting with the Director General of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province, Ms Chen Liwen, the Executive Deputy Director of the Guangdong Provincial Office of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Mr Zhu Wei, and Member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Zhongshan Municipal Committee, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Leadership Group of Zhongshan Municipal Government and Vice Mayor of Zhongshan, Mr Ye Hongguang, etc., to foster

exchange and co-operation. These field visits have deepened my understanding of the development landscape across Greater Bay Area cities. On 6 March, the Office organised a GoGBA business mission to Huizhou, arranging for nearly 30 Hong Kong enterprise representatives to learn about the local achievements in developing new quality productive forces, with a view to facilitating interaction and collaboration among industries. Meanwhile, we place great importance on promoting Greater Bay Area development to young people. From January to March, the Office staged a roving exhibition at various local tertiary institutions and at the Youth Square, which introduced young people to the opportunities for internships, employment and entrepreneurship in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, enabling young people to showcase their talents on a broader stage.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre (Promotion Centre) under the Office has also actively introduced and promoted Hong Kong's institutional strengths under "one country, two systems", as well as its unique role as a bridge for attracting foreign investment and for enterprises to go global in different Greater Bay Area cities. Moreover, the Promotion Centre has proactively reached out to Hong Kong people, enterprises and youth pursuing development in the Greater Bay Area to grasp their situations and needs, so as to provide them with practical assistance.

The HKSAR Government will continue to spare no efforts to promote high-level connectivity within the Greater Bay Area, and accelerate the construction of major co-operation platforms, thereby leveraging Hong Kong's strengths to fulfil the strategic positioning of the Greater Bay Area as "a strategic fulcrum of the new development pattern of the country, a demonstration zone of high-quality development, and a pioneer of Chinese modernisation", and injecting momentum to the country's modernisation. Hong Kong's five-year plan will outline the development vision, core objectives, key areas and major initiatives for Hong Kong's participation in Greater Bay Area development for the coming five years. The Office will co-ordinate the work of various bureaux of the HKSAR Government, promote alignment of rules and mechanisms in the Greater Bay Area, and foster the integrated development within the Greater Bay Area.

Highlight

New Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Miss Janice Tse: Wholly Committed to Formulating Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan to Better Integrate into and Serve the Overall National Development



Miss Janice Tse

newly appointed Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

On 30 March, the Central People's Government officially appointed Miss Janice Tse Siu-wa, who has over 37 years of service in the Government, as the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (SCMA). The main responsibilities of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) include ensuring the full implementation of the Basic Law; promoting public understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law; promoting liaison and co-operation with the Mainland, Macao SAR and Taiwan; implementing the improved electoral system; and promoting and co-ordinating the work of bureaux in taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area. The top priority at this juncture is to co-ordinate the formulation of Hong Kong's first five-year plan. With a strong sense of commitment, Miss Tse has assumed her post with absolute determination, embarking on a new chapter in her career.

When announcing the appointment, the Chief Executive remarked that Miss Janice Tse possesses extensive administrative and management experience, and is able to establish effective communication and co-operative relationships at all levels of government. He expressed confidence that Miss Tse will make utmost efforts to guide CMAB staff in co-ordinating the compilation of Hong Kong's five-year plan and effectively implementing the various important tasks entrusted to the CMAB in the coming year or so.

To holistically and proactively align with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, the HKSAR Government will work at full speed to formulate Hong Kong's first five-year plan. The plan, regarded as a blueprint for Hong Kong's

future development, carries enormous significance for the SCMA, and is of profound importance to Hong Kong's future economic and social development. She pledged that under the leadership of the Chief Executive, the collaborative research and public opinion gathering mechanism between the executive and the legislature will be given full play to pool collective wisdom and concerted efforts, with a view to creating a new landscape for Hong Kong's high-quality development, and enabling Hong Kong to better integrate into and serve the overall national development, and thus contribute its strengths to the nation's endeavours in building a great country and the great cause of national rejuvenation.

The National 15th Five-Year Plan clearly highlights the need to consolidate and enhance the role of the Greater Bay Area as an engine of growth, and deepen the development of the Greater Bay Area. Speaking about Greater Bay Area development, the SCMA stressed that it is not only a major national strategy, but also a key to unlocking development opportunities for Hong Kong. The HKSAR Government will continue with its proactive efforts to maintain close liaison with relevant Central Ministries and Commissions, the Guangdong Provincial Government, and the Macao SAR Government, continuously deepen the alignment of rules and mechanisms among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, facilitate the efficient flow of essential factors of production such as people, goods, capital and information, and seek more policy breakthroughs that benefit Hong Kong and its people, thereby contributing to the country in further deepening reform and achieving high-level opening up.

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As an important responsibility of the CMAB, the promotion of the Constitution and the Basic Law is on the SCMA's agenda. She pointed out that the Constitution is the root and origin of the HKSAR and the Basic Law. The Constitution and the Basic Law together form the constitutional basis and order of the HKSAR. The HKSAR Government will, through the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee, conduct wide-ranging publicity and education work on the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation via diverse channels and innovative approaches, so as to deepen public understanding of the constitutional basis and order of the HKSAR as well as "one country, two systems".

On the inheritance and promotion of the spirit of patriotism, the CMAB's main priorities for this year include encouraging more Hong Kong students and youths to visit patriotic education facilities in the Mainland, and co-organising more patriotic education activities with patriotic groups.

As for how to leverage the bridging role of the Mainland Offices, the SCMA stated that the five Mainland Offices and their 11 Liaison Units will continue to deepen exchanges with Mainland provinces

and municipalities. On the one hand, they will promote Hong Kong's unique advantages of having strong support of the Motherland and close connection with the world, and encourage and attract Mainland enterprises and talents to establish presence in Hong Kong. On the other hand, these Offices will support Mainland enterprises in going global, while exploring more development and business opportunities in the Mainland for Hong Kong people and enterprises.

It is imperative that the first five-year plan be completed within this year. Despite the tight schedule and immense workload, the SCMA is full of confidence: "Over the past two months, we have been working in full swing on preparations for the five-year plan. I am confident that my team and I will do our utmost to formulate Hong Kong's first five-year plan, based on in-depth research and extensive consultation, within this year." She is firmly convinced that, under the leadership of the Chief Executive, through positive interaction between the executive and the legislature as well as extensive engagement with the community, this historic plan will be launched on schedule, and the CMAB will accomplish all the tasks to the best, thereby contributing to the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

Highlight

The Bridge Connecting People's Hearts; Fostering a Two-Way Flow of People



At midnight on 15 November 2025, the “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles” scheme (Southbound Travel Scheme) was officially launched with the first private car from Guangdong (Guangdong vehicle) crossed the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) bound for the automated car parks on the artificial island at the Hong Kong Port (port car parks). Eligible Guangdong vehicles with successful bookings may, from midnight on 23 December 2025, enter the urban areas of Hong Kong via the HZMB. From “parking at the port” to “seamless travel across the city”, every kilometre driven serves as a testament to the connectivity and integrated development within the Greater Bay Area.

The Southbound Travel Scheme is the reciprocal arrangement to the “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles” scheme, and represents an important initiative of the country in taking forward Greater Bay Area development. To ensure orderly implementation, the Southbound Travel Scheme is initially open to application from four cities in Guangdong Province, namely Guangzhou, Zhuhai, Zhongshan and Jiangmen, and will be gradually extended to other cities in Guangdong Province after six months of implementation.



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As a pioneering milestone of the Southbound Travel Scheme, the Airport Authority Hong Kong launched the “Park & Fly” service at the port car parks. Visitors who drive across the HZMB to the port car parks may leave their vehicles with the automated system, and proceed directly to the Hong Kong International Airport to connect to nearly 220 destinations worldwide. From its launch through the end of March this year, the “Park & Fly” service has recorded over 7 500 user applications and approximately 3 000 bookings. This model leverages the complementary strengths of land and air transport, further consolidating the Hong Kong International Airport’s status as an aviation hub. At the same time, the “Park & Visit” service, aimed at enriching local sightseeing experience, is in the pipeline. With this service, the seamless park-and-ride experience combining “self-driving + public transport” will be further extended in future.

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Another key component of the Southbound Travel Scheme is the direct entry of Guangdong vehicles into the urban area of Hong Kong. In the initial phase, a “small-and-quick step” approach has been adopted, with a daily quota of 100 Guangdong vehicles entering Hong Kong and a maximum stay of three days per trip. The scheme has been operating smoothly overall and gaining popularity among Mainland residents. As of end-March this year, the Transport Department has approved over 5 000 applications and recorded more than 3 500 travel bookings, with around 90% of visitors staying in Hong Kong for one to two days. It is worth noting that higher-spending power of Southbound Travel Scheme travellers presents new opportunities to such sectors as tourism, retail and catering in Hong Kong, thereby stimulating local economic growth.

The HKSAR Government has been pressing ahead with the Southbound Travel Scheme in a steady manner under the strategies of ensuring safety, effective diversion, well-equipped supporting facilities, and streamlined application processes. The Transport Department has commissioned Hong Kong operators to set up 13 designated vehicle inspection centres in the aforementioned four cities, providing one-stop services that include vehicle inspection, installation of Hong Kong licence plates, and the provision of practical information and promotional videos. The Transport Department has also launched the Southbound Travel Scheme dedicated page on the HKeMobility mobile app, and has liaised with Mainland navigation platforms such as Amap and Baidu to introduce tailored navigation services integrating traffic data and real-time information on parking and charging facilities. Additionally, supporting facilities have been made available, including the establishment of the Lantau Charging Station cum Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles Information Centre, and the promotion of smart upgrades to car parks at shopping malls and tourist hotspots, with a view to enhancing the experience of self-drive visitors to Hong Kong.

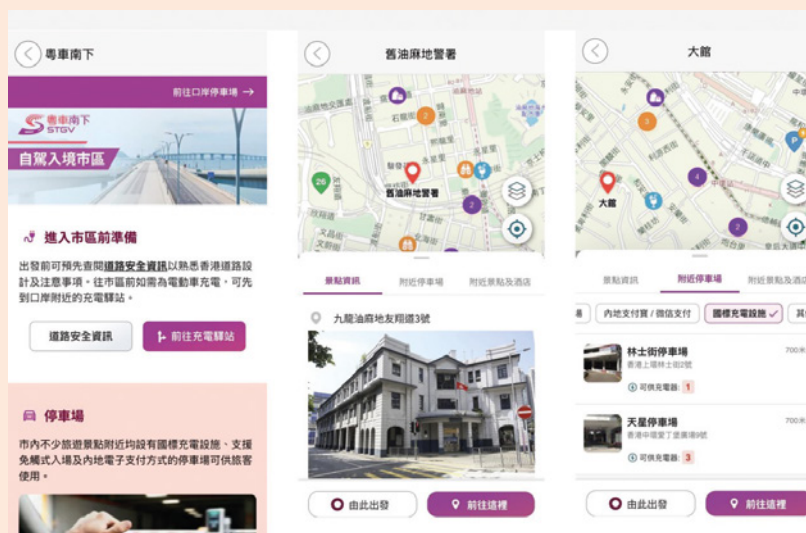
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To ensure traffic safety, the Transport Department has set up 13 designated vehicle inspection centres in the Mainland to provide one-stop services.



Lantau Charging Station



The Transport Department has launched the Southbound Travel Scheme dedicated page on the HKeMobility mobile app.

Mr Zhang, among the first to join the Southbound Travel Scheme, said that self-drive travel offered a refreshingly different experience. "It is far more convenient to reach tourist spots further afield, and it has made me more keen to bring my family to Hong Kong." Mr Peng, who also completed his first trip without a hitch, was favourably impressed. "Everything went very smoothly. Driving leisurely to enjoy the scenery is something public transport could never match."

With the implementation of the Southbound Travel Scheme, the vision of cross-boundary self-drive travel that facilitates the two-way flow of people has become a reality, further strengthening connectivity within the Greater Bay Area. The HZMB, a bridge connecting the three places, carries not only the flow of vehicles, but also the shared aspirations of Greater Bay Area residents for a better life, bearing witness to the advancement of regional integration towards a greater future.



Telling Good Stories of the Greater Bay Area

The Office has been telling good stories of the Greater Bay Area through diversified and multimedia means, so as to promote the significant opportunities of Greater Bay Area development. We have also continued to, through the Promotion Centre in Guangzhou, further enhance the publicity and promotion efforts in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, as well as providing support for Hong Kong people, enterprises and youngsters to help them grasp the development opportunities in the Greater Bay Area.

15 November 2025 to 14 February 2026

A four-episode television programme “‘Dreams to GBA Come True’ Itinerary Design Competition under Mainland Exchange Programmes for Students”, jointly produced by the Office, the Education Bureau, and Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), was broadcast on RTHK TV 31 from November 2025 to February 2026. Each episode, around 30 minutes long, documents students’ learning journeys and valuable experiences, from conducting research and participating in the competition to bringing their itineraries to life. Around 150 teachers and students went to Guangzhou, Foshan and Zhaoqing in July 2025, where they gained first-hand exposure to the Greater Bay Area’s latest developments across various sectors, including innovation and technology (I&T), medicine and cultural conservation, through on-site visits. Before the trips, most students could only name the cities and places they would be visiting. After the trips, they have gained a more solid understanding of the Greater Bay Area’s achievements in biotechnology, new energy development, preservation of intangible cultural heritage and others. While the trips were brief, the students fully engaged in all activities and summed up the tours with the words “beyond expectations”. This is truly admirable.

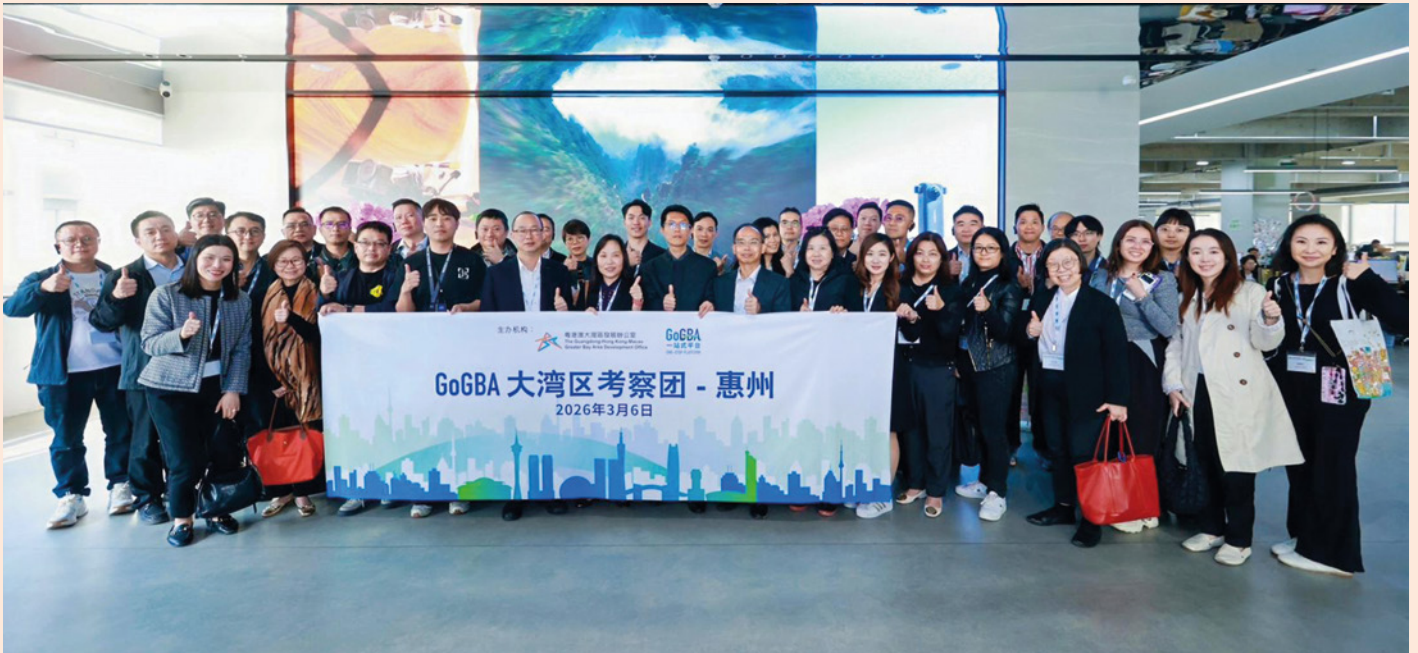


12 January to 20 March



The Office staged a Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area roving exhibition at the eight universities and at the Civic Education Resource Centre of Youth Square, sharing with students and young people the opportunities brought about by Greater Bay Area development. The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, visited the Youth Square on 4 March, where she engaged with secondary school students visiting the exhibition, and encouraged them to seize opportunities to work and pursue careers in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, thereby broadening their horizons for future development.





6 March

The Office organised a GoGBA business mission to Huizhou, arranging for nearly 30 Hong Kong enterprise representatives to visit the city to foster mutual interaction and co-operation. At a networking luncheon, the Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, introduced the work of the Promotion Centre, and encouraged Mainland talents and enterprises to expand into international markets by leveraging Hong Kong's unique advantages under "one country, two systems". The delegation visited an agricultural enterprise, a cosmetic mirror company, and a drone company, learning about the smart management and cultivation models of modern farms, product upgrading driven by cutting-edge technologies, and the latest developments in drone technology and applications.



13 March

Representatives of the Promotion Centre attended the activities of the youth innovation and entrepreneurship study tour under 2025-2028 GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme held in Guangzhou. At the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Guangdong) Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubation Base, they introduced to the participants the functions of the Promotion Centre and its work in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among Hong Kong youth in the Greater Bay Area.



16 to 27 March

Highlight episodes of the television programme "Hong Kong: Connecting the World and Converging Business in the Greater Bay Area", presented by the Office, were broadcast on TVB News (Channel 83). The ten highlight episodes, each 3 minutes long, feature how Hong Kong, as a dual platform for "going global and attracting foreign investment", fully leverages its roles as a "super connector" and "super value-adder" to serve as an ideal gateway for overseas enterprises to enter the Greater Bay Area and the broader Mainland markets, and for Mainland enterprises to expand globally. The highlight episodes have also been broadcast on MTR in-train televisions and social media platforms.

21 March

As a selection committee member of "For Our Future Scholarship (2025/26)", the Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, interviewed shortlisted students from local tertiary institutions. She remarked that the Greater Bay Area presents diverse opportunities for Hong Kong young people to fully realise their aspirations and broaden their horizons, and hoped that students will make good use of the expansive stage of the Greater Bay Area to seize opportunities and develop their strengths.





9 April

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, visited Zhongshan, where she attended and delivered a speech at the spring banquet and 35th anniversary celebration of the Zhongshan Association of Enterprises with Foreign Investment. She remarked that with the official opening of the Shenzhen-Zhongshan Link, the smooth implementation of the “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles” scheme, and the continued advancement of Greater Bay Area development, Hong Kong is deepening industrial collaboration with Zhongshan to achieve complementary advantages. She encouraged Zhongshan enterprises to set sail for global expansion through Hong Kong.



13 April

The Assistant Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, engaged with the community by attending a pre-tour meeting for “enriching lives—Greater Bay Area tour 2026”, introducing over 30 women participants to the latest developments in the Greater Bay Area and the HKSAR Government’s efforts in taking forward Greater Bay Area development.

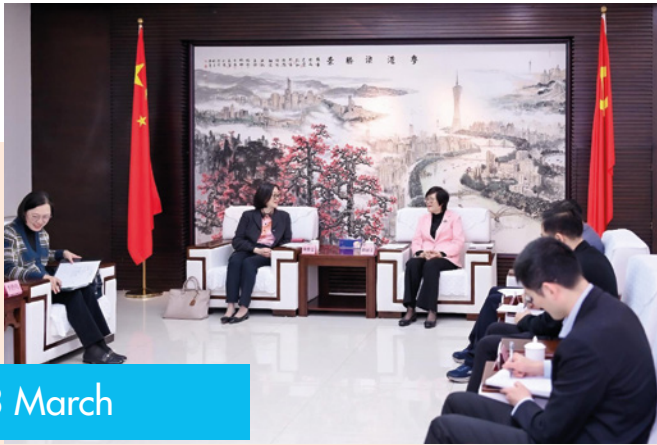
16 to 17 April

The Promotion Centre, in collaboration with the Chinese Manufacturers’ Association of Hong Kong, organised a business mission to Jiangmen on food and high-tech industries. Around 40 Hong Kong enterprise representatives from various industries visited Jiangmen to learn about its industries with competitive advantages, business environment and innovative technological applications. They also met and exchanged views with local government officials as well as representatives of chambers of commerce and enterprises to foster interaction and co-operation between the two places.



Visits to Greater Bay Area Cities

The Office has also actively conducted visits to various cities of the Greater Bay Area, with a view to enhancing Hong Kong's high-level co-operation with Guangdong and other Greater Bay Area cities, thereby strengthening connectivity and integrated development within the Greater Bay Area.



3 March

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, visited Guangzhou to meet with the leaders of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province, and the Guangdong Provincial Office of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. She also visited an enterprise in Nansha District specialising in the research and development (R&D) of autonomous driving technology, learning about the latest developments in mobility and logistics applications of autonomous driving. She encouraged Mainland autonomous driving enterprises to establish presence in Hong Kong, and leverage Hong Kong's roles as a "super connector" and "super value-adder" between Mainland enterprises and international markets to gain the first-mover advantage globally.



10 March



The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, visited a Hong Kong-invested youth start-up in Dongguan to learn about its latest achievements in agricultural R&D. She also visited the City University of Hong Kong (Dongguan) to learn how Hong Kong and Dongguan work together to advance the synergistic development of higher education in the Greater Bay Area.

20 March

The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, visited Jiangmen, where she toured leading enterprises in printing and packaging, metal products and motorcycle manufacturing sectors. She also met and exchanged views with enterprise representatives to learn about Jiangmen's innovative developments in such areas as printing and machinery manufacturing.



30 March

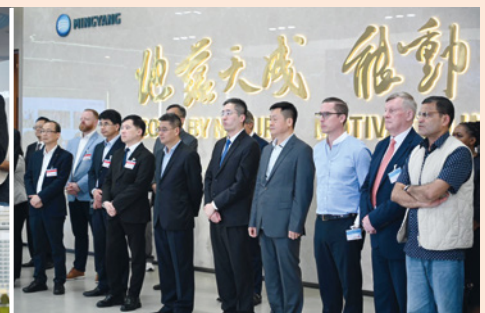
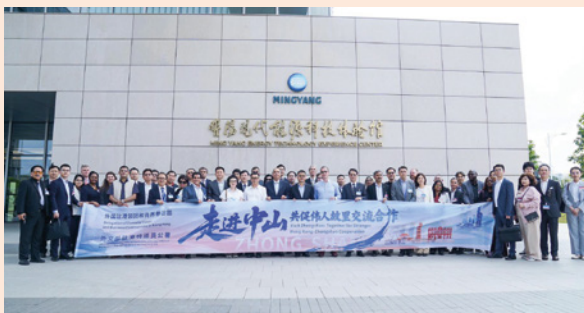
The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, visited Zhaoqing. She met with government officials from Zhaoqing Municipal Government and visited Hong Kong-invested enterprises and modern industrial parks in Zhaoqing New District. She also attended and delivered a speech at the plaque unveiling ceremony for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Zhaoqing) International Community Residents' Service Centre.



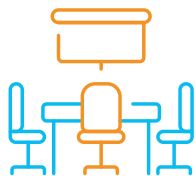
The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, visited Zhongshan to meet and exchange views with local leaders, and visit the Torch Development Zone and Cuiheng New Area to learn about Zhongshan's latest developments in I&T as well as the building of a modern industrial system. The Commissioner visited a leading enterprise that integrates the R&D, production, and management of wind power generation equipment; a manufacturer of computer numerical control systems and precision machining equipment; and a manufacturer of embodied mobile assistive robots. She listened to company representatives' presentations on their technologies and products, and encouraged them to use Hong Kong as a bridgehead, leveraging the city's strengths in finance, aviation and professional services etc. to bring their cutting-edge technologies to global markets.



The Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (USCMA), Mr Clement Woo, participated in a study tour to Zhongshan organised by the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR. Together with consular corps in Hong Kong and representatives of foreign chambers of commerce and the business sector, the USCMA visited Zhongshan to learn about its history and culture as well as development of new quality productive forces. The USCMA remarked that manufacturing is Zhongshan's traditional strength, while Hong Kong not only possesses strong capabilities in I&T and R&D, but can also leverage its advantages in financial services, professional services, and close connectivity with both the Mainland and the world. Hong Kong can enhance collaboration with Zhongshan enterprises under the principle of complementarity to drive high-quality development of the Greater Bay Area.



Meetings and Exchanges



The leaders of the HKSAR Government and the Office maintain close liaison with the relevant Mainland authorities and other Greater Bay Area cities, and actively conduct meetings and exchanges with Mainland and overseas stakeholders, so as to elucidate the recent work of the Office, and the latest progress of HKSAR Government's efforts in taking forward Greater Bay Area development.

13 February



The Assistant Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (right), met with the Vice-Consul of the Consulate General of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Hong Kong, Mr Samat Madaniyatov (left).

26 February



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (second right), and the Assistant Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, attended the 2026 spring reception of the Hong Kong Professionals and Senior Executives Association.

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The Acting SCMA, Mr Clement Woo, and the Deputy Commissioner, Ms Aubrey Fung, met with the Head of the Chinese Mission to the European Union and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Mr Cai Run.

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24 February



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (centre), and the Assistant Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (right), attended Spring Cocktail Reception 2026 of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong.

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27 February



The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee (right), met with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and Secretary of the Hengqin Working Committee of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Mr Chen Yong (left).

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27 February

2 March



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (left), and the Assistant Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (right), attended Spring Cocktail Reception 2026 of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

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The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (left), and the Deputy Commissioner, Ms Aubrey Fung (right), attended Spring Cocktail 2026 of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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4 March

5 March



The Acting SCMA, Mr Clement Woo (third right), and the Assistant Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (first left), met with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Korea Federation of Banks, Mr Cho Yong-byoung (third left).

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The Acting SCMA, Mr Clement Woo, attended the Spring Dinner of the Pearl River Delta Council and the Mainland Affairs Committee of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries.

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10 March

11 March



The Acting SCMA, Mr Clement Woo (third right), and the Deputy Commissioner, Ms Aubrey Fung (third left), met with the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to China, Mr Farhod Arziev (centre).

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The Acting SCMA, Mr Clement Woo (first row, third right), the Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Deputy Commissioner, Ms Aubrey Fung, attended the Spring Reception for Chinese Enterprises 2026.

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11 March

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The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Deputy Commissioner, Ms Aubrey Fung, met with the Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of Shenzhen, Ms Li Lirong.

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17 March



(Photo: Tencent official account of the Jiangmen Municipal People's Government Information Office of Guangdong Province)

The Deputy Commissioner, Ms Aubrey Fung (third right), accompanied the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan (second right), to meet with the Secretary of the CPC Jiangmen Municipal Committee, Mr Chen Jie (second left).

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The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee (first right), met with representatives of the Hong Kong Students' Association of Canton. Both sides exchanged views on the development of Hong Kong students in Guangdong, and explored the direction for future co-operation.

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23 March



27 March

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The Assistant Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (right), met with Board Member of the Centre for International Relations, Poland, Mr Michal Smagowicz (left).

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (right), and the Assistant Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (photo below: second right), attended the 2026 CCPIT (China Council for the Promotion of International Trade) Spring Festival Reception.



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17 April



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (left), attended the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers Annual Dinner.



Major Policies and Measures



The HKSAR Government collaborates closely with Guangdong Province and other Greater Bay Area cities under the principle of complementarity with a view to enhancing the efficient and smooth flow of essential factors of production such as people, goods, capital and information. At the same time, the HKSAR Government has been continuously deepening collaboration between Hong Kong and other Greater Bay Area cities, thereby strengthening connectivity and integrated development within the Greater Bay Area. Since January 2026, various major policy measures have been rolled out and a number of high-level meetings smoothly held, constantly fostering regional co-operation to new depths.

27 January

The Digital Policy Office, together with the Guangdong Provincial Administration of Government Service and Data, as well as the Identification Services Bureau of the Macao SAR, established the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cross-boundary Public Services Designated Self-service Area and set up the Macao SAR Government e-Services self-service kiosk at the Treasury Building, enabling residents and enterprises in Hong Kong to enjoy simple and convenient cross-boundary public services.

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6 February

The Transport Strategy Blueprint was officially announced, key contents of which include a new layout of "Eight Vertical and Eight Horizontal" infrastructure projects, planning for a new generation of Transport Interchange Hubs, flexible "Smart Demand-responsive Public Transport Mode" services, enhancing the application of artificial intelligence (AI) in traffic management, promoting the development of autonomous vehicles, actively increasing parking spaces, developing low-altitude economy, and enhancing pedestrian environments. The implementation of the Blueprint will promote Hong Kong's economic growth and sustainable development, while facilitating the movement of people and goods within the Greater Bay Area.

10 February and 27 March

The HKSAR Government, in collaboration with the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government, conducted the first northbound transfer drill for the Pilot Scheme for Direct Cross-boundary Ambulance Transfer in the Greater Bay Area on 10 February to test the route and immigration arrangements under the simulated transfer of patients by cross-boundary ambulance from Queen Elizabeth Hospital to the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital. The official implementation of the two-way transfer arrangement of the Pilot Scheme with Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Macao started on 27 March.

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11 February

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, and Member of the CPC Leadership Group of the Ministry of Commerce and Assistant Minister, Mr Zhang Li, met in Beijing to exchange views on deepening co-operation to support Mainland enterprises in going global. They also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on strengthening co-operation and exchange in the provision of comprehensive overseas services. Both sides will strengthen co-operation and exchange in the provision of comprehensive overseas services by leveraging Hong Kong's unique advantages under "one country, two systems", thereby fostering closer collaboration between Mainland enterprises seeking to go global and Hong Kong professional service providers, and enhancing the capacity to support Mainland enterprises in going global.

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11 February



The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, visited Shenzhen to meet with health officials from the Guangdong Provincial and Shenzhen Municipal Governments, as well as port control officials, aiming to deepen cross-boundary healthcare collaboration among the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area.

11 February

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), in collaboration with 29 large corporates, launched the HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas 2026, providing Hong Kong youth with quality internship placements on the Mainland and overseas. Internship placements are offered in various Mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area, as well as overseas countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Australia.

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13 February



The HKSAR Government will release part of the former community isolation and treatment facilities site at the Loop to facilitate the development of Phase 1 of the Hong Kong Park under the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone, as well as the construction of the planned railway station of the Northern Link Spur Line at the Loop and the nearby connecting roads. A site of approximately 3.6 hectares and a site of approximately 4.2 hectares are expected to be released in mid-2026 and March 2027 respectively.

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23 February

The Highways Department promulgated the Hong Kong Railway Standards and officially established the Railway Checking Unit to expedite implementation of new railway projects. In addition to retaining the prevailing railway standards in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Railway Standards have introduced suitable railway standards of the nation and various places in the world. This could facilitate the use of a broader selection of advanced construction technologies, construction materials, equipment, and railway systems for new railway projects, provide clear technical specifications as the approval basis of the supervisory authorities, and facilitate the development and optimisation of work processes by the industry.



The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, announced the 2026-27 Budget. Entering 2026, the Chinese Mainland will be the leading contributor to global economic growth, serving as the key driver for both regional and global economic momentum. The steadfast development of the country will continue providing firm support for Hong Kong. This year marks the beginning of the 15th Five-Year Plan. Hong Kong will proactively align with the 15th Five-Year Plan, better integrate into and serve the overall national development, and continue to proactively participate in the development of the Greater Bay Area.

The Office has compiled an overview of key contents related to Greater Bay Area Development stated in the Budget as follows:



International Innovation and Technology Hub

- Press ahead with the industrialisation of AI, deepen its integration across various industries, and encourage wider AI application.
- The Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute situated in the Hetao Hong Kong Park has launched a collaboration platform with the Shenzhen Park.
- The planning for Phase 2 development of the Hetao Hong Kong Park has been completed. The Government will seek approval from the Legislative Council to inject a funding of \$10 billion to the park company to accelerate the development of the Hetao Hong Kong Park. The Government will also seek to facilitate the convenient flow of personnel, materials, capital and data between the Shenzhen Park and Hong Kong Park, while exploring with the Mainland the formulation of specific implementation plans to allow cross-boundary flow of research data and biosamples.
- The Government has completed the first-stage legislative amendment exercise, and will refine the legislation and regulatory framework on civil aviation to lay the foundation for the development of low-altitude economy standardisation in the long run. Trial projects, such as unmanned aircraft system traffic management system, multiple applications/users shared-platforms, cross-boundary routes and passenger-carrying flying aircraft, will be rolled out in phases from the first half of this year. The Government is also actively exploring with the Mainland to commence trial flights on cross-boundary low-altitude logistics.
- The Hong Kong Investment Corporation has, through strategic investments and collaboration with leading enterprises, established the Hong Kong RISC-V Alliance, which aims at bringing together industries, academia and the investment sector for cross-industry co-operation in the Greater Bay Area.
- Close economic integration of Hong Kong with the Greater Bay Area brings about opportunities for cross-boundary scientific collaboration, technology transfer and the development of emerging and future industries. The Government will review and enhance tax arrangements for R&D expenditures.

International Financial Centre

- Deepen financial co-operation in the Greater Bay Area, contribute to the national strategic goal of “accelerating China’s development as a financial powerhouse”, and leverage Hong Kong’s strengths in finance to drive industry development, i.e. “Finance+”.
- Continue to advance the internationalisation of the Renminbi (RMB), actively explore with the Mainland to expedite the issuance of Mainland government bond futures in Hong Kong, the inclusion of real estate investment trusts under mutual access and the inclusion of a RMB trading counter under the Southbound trading of the Stock Connect, and explore further enhancements to the Bond Connect.

Enhancing Industries with Competitive Edge – Co-operation in Transport and Logistics

- The Airport Authority Hong Kong will step up promotion of the direct passenger service from Zhuhai to Hong Kong for passengers taking flights at the Hong Kong International Airport, while enhancing the connectivity between Zhuhai Airport and the Hong Kong International Airport to encourage more travellers using the service.
- The construction of the intermodal pier under Phase 1 of the Hong Kong International Airport Dongguan Logistics Park has been completed. The remaining works are expected to complete within 2026, targeted for commissioning in the first half of 2027.

International Hub for High-calibre Talents

- Continue nurturing local talents, attracting talents globally and developing an international education hub to achieve the integrated development of “Education, Technology and Talent”.
- The GBA Fintech Two-way Internship Scheme for Post-secondary Students provides subsidies for students from Hong Kong and the Mainland to participate in short-term internships in fintech companies. About 30 enterprises and 100 students have participated in the scheme.

Integrated Development of Culture, Sports and Tourism – Tourism Industry

- Continue strengthening co-operation with the Greater Bay Area and other Mainland provinces and municipalities, and exploring with airlines to offer multi-destination flight itineraries, so as to attract more overseas visitors to Hong Kong and the Mainland.

Accelerating Green Development – Green Technology

- Since the establishment of the Green Tech Fund, the Government has injected a total of \$400 million into the fund and approved a number of projects, including production and storage of hydrogen fuel and the technology of turning waste into resources, etc.

Infrastructure Development

- The Transport Strategy Blueprint recently announced outlines strategies and specific recommendations for the sustainable development of the transport system in Hong Kong. Guided by a public transport-oriented principle, the Blueprint aims to enhance cross-boundary transport infrastructure, and facilitate the movement of people and goods within the Greater Bay Area.
- The Government is actively exploring with the Qianhai Authority for the pilot implementation of Hong Kong’s New Engineering Contract form and Smart Site Safety System in Qianhai to facilitate the alignment of the Mainland’s engineering contract and management system with Hong Kong and international standards.
- Make reference to Guobiao and overseas standards to further enhance local construction standards and specifications, and leverage Hong Kong’s unique strengths as a global city and its experience to co-establish the Greater Bay Area Construction Standards and help Guobiao gain access to the global market.

A Caring and Inclusive Community – Caring for the Elderly

- Starting from February, the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong has included two more residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), resulting in a total of 26 RCHEs covering all nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area.
- New arrangements for portable cash assistance will be implemented in the middle of this year, under which elderly participants of the Guangdong Scheme, Fujian Scheme and Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme may opt to receive government assistance direct through their accounts with designated Mainland banks.



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2 March

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, visited Shenzhen to attend the "Greater Together": Hetao-Hong Kong Youth Innovation Hub Launch Ceremony at the Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch, creating more exchange and co-operation opportunities for I&T enterprises and talents in both places.

3 March

The representatives of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Monetary Authority of Macao held a meeting to foster closer financial co-operation between the two authorities in several key areas, and signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding.

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A New Round

HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland

Provide young people with thematic internship opportunities in Cultural, nature conservation and scientific research opportunities in a media organisation on the Mainland.

 An illustration shows two young people, a boy and a girl, looking at a laptop. Below them are icons representing different themes: a film camera, a QR code, and a panda with bamboo.

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3 March

The HYAB launched a new round of the HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland to provide young people with thematic internship opportunities in cultural, nature conservation and scientific research institutions and a media organisation on the Mainland. The programmes will take place from June to August this year, with a duration of three to six weeks and a total of nearly 130 thematic internship positions.

9 March

The Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy and the Ministry of Justice co-organised the second edition of the National Training Course for Talents Handling Foreign-related Arbitration (Hong Kong). Through lectures, panel discussions, exchanges and visits, the course aims to introduce practical operations in areas including international commercial arbitration and international investment arbitration to around 80 participants, including Mainland in-house counsel, experienced arbitrators, lawyers and arbitration practitioners.

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13 March



The Labour Department held the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme Job Fair, with over 20 participating organisations offering opportunities to work in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area for Hong Kong young people aged 29 or below with sub-degree qualifications or above.

17 March

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The thematic event “Guangzhou & Hong Kong: An Enduring Partnership for GBA” was held at the Hong Kong Science Park. At the event, the Guangzhou-Hong Kong Sci-Tech and Industrial Integration Innovation Center was officially unveiled, and a signing ceremony was held for several Memoranda of Understanding, which cover I&T platforms, new quality productive forces and so forth.



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17 March



The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau of Hong Kong and the Guangzhou Municipal Local Finance Administration Bureau signed a framework agreement on strategic co-operation between the financial departments of the Guangzhou and Hong Kong governments, and the Guangzhou-Hong Kong financial co-operation workstation was unveiled on the same day.

18 March

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The Hong Kong Productivity Council and the Guangzhou Municipal Development and Reform Commission signed a Memorandum of Understanding on strategic co-operation to jointly establish a Guangzhou-Hong Kong empowerment centre for new quality productive forces, thereby working together to advance the cultivation and development of new quality productive forces.



18 to 19 March

Hong Kong Talent Engage's Global Talent Summit Week was officially commenced, which brought together experts from the political, business and academic sectors worldwide to share insights on the future integration of education, technology and talent. In collaboration with local and overseas partners, a series of events were held to showcase Hong Kong's roles and strengths as an international talent hub and the country's gateway for talents.

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20 March

The Joint Working Group on Promoting Interconnectivity of Charging Facilities in the Greater Bay Area was officially established and convened its first meeting in Shenzhen. At the meeting, the joint working group set out major tasks for the coming two years, and exchanged views on pertinent work.

20 March

Invest Hong Kong announced the launch of a thematic website (www.goglobal.gov.hk) by the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force). The GoGlobal Task Force thematic website consolidates key information for Mainland enterprises going global, including the GoGlobal Task Force's member list and support services; promotional events held by the Task Force in the Mainland and Hong Kong; success stories of Mainland enterprises going global via Hong Kong; practical resources; and the first phase of the cross-sector professional services platform launched on the same day by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, with a view to offering one-stop information and professional support for Mainland enterprises seeking to expand into overseas markets via Hong Kong.

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23 to 24 March

The inaugural Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao-Shenzhen Joint Financial Regulatory Meeting was held in Nansha, Guangzhou. The meeting was hosted by the National Financial Regulatory Administration (NFRA) Guangdong Office and attended by representatives from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Hong Kong Insurance Authority, Monetary Authority of Macao, and NFRA Shenzhen Office. During the meeting, participants exchanged views on industry developments, supervisory work and latest market trends.

25 March

The Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Mr Kevin Choi, and the Director-General of the Department of Science and Technology of Guangdong Province, Ms Wang Yueqin, cochaired the 21st meeting of the Guangdong/Hong Kong Expert Group on Co-operation in Technology and Innovation held in Hong Kong, exchanging views on further deepening of I&T cooperation between Guangdong and Hong Kong.

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26 March

The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, attended the 2026 Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition in Macao. The exhibition booth of the Environment and Ecology Bureau featured exhibits, information boards and videos to demonstrate the innovative technologies the HKSAR Government is applying to continuously advance environmental protection, green transformation, and low-carbon living.

26 March

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Mr Chan Tsz-tat, and the Director General of the Guangdong Sub-Administration of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GSAC), Ms Zhang Geping, led their respective delegations to attend the 2026 Review Meeting between the GSAC and Hong Kong Customs held in Guangzhou. At the meeting, both sides reviewed the outcomes of co-operation across multiple fields, and reached consensus on a series of co-operation plans for 2026-27.

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30 March

The HSITP (Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park) Incubation Programme was officially launched, with the inaugural Tech Day held on the same day. The programme partners with world-leading incubation platforms, and focuses on two key areas, namely life and health technology, and AI and data science, to provide comprehensive, full-cycle support, ranging from proof-of-concept to market expansion, for I&T enterprises based in the Loop.

30 March

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The fifth meeting of the fourth-term Human Resources Planning Commission was held. The meeting discussed, among others, the policy measures and promotional strategies of the Office and Hong Kong Talent Engage in fostering collaboration within the Greater Bay Area to attract overseas talents. Members affirmed the relevant work and expressed views on promoting talent mobility within the region.



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31 March



(Photo: Official website of the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital)

The Pilot Scheme for Supporting Patients of the Hospital Authority in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is extended for one year until 31 March 2027, with a view to enabling eligible patients of the Hospital Authority to choose to receive subsidised consultation services at the designated collaborating healthcare institution in the Greater Bay Area. The pilot scheme is currently applicable to the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.

1 April

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The sixth Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination will be held on 19 September in Shenzhen and Zhuhai, Guangdong. Eligible applicants can apply to sit for the examination through the website of the Ministry of Justice from 16 to 25 April. Currently, over 630 Hong Kong and Macao legal practitioners have passed the examination and obtained the Lawyer's License (Guangdong-Hongkong-Macao Greater Bay Area) to provide legal services in the nine Mainland municipalities in the Greater Bay Area on specified civil and commercial matters to which the Mainland laws apply.



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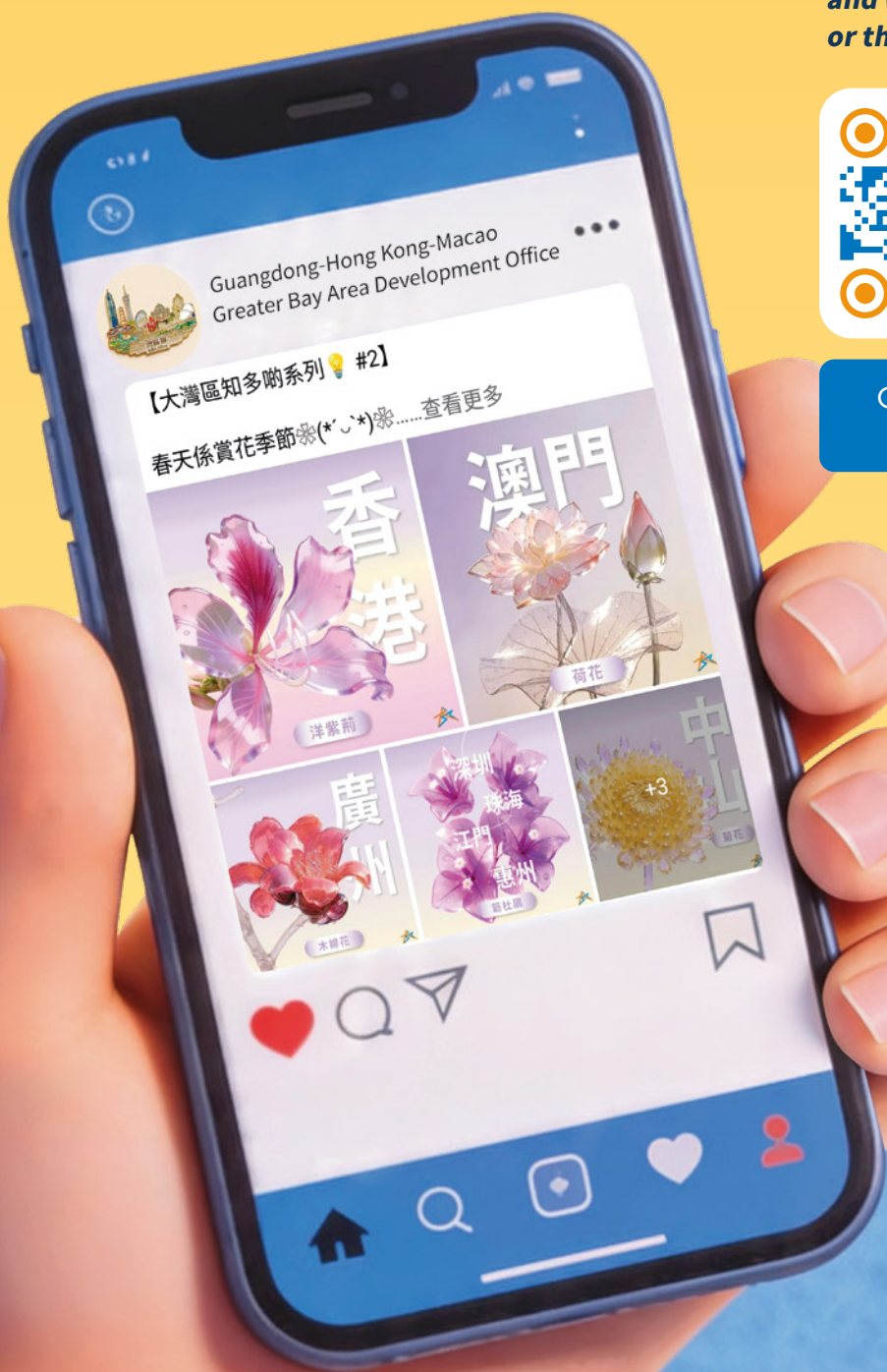
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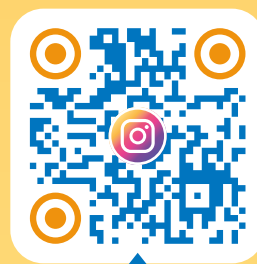
The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong and the Shenzhen Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital signed a strategic collaboration agreement, which lays the foundation and sets the direction for collaboration on various fronts between the two Chinese medicine hospitals. The strategic collaboration agreement covers numerous areas, including exchange of Chinese medicine talents, cross-boundary distance discussions of cases, establishment of a sharing platform for drug interaction alert notifications, organisation of Chinese medicine academic conferences, and development of a scientific research network.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (GBA Office) Facebook and Instagram pages have been launched with a brand-new look!

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