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Message from Commissioner

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



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The HKSAR Government is proactively aligning with the National 15th Five-Year Plan to formulate Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan, seizing significant opportunities in the 15th Five-Year Plan period to promote Hong Kong's better integration into and service to the overall national development.

Consolidating and enhancing the role of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) as a driving force for high-quality development is also one of the strategic directions under the National 15th Five-Year Plan Outline for improving the regional economic structures and promoting coordinated regional development. In the 15th Five-Year Plan period, the HKSAR Government will strengthen innovation and technology (I&T) collaboration with other Greater Bay Area cities, promote synergised development of industries, advance infrastructure connectivity, enhance "soft connectivity" in rules and mechanisms, elevate the level of market integration, build a quality living circle in the Greater Bay Area, and foster the development of key co-operation platforms in the Greater Bay Area.

In the course of formulating the First Five-Year Plan, the HKSAR Government conducted a two-month public consultation, during which the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (SCMA), Miss Janice Tse, and I separately visited the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area and Macao, meeting with local government leaders to hear their views. We also visited key co-operation platforms, including Qianhai and Nansha, to jointly explore more forward-looking and strategic development directions, with a view to deepening co-operation and leveraging our respective strengths to jointly take forward Greater Bay Area development.

In addition to the formulation of Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan, the feature articles in this issue also highlight the progress for the development of the Northern Metropolis, as well as a series of facilitation measures put in place by the HKSAR Government in late June to encourage yacht visits to Hong Kong, following the State Council's announcement in late May of its approval of exemption of the requirement of a guarantee and implementation of temporary ship nationality registration for Hong Kong and Macao yachts when temporarily entering and exiting the Chinese Mainland. In addition, the HKSAR Government is working full steam on Northern Metropolis development through innovative approaches, with a view to developing it into a new engine for driving future growth. The Northern Metropolis is progressively taking shape from vision to reality, and while advancing its own development, it is also injecting new momentum into Greater Bay Area development.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office) continues to tell good stories of the Greater Bay Area by actively organising business missions, inviting representatives from chambers of commerce and enterprises to visit the Greater Bay Area to deepen their understanding of its business environment and expand into the Mainland markets. In the first half of this year, we took part in a series of promotion events in Suzhou, Beijing, Tianjin and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, introducing to local government departments, chambers of commerce and business representatives the latest development opportunities in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area as a whole, while encouraging local enterprises and talents to jointly explore the vast market of the Greater Bay Area by leveraging Hong Kong's edge of having close connectivity with both the Mainland and the world.

In the past few months, impressive results have been achieved in terms of connectivity within the Greater Bay Area. The "Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles" scheme has extended to cover all Mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area, while Hong Kong and Macao yachts are now permitted to navigate in the waters of the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area. Furthermore, the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong has been expanded to cover 29 institutions, enabling more Hong Kong elderly people to enjoy their retirement life in the Greater Bay Area. You may read about these new developments in this issue of the newsletter. Also worth mentioning is the brand-new television programme "GBA Snapshots" presented by the Office, which premiered on HOY Channels 77 and 78 on 24 August. This 12-episode programme, each three minutes long, takes a light-hearted approach to showcase the latest developments across various sectors of the Greater Bay Area. Tune in to keep your finger on the pulse of the Greater Bay Area!

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Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan: Proactively Aligning with the National 15th Five-Year Plan Charting a New Chapter for High-Quality Development



The fourth session of the 14th National People's Congress (held this March) approved the 15th Five-Year Plan Outline, which is the blueprint and action agenda for the country's economic and social development over the next five years. It provides crucial guidance for Hong Kong to further integrate into and serve the overall national development, while clearly defining future development opportunities.

Taking the National 15th Five-Year Plan as crucial guidance, the HKSAR Government, for the first time, formulates the First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2026-2030) (Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan). The Plan sets out a forward-looking, strategic and directional development blueprint for Hong Kong, driving the city towards high-quality development, and enabling it to better integrate into and serve the overall national development.



Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan and You



1. Why does Hong Kong need its own Five-Year Plan?

By formulating and implementing Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan, Hong Kong will better leverage its advantages, including its status as an international centre for finance, maritime and trade, and its roles as an international I&T centre and as a core engine of the Greater Bay Area. It will serve as a "participant" and "facilitator" in the country's new development paradigm of "dual circulation", injecting continuous impetus to Hong Kong's economy while enhancing the well-being of citizens and promoting social stability and prosperity.

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2. What new opportunities will Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan bring to different sectors of society?

For the **economy** and **businesses**, Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan will consolidate traditional strengths and open up new avenues for growth. Businesses will benefit from clearer policy directions, an enhanced business environment, and more business opportunities arising from alignment with national strategies.

For **young people** and **talent**, Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan will provide more employment opportunities across various industries, international exposure and upward mobility, enabling the younger generation to better realise their aspirations.

For **people's livelihood** and **well-being**, Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan will help enhance citizens' lives, and enable the community to share the dividends of development.



During the public consultation period, the Government held a number of consultation sessions, interacting with various sectors of society to map out good strategies and forge consensus for Hong Kong's development over the next five years.

For society as a whole, Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan can chart a course towards more visionary and sustainable development for Hong Kong.





3. How will this Plan support Hong Kong in taking forward Greater Bay Area development?

In the National 15th Five-Year Plan period, Hong Kong will play a more active role as a two-way bridge, driving deep integration with other Greater Bay Area cities through industry development, jointly advancing the full-chain development of I&T, elevating the level of connectivity in infrastructure as well as rules and standards, and facilitating the efficient and convenient flow of people, goods, capital and information while forging closer people-to-people bonds. In addition, Hong Kong will make good use of key co-operation platforms such as Qianhai, Nansha and Hetao to pursue further policy innovation and institutional breakthroughs, and further promote successful policies to other Mainland cities, so as to make greater contributions to the country's deepening of reform and expansion of high-level opening up.

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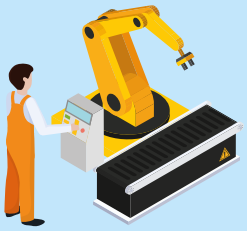
In this regard, the consultation document sets out the following policy directions:

Deepen the development of the Greater Bay Area and build a world-class bay area

Strengthen co-operation in technological innovation and the synergised development of emerging industries, and support the accelerated development of an **international I&T centre** in the Greater Bay Area.



Advance **"hard connectivity"** in infrastructure, and strengthen collaboration with the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area in areas such as aviation, shipping, rail, and land transport, etc.



Advance **"soft connectivity"** in rules and standards, deepen the alignment of rules and mechanisms, facilitate cross-boundary vehicle transport, enhance the level of market integration, and facilitate the efficient and convenient flow of people, goods, capital and information.

Advance **"connectivity of hearts"** among residents of the three places, develop the Greater Bay Area into a quality living circle for living, working and travelling, and foster youth development, co-operation in people's livelihood, and cultural exchanges.

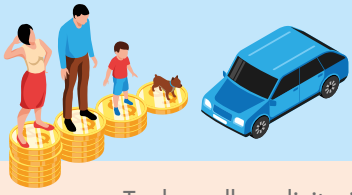


Leverage Hong Kong to promote the Greater Bay Area as an "international hub" for high-quality development of the country's construction industry and water sector.









Advance the development of key co-operation platforms such as Qianhai, Nansha and Hetao, and strengthen collaboration with other areas, provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions in the Mainland.





To broadly solicit views from all sectors of society and build consensus, the HKSAR Government conducted a two-month public consultation on Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan from 15 June to 14 August 2026. During the period, the HKSAR Government held over 100 consultation sessions, around 30 of which were personally chaired by the Chief Executive, to extensively solicit views and suggestions from the public. Government officials also visited other Greater Bay Area cities to hear views on further alignment and co-operative development within the Greater Bay Area. Throughout the consultation period, the HKSAR Government received more than 16 000 submissions of views or suggestions, clearly showing that Hong Kong people and stakeholders of different sectors have great concern over Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan. Hong Kong will forge closer coordination and collaboration with Guangdong Province and various Greater Bay Area cities, jointly exploring forward-looking and strategic development directions, and leveraging each other's respective strengths to advance Greater Bay Area development. With the aid of artificial intelligence (AI), the HKSAR Government is working at full speed to collate and analyse the views received, with the target of publishing Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan within the third quarter of this year.

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Northern Metropolis: Forging a New Engine for Hong Kong's Development



Hong Kong has long faced a perennial shortage of land resources, with development space primarily concentrated in highly-developed urban areas. Land supply is constrained by topography, land use restrictions, and existing development patterns, making it difficult to support the long-term needs of economic diversification and industrial upgrading. As a new engine driving Hong Kong's economy, the Northern Metropolis will primarily accommodate the development functions of I&T, post-secondary education, and health and medical innovation etc., promote collaboration among industry, academia and research, advance the integrated development of education, technology and talent, while fostering closer integration with the Greater Bay Area in terms of I&T and talent resources.

As a key new strategic development space in Hong Kong, the Northern Metropolis covers around one-third of Hong Kong's total area. It is a key vehicle for driving Hong Kong's I&T and industry development, and a crucial base for better leveraging the complementary strengths of the Mainland and Hong Kong to foster in-depth participation in Greater Bay Area development. The HKSAR Government published the Northern Metropolis Action Agenda in 2023, which sets out in detail the development blueprint for the Northern Metropolis, translating the vision for its development into concrete projects and action plans with specific timelines. The 2025 Policy Address further introduced a number of measures to remove unnecessary barriers and restrictions, accelerating and enhancing efficiency with the development of the Northern Metropolis. The HKSAR Government has established the Committee on Development of the Northern Metropolis personally led by the Chief Executive, with three working groups set up to focus on specific areas, namely devising development and operation models for industries, studying the development mode for the Northern Metropolis University Town, and strengthening the co-ordination and supervision of the project approval process. In tandem, dedicated legislation has been introduced to empower the Government to devise simplified statutory procedures. This series of innovative measures demonstrates the HKSAR Government's firm resolve to accelerate the development of the Northern Metropolis.



The Chief Executive chaired the first working meeting of the Committee on Development of the Northern Metropolis.

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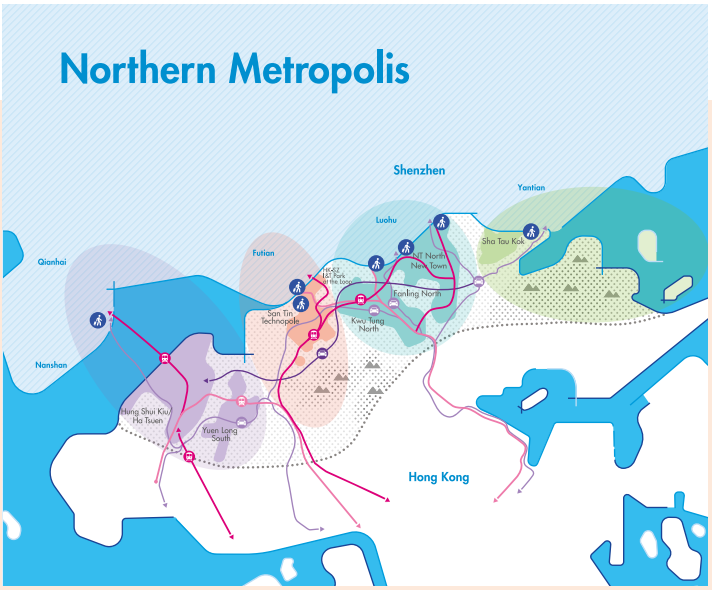
Overview of the Northern Metropolis

Taking into account the characteristics and strengths of different regions, as well as corresponding development in Shenzhen, the Northern Metropolis is divided into four major zones, each with its own development theme and industry positioning: from west to east, these are the High-end Professional Services and Logistics Hub, the Innovation and Technology Zone, the Boundary Commerce and Industry Zone, and the Blue and Green Recreation, Tourism and Conservation Circle. Under the new "Eight Vertical and Eight Horizontal" transport infrastructure framework, the Government is pressing full steam ahead with a series of railway and major road projects to enhance connectivity within the Northern Metropolis and with other districts of Hong Kong. It is also strengthening the infrastructure connectivity in the Greater Bay Area through two cross-boundary railway projects, namely Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link and Northern Link, thereby enhancing the transport connection with Shenzhen and other Greater Bay Area cities.

The Northern Metropolis holds immense economic value and development potential. In the next five years, about 900 hectares of "spade-ready" land will be delivered in the Northern Metropolis, resulting in the provision of some 70 000 housing units and about one million square metres of economic floor space. Looking ahead, the Northern Metropolis is expected to create more than 500 000 job opportunities, thereby broadening the pathways for upward mobility for the younger generation through industry development, and promoting home-job balance and people's well-being.



Ngau Tam Mei New Development Area (conceptual image)



Deepening collaboration within the Greater Bay Area

Leveraging its geographical proximity to Shenzhen, the Northern Metropolis can also better capitalise on the complementary strengths of the Mainland and Hong Kong, enabling us to participate more deeply in Greater Bay Area development. This is an important initiative by the HKSAR Government in actively responding to the National 15th Five-Year Plan. Shenzhen is at the forefront of the country's reform and opening up, boasting world-leading I&T capabilities, whereas Hong Kong holds distinct advantages in finance, professional services, and an internationalised business environment.

To drive Northern Metropolis development, the HKSAR Government has been steadily implementing a number of local and cross-boundary transport infrastructure projects, including Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu to Qianhai), Northern Link, Northern Link Spur Line, and Tuen Mun Bypass. These infrastructure projects will significantly reduce travel time between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, creating more favourable conditions for the flow of people and goods between the two places, while broadening the scope for industrial upgrading and talent exchange in the region.

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San Tin Technopole (conceptual image)

Under the industry pattern of "South-North dual engine (finance-I&T)", the Northern Metropolis is accelerating its development into an international I&T hub. Among others, the San Tin Technopole possesses geographical advantages; it is not only a strategic extension of the Hetao Hong Kong Park, but also neighbours multiple I&T parks in Shenzhen, seamlessly integrating with the innovation ecosystems of Futian and Huanggang, thereby effectively pooling industry-academia-research resources from Hong Kong and Shenzhen. Leveraging ample land resources, the San Tin Technopole will actively facilitate the commercialisation of scientific research outcomes, and integrate with the comprehensive industry supply chains in the Greater Bay Area, becoming a stronghold for the future development of emerging technology industries in Hong Kong and a vital base for fostering new quality productive forces.





Northern Metropolis University Town (conceptual image)

High-quality development of industries cannot be achieved without the support of talent resources. The Northern Metropolis University Town (University Town) is set to develop into an integrated university town with a total planned area of 1 000 hectares or above. The University Town will adopt the concept of "One Town, Five Elements" for development planning, with the five elements being education, technology, talent, industry, and urban development. With a strategic positioning that integrates "talent cultivation, scientific research, transformation of outcomes, industrial development", it will drive the synergistic development of "industry, academia and research", as well as the integrated development of education, technology and talent. At the same time, it will deepen scientific research exchanges with Mainland and overseas universities and institutions, thereby establishing itself as a world-class I&T base, and accelerating the commercialisation of technological achievements.

As Northern Metropolis transitions from a blueprint on paper to a period of fruition, a brand-new metropolis ideal for living, working and travelling is gradually becoming a reality. As a new engine for Hong Kong's future development, the Northern Metropolis shoulders multiple missions of economic growth, improvement of people's livelihood and technological innovation, while being closely integrated with the Greater Bay Area. The Northern Metropolis is forging ahead with great momentum, enabling Hong Kong to better integrate into and serve the overall national development.

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Implementing Facilitation Measures to Encourage Yacht Visits to Hong Kong

With 1 180 kilometres of shoreline and 263 islands, Hong Kong possesses the natural advantages to become a yacht hub in Asia. In response to the 2025 Policy Address's proposal to develop the yacht economy, the HKSAR Government has taken further steps to remove unnecessary barriers and restrictions for yacht visits to Hong Kong, in order to attract more yachts from the Greater Bay Area and around the world to choose Hong Kong as their destination, thereby promoting Hong Kong's development as a yacht hub in Asia.

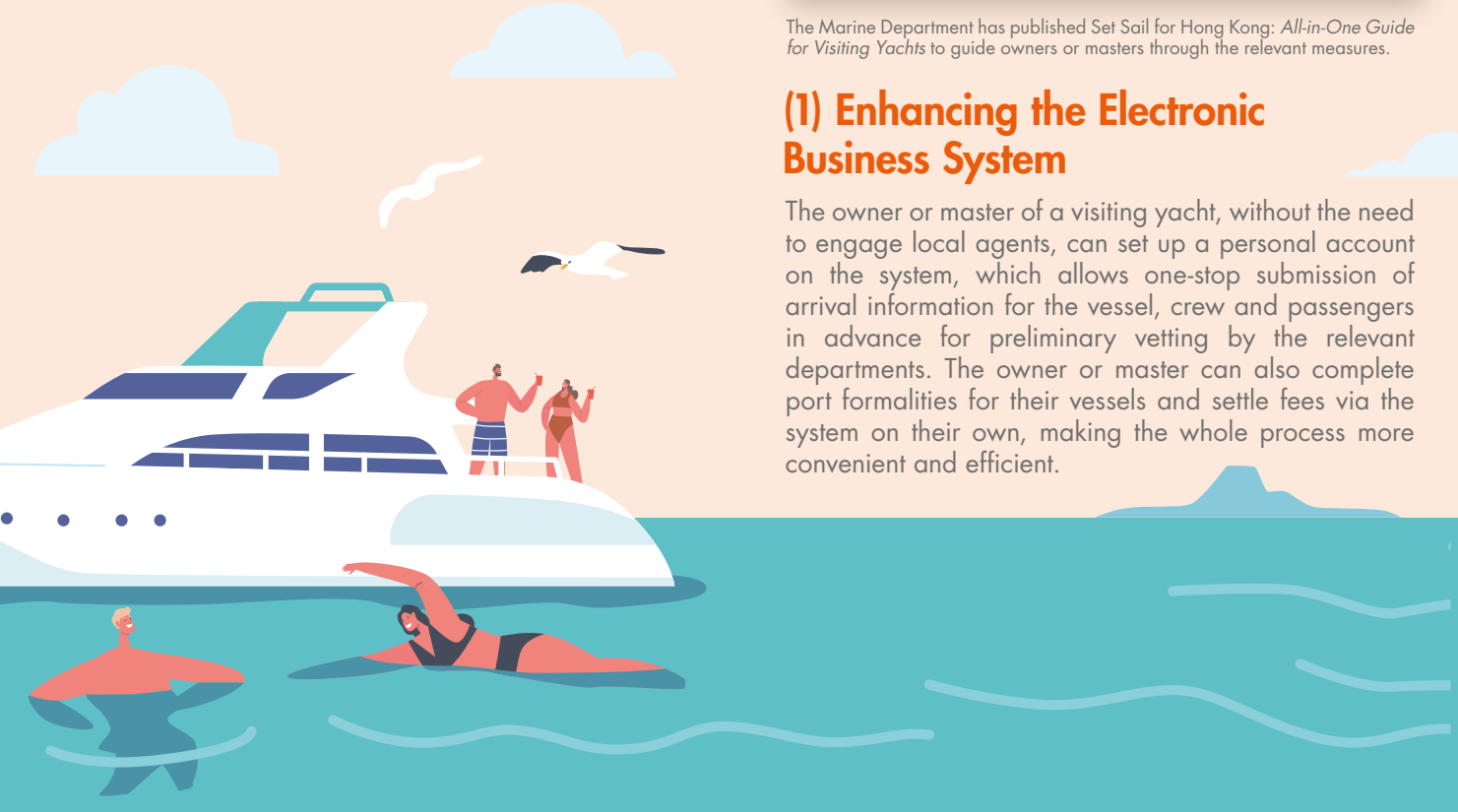
To support the overall development of yacht economy, the Marine Department introduced three measures in late June, which aim to facilitate the implementation of existing policies for yachts visiting Hong Kong by streamlining vetting procedures and enhancing port formality efficiency, while ensuring maritime safety.



The Marine Department has published Set Sail for Hong Kong: *All-in-One Guide for Visiting Yachts* to guide owners or masters through the relevant measures.

(1) Enhancing the Electronic Business System

The owner or master of a visiting yacht, without the need to engage local agents, can set up a personal account on the system, which allows one-stop submission of arrival information for the vessel, crew and passengers in advance for preliminary vetting by the relevant departments. The owner or master can also complete port formalities for their vessels and settle fees via the system on their own, making the whole process more convenient and efficient.



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(2) Relaxing the requirements of berths for visiting yachts

The Marine Department has improved the existing mechanism and developed a Dynamic Yacht Monitoring System, which allows visiting yachts to navigate safely and in an orderly manner in Hong Kong waters as well as to anchor in designated areas, without having to reserve berths at privately operated yacht clubs or piers. The five designated anchorage areas for visiting yachts are located at Stanley Bay, Tai Tam Bay, Repulse Bay, Three Fathoms Cove in Sai Kung, and Tai O. All situated near general navigation waters and popular recreational boating areas, significantly enhancing the flexibility of mooring and navigation for visiting yachts.





(3) Facilitating operators of visiting yachts from the Mainland to obtain required qualifications

The Marine Department has authorised the relevant Mainland institution to administer Hong Kong Waters Local Knowledge Examinations on the Mainland, and has approved seven Mainland training institutions to offer recognised training courses. The first batch of Mainland yacht masters successfully passed the examination or completed training in mid-June, and are now qualified to navigate yachts in Hong Kong waters.



The HKSAR Government has been committed to working with the Guangdong Provincial Government to actively promote cross-boundary individual yacht travel. To advance the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao individual yacht travel system, the tripartite working group established by the Guangdong Maritime Safety Administration, the Marine Department of Hong Kong and the Macao Marine and Water Bureau has been actively discussing relevant facilitation measures. In May this year, the State Council announced its approval of the exemption from the guarantee requirement and the implementation of temporary ship nationality registration for Hong Kong and Macao yachts when they temporarily enter and exit the Mainland through designated ports in the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area and only navigate within these cities. Under the new policy, the exemption from the guarantee requirement has significantly reduced the financial burden on owners of Hong Kong and Macao yachts when handling cross-border procedures. Meanwhile, the temporary ship nationality registration allows Hong Kong and Macao yachts to obtain temporary ship nationality certificates issued by the Mainland without affecting their original ship registration, enabling individual yacht travel within the waters of the nine Mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area. The inaugural northbound sailing ceremony for Hong Kong yachts was held concurrently in Guangzhou, Zhuhai, Zhongshan and Shenzhen in mid-June, with the first batch of over 20 Hong Kong and Macao yachts smoothly entering the Mainland.

Meanwhile, the HKSAR Government will continue to roll out facilitation measures in an orderly manner, and work closely with the relevant Mainland authorities to actively take forward the southbound travel for Mainland yachts, thereby promoting Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao individual yacht travel and enhance connectivity. These efforts demonstrates Hong Kong's proactive role in the integrated development of the Greater Bay Area, and fosters a healthy, sustainable and competitive environment for the growth and development of the local yacht economy.

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 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre (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.

27 April

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, attended and delivered a speech at the commendation ceremony of the GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme 2025-2028. The commendation ceremony brought together approximately 150 guests to cheer on 12 teams of young entrepreneurs set to start their businesses in the Greater Bay Area. The Commissioner remarked that the selected teams' projects covered a wide range of themes, a testament to diverse thinking and drive of Hong Kong young people. She encouraged the selected teams to make full use of the seed funding and supporting activities provided under the scheme to gain a deeper understanding of the Mainland market and the operating environment of entrepreneurship bases.













28 April

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, attended the "Guangdong-Hong Kong Collaboration Setting Sail in the Greater Bay Area – Promotion Seminar on Guangdong Enterprises' going global and internationalisation" in Guangzhou, officiating at the launch ceremony of the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force) in Guangdong. She remarked that under "one country, two systems", Hong Kong possesses the distinctive advantages of having strong support from the motherland and close connection with the world, making it an ideal platform for Mainland enterprises to go global. She encouraged Mainland enterprises to capitalise on the GoGlobal Connect, a cross-sectoral professional services e-platform launched by the GoGlobal Task Force, to connect with Hong Kong's professional services and seize global development opportunities.





8 May

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, attended the Greater Bay Area investment promotion event in Suzhou, and delivered a speech at the 2026 GBA-Yangtze River Delta Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Conference (Semiconductor and Integrated Circuits Session). She remarked that with the integrated development of the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong is not only the preferred platform for Mainland enterprises to go global, but also an ideal partner to support Yangtze River Delta enterprises in exploring the global markets. The Acting Deputy Commissioner also attended a business roundtable, where she exchanged views with representatives from various leading biopharmaceutical enterprises. Moreover, she visited high-tech enterprises in Suzhou to better grasp the latest developments in technological innovation and smart manufacturing in the Yangtze River Delta region.









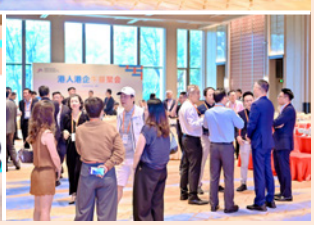












20 May

The Promotion Centre organised a lunch gathering for Hong Kong people and enterprises in Zhuhai, which was attended by over 120 guests. The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, encouraged local Hong Kong people and enterprises to leverage Hong Kong's role as a two-way platform and actively explore international markets. The event featured thematic presentations and business experience sharing sessions, providing practical guidance for attendees.

27 May

The Promotion Centre hosted a lunch gathering for Hong Kong people and enterprises in Foshan, attended by over 150 guests. The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, encouraged Hong Kong people and enterprises in Foshan to actively participate in the Promotion Centre's activities and seize development opportunities in the Greater Bay Area. Through sessions such as thematic presentations and business experience sharing, the event deepened the participants' understanding of local policies and market developments.







3 June

Representatives of the Promotion Centre attended a Greater Bay Area study tour event organised by the City University of Hong Kong. They introduced the Promotion Centre's services and entrepreneurship resources supporting the development of Hong Kong young people to the university's teachers and students, and encouraged the participants to actively participate in exchange activities to build their development networks in the Greater Bay Area.





9 to 10 June

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, visited Beijing and Tianjin to attend Hong Kong Industry Network Cluster consultation sessions organised by the Hong Kong Productivity Council. She briefed enterprises in both cities on the development of the Greater Bay Area, and encouraged them to leverage Hong Kong as a platform to go global and explore international markets. She also visited AI enterprises and I&T parks to gain insights on their frontier technologies and business developments.

26 June

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, joined a group of over 40 primary school teachers and students on a "Dreams to GBA Come True" study tour to visit Shenzhen's sports and cultural facilities as well as venues for the National Games. This year's "Dreams to GBA Come True" programme specially invited primary school students and non-Chinese speaking students to participate, allowing them to learn about the latest developments in the Greater Bay Area from an early age. The teachers and students visited the Shenzhen Guangming International Equestrian Center (the main arena for the National Games' equestrian events), Bay Glory Ferris Wheel, and Happy Theatre in Bao'an, Shenzhen (the venue for the National Games' closing ceremony), broadening their horizons through enriched learning experiences.



29 June

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, attended and delivered a speech at the GBA (Dongguan) Brand Conference 2026 in Dongguan. The event, themed "Brands in AI Era", attracted nearly 350 representatives from the government, business and academic sectors. The Acting Deputy Commissioner remarked that Hong Kong, as an international financial centre, possesses unique advantages that align with the diverse needs of Mainland enterprises seeking to go global. The HKSAR Government's GoGlobal Task Force provides a one-stop support platform, offering tailor-made support solutions for Mainland enterprises seeking to expand their businesses overseas. In addition, the Promotion Centre set up a booth at the event venue to connect participants with relevant units under the GoGlobal Task Force, and provide the latest policy information.











2 July

The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, attended the "Wuyi youth's handover celebration – innovation sharing session by young interns in the Greater Bay Area" held in Jiangmen. The event, with the Promotion Centre as a supporting organisation, attracted over 100 Hong Kong youth interns, enabling them to learn more about the developments and opportunities in the Greater Bay Area.







8 July

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, attended a tea gathering organised by an economic and trade think-tank on sustainable development of the Greater Bay Area, engaging in in-depth exchanges with various think-tank members on Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan and Greater Bay Area development.







9 July

The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, attended the Fourth Summer Youth Entrepreneurship Carnival Fun Day at the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Guangdong) Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubation Base in Guangzhou. She encouraged young people to learn more about the development opportunities in the Greater Bay Area in the realms of AI and one-person companies (OPCs), and to realise their innovation and entrepreneurship dreams in the Greater Bay Area. The event, with the Promotion Centre as a supporting organisation, brought together over 400 guests from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.







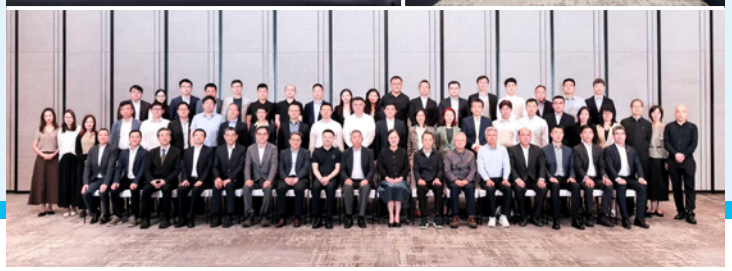


17 July

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, visited Qianhai, Shenzhen to participate in the Qianhai symposium on the synergistic development of industry, academia, research and investment sectors in Hong Kong's Northern Metropolis, where she shared insights on the development opportunities for industry co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.













17 July

The Promotion Centre, in collaboration with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Guangdong) Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubation Base, organised an AI+OPC innovation boot camp in Guangzhou. The event attracted nearly 80 young participants. Through theoretical presentations and hands-on practice, it inspired participants to establish OPCs with AI tools. The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, introduced the functions of the Promotion Centre to the participants, and expressed hope that the event could guide young people in making good use of AI tools to enhance work efficiency and empower entrepreneurship.

20 July

The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, attended the kick-off ceremony of Hong Kong Power Youth Association's 2026 Hong Kong youth internship programme in the Greater Bay Area, held in Nansha, Guangzhou. She encouraged the Hong Kong young people present to make the most of their summer break, actively participate in Greater Bay Area study programmes, and lay the foundation for their future careers and personal growth. The programme, with the Promotion Centre as a supporting organisation, provided around 60 Hong Kong university students with six-week study opportunity in the Greater Bay Area, helping them understand the region's innovation and development opportunities.







22 July

The Office and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council co-organised a GoGBA business mission to Shenzhen to facilitate exchange and co-operation between Shenzhen and Hong Kong enterprises. The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, led a delegation of around 30 representatives from foreign-invested enterprises and foreign chambers of commerce in Hong Kong on a visit to Shenzhen, where they engaged with local officials, chambers of commerce and business representatives. She expressed hope that through the business mission, the participants would deepen their understanding of the Greater Bay Area's business environment, establish partnerships with local enterprises, and explore new opportunities.









27 July

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, attended and delivered a speech at a business matching conference on industrial and capital collaboration between state-owned enterprises and investment institutions, and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in Beijing. She remarked that Hong Kong, as the most international city in the Greater Bay Area, leveraging the advantages under "one country, two systems" serves as a stable and reliable international operations hub for state-owned enterprises. State-owned enterprises can capitalise on Hong Kong's strengths as a platform, combined these with the Greater Bay Area's comprehensive industrial chain and vast market potential to expand and strengthen their international businesses. The conference attracted over 150 representatives from state-owned enterprises, fund companies and business associations, fostering in-depth cooperation between industries and investment capital in the Greater Bay Area.









14 August

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, attended Synergize GBA Program 2026 in Shenzhen and delivered a speech. She remarked that in the 15th Five-Year Plan period, Hong Kong will leverage its unique advantages and participate deeply in Greater Bay Area development. With the Northern Metropolis as an important vehicle, Hong Kong will integrate the Greater Bay Area's industry chains with its own strengths as an international city to provide more robust and solid support for enterprises expanding into overseas markets.

"Dreams to GBA Come True" Study Tours

6 to 8 July

"Dreams to GBA Come True" launched a new journey, with approximately 100 teachers and students from four secondary schools (around 30% of whom were non-Chinese speaking students) visiting Shenzhen and Zhuhai to gain a thorough understanding of the country's latest developments in such areas as aerospace technology, and national defence and security. The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, expressed hope that through scientific experiments and experiential activities, students with an interest in related disciplines would be inspired to pursue careers in I&T, and contribute to the country's development. The teachers and students visited various high-tech scientific research and education facilities, experiencing firsthand the technological achievements and advancements of the Greater Bay Area and the country as a whole.



13 to 15 July

The final group of this year's "Dreams to GBA Come True" set off, with approximately 110 senior secondary school students from four secondary schools (including 17 non-Chinese speaking students) travelling to Shenzhen, Zhongshan and Zhuhai to embark on a cultural and technological exploration tour. The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, and the Chairperson of Equal Opportunities Commission, Ms Linda Lam, while seeing the students off, expressed their hope that the exchange tour would motivate students to learn about the Greater Bay Area's latest developments in low-altitude economy, technological innovation, aerospace technology and national defence, enabling them to keep pace with social developments and gain a head start.



Overseas
Publicity and Promotion

The Office has continued to proactively reach out to talents and enterprises in different places through overseas duty visits and collaboration with the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices overseas. It promotes the enormous opportunities arising from Greater Bay Area development, and encourages them to grasp such opportunities by leveraging Hong Kong's distinctive advantages of having strong support from the motherland and close connection with the world under "one country, two systems".

28 to 29 July



The Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (USCMA), Mr Clement Woo, and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, visited Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to attend the 2026 GBA–ASEAN Conference on Energy Transition and Integration. They also engaged in in-depth exchanges with representatives of the Hong Kong-Malaysia Business Association, the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia, the Malaysian Rubber Products Manufacturers' Association, the SME Association of Malaysia, and the Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce and Industry etc., promoting the latest development opportunities in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. The USCMA remarked that with the advantages of having close connectivity with both the Mainland and the world under "one country, two systems", Hong Kong is the best gateway linking the Mainland with the globe. He encouraged local enterprises and talents to use Hong Kong as a springboard to enter the Greater Bay Area markets. During the visit, the USCMA called on China's Embassy in Malaysia met with Ambassador Ouyang Yujing.













Visits to
Greater Bay Area and Other Mainland Cities

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





21 April

The Head of the Promotion Centre, Ms Fiona Lee, went to Zhongshan, where she visited a life and health technology enterprise as well as a Hong Kong-invested biopharmaceutical technology youth start-up, and exchanged views with their representatives to learn about the current development of the local biotechnology industry.







29 April

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, visited Shenzhen to meet with the leadership of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of Shenzhen Municipal People's Government. She also went to the Qianhai Co-operation Zone to learn about the latest developments in Qianhai, and visited the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub.

8 to 9 May









Representatives of the Promotion Centre visited Shenzhen to attend the ESG high-quality development and future competitiveness summit and the 3rd outstanding ESG enterprise awards ceremony, as well as the opening ceremony of the 10th Shenzhen (Bay Area) International Brand Week. The representatives also visited two youth innovation and entrepreneurship bases, and called on the Shenzhen Liaison Office of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries for in-depth exchanges on future collaboration between the two parties.

9, 11 and 16 June

The Promotion Centre, in collaboration with the Guangzhou Finance Professionals Association, arranged students from the Department of Finance of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, to visit a number of financial institutions in Guangzhou. During the visits, students exchanged views with industry representatives on the development trends, career pathways and talent demand of the financial sector in the Greater Bay Area, which provided the students with practical guidance for planning their future development.





22 to 25 June

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, participated in the visit organised by the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR for foreign consular corps and business representatives in Hong Kong. At a symposium held in Xiangtan, she remarked that by leveraging the strengths of the world-leading "Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou" innovation cluster, Hong Kong can provide Hunan's I&T enterprises with all-embracing services such as financing, trade and intellectual property protection, serving as an internationalised fulcrum for development.







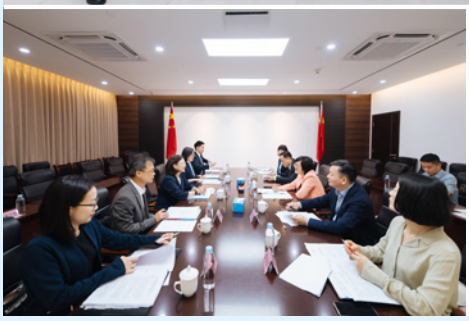




7 July

The SCMA, Miss Janice Tse, visited Guangzhou to meet with the leadership of the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Nansha District. She also visited the Nansha Innovation and Entrepreneurship Theme Exhibition Hall to learn about the latest developments in Nansha. The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, joined the visit.






14 to 15 July

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, visited Huizhou and Dongguan to meet with the leadership of the municipal governments. She visited Dongguan's first national entrepreneurship incubation demonstration base in robotics to grasp the latest development of the local I&T ecosystem, and went to the Nansha District in Guangzhou to attend the plaque unveiling ceremony of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers' Mainland Office.








20 July

The SCMA, Miss Janice Tse, visited Shenzhen to meet with the leadership of the Shenzhen Municipal Government and the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone, and learn about the latest developments in Qianhai. The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, joined the visit.





22 July

The SCMA, Miss Janice Tse, visited Macao to meet with officials of the Macao SAR Government, exploring how to leverage the two SARs' distinctive advantages and vital roles of having strong support from the motherland and close connection with the world under "one country, two systems". The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, joined the visit.







3 to 4 August

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, visited Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhuhai, where she met with local government officials, and visited enterprises and laboratories in Zhongshan and Jiangmen, getting updates on I&T development in the Greater Bay Area.









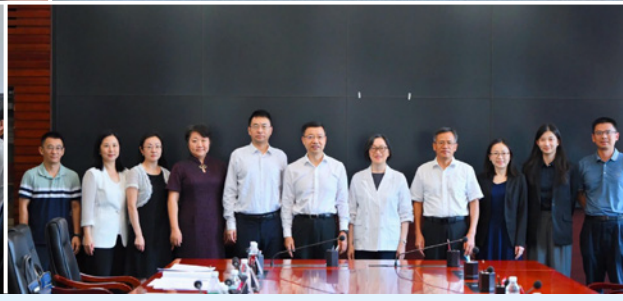
10 to 11 August

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, visited Zhaoqing, Foshan and Guangzhou, where she met with local government officials, and examined the smart and healthcare industries as well as urban integrated development projects in the three places.







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.

1 21 April



The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (centre), attended the World Intellectual Property Day Reception, exchanging views with participants on the influence and commercial value of intellectual property in the Greater Bay Area.

2 23 April



The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (front row, fourth right), and the Consultant, Mr Albert Tang (front row, fourth left), met with a Korean business delegation to introduce the development opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, as well as Hong Kong's roles as a "super connector" and "super value-adder".

3 27 April



The USCMA, Mr Clement Woo (front row, fifth left), and the Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (back row, eighth right), attended the 15th Five-Year Plan and New Opportunities for Hong Kong Forum held by the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong.

4 28 April



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, served as a guest adjudicator of "For Our Future Scholarship" (2025-26 academic year), and attended the presentation ceremony of "For Our Future Scholarship" on 28 April (first row, sixth right).

5 29 April



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (front), and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (back), attended the Qianhai symposium on development opportunities for Shenzhen-Hong Kong co-operation in the 15th Five-Year Plan period, exploring with participants the collaboration opportunities for Shenzhen and Hong Kong in the 15th Five-Year Plan period.

6 5 May

HKTE HONG KONG TALENT ENGAGE 香港人才服務辦公室

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, met with the Director of Hong Kong Talent Engage, Mr Felix Chan, exchanging views on attracting talents to pursue development in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area, and exploring opportunities for future collaboration.

7 20 May



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (second left), attended the 10th Council Inauguration Ceremony and Dinner of the Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association.

8 27 May



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (fourth right), the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (third right), and the Consultant, Mr Albert Tang (second right), called on the Hong Kong Productivity Council to meet with the Council's management and explore ways of deepening mutual co-operation.

9 28 May

InvestHK

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, met with the Director-General of Investment Promotion, Ms Alpha Lau, to exchange views on promoting the Greater Bay Area's opportunities and Hong Kong's advantages in overseas countries and the Mainland, and explore areas for collaboration.

10 29 May



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (first row, fourth right), the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (first row, fourth left), the Assistant Commissioner, Ms Fiona Au (first row, second left), and the Consultant, Mr Albert Tang (first row, first left), conducted a visit to the Northern Metropolis.

11 4 June

OASES 引進重點企業辦公室

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, met with the Director-General of the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises, Mr Peter Yan, to exchange views on deepening future collaboration.

12 6 June



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (front row, third left), attended the opening ceremony of Mainland China Legal Internship Programme for Hong Kong Youths 2026.

13 8 June



(Photo: Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation)

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, called on the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation to grasp the development of the new "One Ecosystem, Two Cities" synergistic development model between the Hong Kong Science Park and its Shenzhen Branch.

13 June





The SCMA, Miss Janice Tse, and the Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (second left in bottom photo), attended the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions' thematic seminar on the new journey of 15th Five-Year Plan and new opportunities for Hong Kong, joining participants in discussing Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan.

18 June

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BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE · HONG KONG

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, met with the Commissioner for Belt and Road, Mr Nicholas Ho, to explore opportunities for future collaboration.

26 June



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (fourth left), and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (third right), attended the presentation ceremony of Quality Building Award 2026.

12 June



The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (second right), attended the 2026 Greater Bay Area honorary fellowship and honorary doctorate conferment ceremony and the Greater Bay Area annual legacy award presentation ceremony-cum-exchange luncheon.

16 June



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (right), and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (left), attended the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's 60th Anniversary Cocktail Reception.

25 June



The USCMA, Mr Clement Woo (second row, second left), the Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (second row, eighth left), and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (second row, fourth right), attended the annual International and Mainland Businesses Welcome Reception.

20 27 June



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (front row, second right), attended the Lifewire Charity Concert.

21 30 June



The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, delivered a speech at the GBA–ASEAN Summit. The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, also attended the summit.

22 2 July



23 8 July



The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, and the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, attended LEAP East 2026.

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (front row, seventh right), and the Consultant, Mr Albert Tang (front row, fifth right), met with representatives of the Guangzhou Municipal Government for exchanges on Greater Bay Area development.

24 13 August



25 14 August

The Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam (fourth right), attended the presentation ceremony of Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Awards 2026.



The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li (second right), attended the China & Greater Bay Area KamCha Competition 2026 (Hong Kong-Style Milk Tea) – Hong Kong China Final.



Media Interviews

The Office elucidates the key policies and latest information about Greater Bay Area development to overseas and Mainland stakeholders, and encourages them to develop businesses in the Greater Bay Area and the Mainland by leveraging Hong Kong's important roles as a "super connector" and "super value-adder".

6 May

The Korean magazine *Economy Chosun* featured an article on 6 May, in which the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, introduced the development of Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area.


Chinese Tech

웨강아오(광둥성-홍콩-마카오) 대만구

Interview 캐시 리 웨강아오GBA 홍콩 판공실 부실장 직무대행

"세계 최대 IPO 허브 홍콩, GBA 혁신 기여"

캐시 리 웨강아오GBA 홍콩 판공실 부실장 직무대행

(Photo: Economy Chosun)

29 June

Xinhuanet reported on 29 June that the Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, participated in the visit of foreign consular corps and business representatives in Hong Kong, organised by the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR.


步步新程 工赴美好

综述：从香江赴湘江，在港外国领团、商界读懂多元新湖南

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(Photo: Xinhuanet)

11 August

The column by the Commissioner, Miss Pamela Lam, in *Southern Metropolis Daily* was published on 11 August.


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共同推进大湾区高质量发展

(Photo: Southern Metropolis Daily)

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 April 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.

20 April

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The Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises (OASES) held a signing ceremony for its latest batch of strategic enterprises. With the addition of this batch's 22 strategic enterprises, OASES has successfully attracted more than 120 strategic enterprises to Hong Kong to date. Collectively, these companies are projected to bring approximately $73 billion in investment and create about 25 000 job opportunities over the coming years. This will provide strong impetus for Hong Kong's industrial upgrading and talent development.



22 April

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The Air-Land Fresh Lane has extended to Macao, realising a seamless "Overseas-Hong Kong-Macao" one-stop delivery. Since its full launch on 26 September 2025, the Fresh Lane has successfully facilitated the transhipment of over 420 tonnes of overseas fresh products to the Mainland via Hong Kong.



28 April

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The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, attended the "Guangdong-Hong Kong collaboration begins at the Greater Bay Area – Guangdong enterprises' going global and international development promotion seminar" in Guangzhou. The seminar explored how Mainland enterprises can leverage Hong Kong's business advantages and opportunities to realise their overseas expansion strategies. The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, also attended the seminar.



29 April

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The Vocational Training Council of Hong Kong signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Guangzhou Civil Aviation College to further deepen collaboration in such areas as curriculum development, industry-education integration, teacher training and student exchange.





1 May

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The Transport Department announced that a total of 1 400 regular quotas for Hong Kong cross-boundary non-commercial private cars using the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to Macao will be open for application from 7 May. A new open category will also be introduced for all Hong Kong permanent residents and registered companies. Private cars issued with quotas are expected to access the city of Macao multiple times via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge starting from 13 July 2026, at the earliest. The quotas are valid for not more than three years until 12 July 2029.

5 May

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The HKSAR Government collaborated with the Dongguan Municipal Government to jointly develop the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) industry. EcoCeres, a sustainable fuel producer in Hong Kong, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on establishing a SAF base in Dongguan, with the aim of developing a SAF value chain in the Greater Bay Area.





8 May

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Invest Hong Kong, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province and the Macao Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute, jointly organised a Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area investment promotion event in Suzhou to introduce Hong Kong's business advantages and opportunities in I&T to enterprises in the Yangtze River Delta region engaged in industries such as semiconductors, integrated circuits and biopharmaceuticals. The event also encouraged enterprises to leverage Hong Kong's roles as a "super connector" and "super value-adder" to expand into international markets. Around 120 representatives from industry enterprises, investment institutions, research and development institutions and business associations attended the event. The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, delivered a speech at the event.

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20 to 22 May



The Fire and Rescue Corps of Guangdong Province, the Hong Kong Fire Services Department and the Macao Fire Services Bureau held a 48-hour Greater Bay Area joint emergency response and rescue exercise, "Liancheng–2026", in Macao. The exercise further optimised the collaborative capabilities of the fire departments of the three places in joint command, cross-border rescue and co-ordinated response under the Greater Bay Area Emergency Response and Rescue Operational Plan.

21 May

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The General Administration of Customs held a press conference in Guangzhou to promulgate the "Several Measures of the Customs in Support of the development of the Greater Bay Area", outlining 20 specific measures to accelerate the development of the Greater Bay Area.



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21 to 25 May



The Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency under the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau led the trade to participate in the 22nd China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair held in Shenzhen by setting up a Hong Kong Pavilion and a new dedicated pop-up store to promote Hong Kong's cultural and creative industries.

27 May

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The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, led a delegation to Shenzhen to attend the fourth meeting of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Financial Co-operation Committee. Both sides had in-depth exchanges on the integration of fintech ecosystems, supporting Shenzhen enterprises in listing in Hong Kong, and deepening co-operation in key areas including the development of a regional gold ecosystem and green finance.





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28 May

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, and his delegation attended the 39th World No Tobacco Day event in Shenzhen. Professor Lo also received the World No Tobacco Day Award from an official of the World Health Organization. Professor Lo then signed a joint statement on behalf of the Health Bureau together with the representatives of Guangdong Province, the Macao SAR Government and the nine Mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area under the theme of "United in Building the Dream of a 'Smoke-free Bay Area' – Joining Hands for a Healthy Future".

28 May

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The Hospital Authority announced that on 27 May, the first patient was successfully transferred point-to-point from Tuen Mun Hospital to Zhuhai People's Hospital for treatment under the Pilot Scheme for Direct Cross-boundary Ambulance Transfer in the Greater Bay Area.





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28 May

The Acting Commissioner for Digital Policy, Mr Daniel Cheung, and the Director-General of the Guangdong Provincial Administration of Government Service and Data, Mr Wang Tianguang, cochaired the third meeting of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Expert Group on Co-developing a Smart City Cluster in Guangzhou, reviewing the work progress and achievements of the Expert Group over the past year, and discussing the work plan for the coming year.

29 May

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A delegation of the HKSAR Government led by the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, and a delegation of the Shenzhen Municipal Government held a task force meeting on the collaboration for the planning and development of Hong Kong-Shenzhen control points in Shenzhen. The two delegations reported on progress and exchanged views on the planning and development of land boundary control points, including the redevelopment projects of the Huanggang and Sha Tau Kok boundary control points, and the development plan of the food control facilities at Heung Yuen Wai.





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30 May and 29 June

The State Council announced its approval of the exemption from the guarantee requirement and the implementation of temporary ship nationality registration for Hong Kong and Macao yachts when they temporarily enter and exit the Mainland through designated ports in the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area and only navigate within these cities. Under the new policy, the exemption from the guarantee requirement will significantly reduce the financial burden on owners of Hong Kong and Macao yachts when handling cross-border procedures, and the temporary ship nationality registration allows Hong Kong and Macao yachts to obtain temporary ship nationality certificates issued by the Mainland without affecting their original ship registration, thereby enabling individual yacht travel within the waters of the nine Mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area.

In addition, the Marine Department introduced on 29 June three cross-boundary facilitation measures for yachts, including enhancing the Electronic Business System, relaxing the requirements of berths for visiting yachts, and facilitating masters of visiting yachts from the Mainland to obtain required qualifications, with a view to encouraging yacht visits to Hong Kong.

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30 May

The Guangdong Provincial Government announced the extension of the "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles" scheme by five years to 1 June 2031.





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2 June

The Development Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of Guangdong Province signed the Cooperation Agreement on Guangdong-Hong Kong Construction Standardisation to establish a collaborative mechanism for construction standardisation between Guangdong and Hong Kong, co-ordinating and leading the formulation of the Greater Bay Area construction standards.

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2 June

The officials of the HKSAR Government led by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, and the delegation of the Shenzhen Municipal Government held the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Working Group on Environmental Protection meeting in Hong Kong. The meeting reviewed and endorsed the Working Group's 2025 Work Report and noted the implementation progress of the Agreement on Further Deepening Hong Kong-Shenzhen Co-operation in Ecological and Environmental Protection.



5 June

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The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, attended the National Event on the Environment Day 2026 in Guangzhou, which was jointly organised by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. At the event, representatives of the three governments delivered an action declaration of Guangdong Province, HKSAR and Macao SAR on jointly building an international first-class beautiful bay area.





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8 June

The HKSAR Government announced that the "Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles" scheme will be expanded to all the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, i.e. adding Shenzhen, Foshan, Dongguan, Huizhou and Zhaoqing. The travel booking quota of entry into the urban area will be increased from 100 to 200 vehicles per day, and each vehicle will remain to stay in Hong Kong for up to three days. Guangdong vehicles of the newly-added five cities will be allowed to use the "Park & Fly" service of the automated car park at the Hong Kong Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge starting from 15 June, and to enter Hong Kong via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge starting from 25 July. At the same time, the "Park & Visit" service for Guangdong vehicles of all the nine Mainland cities will be launched. Subject to the implementation situation, Guangdong and Hong Kong aim to expand the scheme to all 21 cities in Guangdong Province by the first quarter of 2027.

9 June

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The HKSAR Government unveiled the Action Plan to Promote the Development of Corporate Treasury Centres in Hong Kong, which sets out targeted strategies to strengthen Hong Kong as a premier hub for multinational corporate treasury centres, elevating Hong Kong as a major base for corporate treasury centres, and reinforcing its role as a platform for "bringing in and going global".





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11 June

The Immigration Department announced that a Seamless e-Channel service will be launched at the Hong Kong Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge on 25 June. Enrolled eligible Hong Kong permanent residents will be able to enjoy self-service departure clearance through AI and facial recognition technology at the departure hall of the Port without the need to present a Hong Kong identity card or an e-Channel QR code.

12 June

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The eighth meeting of the Task Force for Collaboration on the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy was held in Hong Kong. At the meeting, the delegations of the HKSAR Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government exchanged views on Northern Metropolis development, cross-boundary railway projects, the planning and development of boundary control points, as well as work relating to the 15th Five-Year Plan.





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12 June

The Development Bureau, the Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of Guangdong Province, and the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone of Shenzhen Municipality announced the launch of five pilot projects in Qianhai, which will adopt Hong Kong's New Engineering Contract form or the Smart Site Safety System.

15 June to 14 August

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The HKSAR Government launched a two-month public consultation on the First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2026-2030), and strives to publish the formal document of Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan within the third quarter of this year.





27 16 June

The Social Welfare Department announced that starting from 1 July, three additional residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will join the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong as Recognised Service Providers (RSPs), and an existing RSP will expand its service scope. Together with the existing 26 RCHEs, the total number of RCHEs participating in the Scheme will increase to 29, offering more choices to Hong Kong elderly people who wish to retire in the Greater Bay Area.

Additional RCHEs are as follows:

Shenzhen

1 Shenzhen Runhua Songhe Senior Living Management Company Limited (Shenzhen Futian Runhua Songhe Senior Living Center)
(Jointly operated by Fuk On Home of Aged Limited and a Mainland elderly service operator)

2 Shenzhen Dapeng New District Wanyi Elderly Care Service Co., Ltd. (Rong Yue Dapeng Harbourview Elderly Care Centre)
(Jointly operated by E.T. Investment Limited and a Mainland elderly service operator)

Dongguan

3 Dongguan Tungwah Sunshine City Medical and Elderly Care Service Co., Ltd
(Jointly operated by E.T. Investment Limited and a Mainland elderly service operator)

Existing RSP with service scope expanded to provide nursing home places

Foshan

4 Foshan Nanhai Taoyuan Welfare Centre Co, Ltd
(Jointly operated by Sing Yan Nursing Home Ltd and a Mainland elderly service operator)

16 June 28

The Transport and Logistics Bureau announced that starting from 1 July, three new stations, namely Guangzhoubei, Yiwu and Fuqingxi, will be added to the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, bringing the number of Mainland destinations directly accessible from the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to 113.



17 June

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The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, met with the Vice President of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Mr Wang Daping, to exchange views on healthcare co-operation between Shenzhen and Hong Kong, and explore further strengthening collaboration.





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18 June

The inaugural northbound sailing ceremony for Hong Kong yachts was concurrently held in four cities, namely Guangzhou, Zhuhai, Zhongshan and Shenzhen, to enhance connectivity between Guangdong and Hong Kong in cross-boundary navigation networks and the maritime leisure industry. The Marine Department has authorised the relevant Mainland authority to conduct Hong Kong Waters Local Knowledge Examinations, and approved seven Mainland training institutions to offer recognised training courses. This facilitates masters of visiting yachts from the Mainland to obtain required qualifications for navigating in Hong Kong waters prior to their arrival in Hong Kong.

26 June

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The Intellectual Property Department and the Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation jointly organised the Mainland Enterprises' Intellectual Property Go-Global Business Matching Session in Guangzhou to promote Hong Kong's intellectual property professional services to enterprises in Guangdong Province.





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30 June

The Department of Justice launched the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Information Platform, which provides basic legal and policy information related to the Greater Bay Area, with a view to facilitating residents of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and those who are interested in doing business and living in the Greater Bay Area, and promoting the construction of the rule of law in the Greater Bay Area.



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3 July

The HKSAR Government gazetted the Northern Metropolis Development Bill, which specifies six policy areas to facilitate Northern Metropolis development, and empowers the Chief Executive in Council to enact subsidiary legislation in those six areas to formulate the implementation details of the relevant policy measures. This will provide the Government with the flexibility to adjust the implementation details to meet the evolving development needs of the Northern Metropolis in a timely manner as necessary. The Government will introduce the Bill into the Legislative Council for first and second readings on 8 July, and strive to achieve the passage of the Bill within this year.

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6 July

The Social Welfare Department announced that Hong Kong elderly persons applying for or receiving portable cash assistance (including the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the Portable CSSA Scheme, and the Old Age Living Allowance and the Old Age Allowance under the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme of the Social Security Allowance Scheme) may, from 6 July onwards, choose to receive their assistance payments in Hong Kong dollars remitted by the Social Welfare Department directly into their Hong Kong dollar accounts at designated Mainland banks free of charge.





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6 July

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, attended the inaugural Joint Training Programme on Criminal Prosecution for Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao held in Shenzhen. The training programme focused on the comparison and exchange of criminal prosecution systems across the three places, enriching participants' understanding of each place's judicial system and practical operation.

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6 July

The Greater Bay Area Foreign-Related Adjudication Talent Training Course, co-organised by the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy and the High People's Court of Guangdong Province, commenced in Guangzhou. Through thematic lectures and interactive dialogues, the training course focused on Hong Kong's common law system and the practical application of guarantee law in foreign-related hearings. Over 100 senior judges from 68 courts across 32 cities participated in the three-day training course.





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9 July

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, met with a delegation led by the Director General of the Zhuhai Health Bureau, Ms Zhu Ziqin. Both sides discussed the progress of the cross-boundary two-way ambulance transfers, as well as the prevention and control of communicable diseases between Hong Kong and Zhuhai. They also exchanged views on issues between the two places such as Chinese medicine services and the industry-academia-research collaboration of the biomedicine industry.

14 July

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The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, led a legal sector delegation of nearly 30 members to attend the Greater Bay Area Enterprise Global Expansion Enablement Event – Session on Intellectual Property and Data Protection co-organised by the Department of Justice, the Communist Party of China Nanshan District Committee and the Nanshan District People's Government of Shenzhen, which attracted 50 Mainland enterprises seeking to expand overseas.





(Photo: The Office of Port of Entry and Exit of the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government)

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14 and 24 July

The HKSAR Government gazetted the Huanggang Port Hong Kong Port Area Bill to provide the legal basis for implementing the colocation arrangement at the redeveloped Huanggang Port. On 24 July, the HKSAR Government published in the Gazette six pieces of related subsidiary legislation covering the administration of closed area, the designation of detention facilities, traffic and transport management etc., which will come into operation on 31 July, at the same time with the Huanggang Port Hong Kong Port Area Ordinance.

24 July

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The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, attended the GBA Lawyers' Practice Exchange Conference themed "Talents Gather in the Greater Bay Area, Rule of Law Builds Tomorrow", jointly organised by the law societies of four cities, namely Foshan, Zhuhai, Zhongshan and Jiangmen. The conference aimed to promote collaboration among law firms of the five places, and establish long-term co-operation mechanisms, thereby contributing to the integrated development of legal services industry across the Greater Bay Area.





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27 July

Invest Hong Kong, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province, the Macao Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute, and the Investment Association of Central State-owned Enterprises, jointly organised a business matching conference on industrial and capital collaboration between state-owned enterprises and investment institutions, and Greater Bay Area in Beijing. The event aimed to introduce the business advantages and latest opportunities of the Greater Bay Area to Beijing-based state-owned enterprises and investment institutions, encouraging them to leverage Hong Kong's roles as a "super connector" and "super value-adder" to expand into international markets. The conference attracted over 150 representatives from state-owned enterprises. The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Miss Cathy Li, spoke at the conference.

27 July

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The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, witnessed in Shenzhen the signing of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Joint Botanical Garden Co-operation Agreement between the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Urban Planning and Natural Resources Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality and the Urban Management and Law Enforcement Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality. The collaboration will lay the foundation for the joint application for the establishment of a National Botanical Garden by the two places in the future.



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30 July

The HKSAR Government and the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government signed the co-operation arrangement on the implementation of colocation arrangement at the Huanggang Port. The Security Bureau and the Office of Port of Entry and Exit of the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government also signed an agreement on the right to use the Hong Kong Port Area and related extended areas. Under the Agreement on the Right to Use the Huanggang Port Hong Kong Port Area and Related Extended Areas, the HKSAR Government acquires, by way of a lease, the right to use the Hong Kong Port Area. The term of the lease is to commence on the day on which the relevant areas are commissioned and is to expire on 30 June 2047.

19 August

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The Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, and the delegation of the Shenzhen Municipal Government cochaired a meeting of the task force on the collaboration for the planning and development of Hong Kong-Shenzhen control points in Hong Kong to continue taking forward relevant work in the planning and development of boundary control points. At the meeting, the Hong Kong and Shenzhen delegations discussed matters related to the Huanggang Port, and reported progress and exchanged views on the redevelopment project of Sha Tau Kok Control Point.

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