

International Transportation Centre

Extracts from the National 14th Five-Year Plan

National Development Strategy

“...construct an express network, complete the network of ‘eight verticals and eight horizontals’ high-speed railways, improve the quality of the national highway network, and expedite the construction of world-class port clusters and airport clusters...” (Section 2, Chapter 11)

“...construct a modern logistics system and expedite the development of cold chain logistics...strengthen the competitiveness of international shipping...” (Section 3, Chapter 12)

“...co-ordinate the functional layout of ports and airports, and optimise the allocation of shipping and aviation resources...” (Section 3, Chapter 31)

Central Government's Support for Hong Kong

“Support Hong Kong to enhance its status as an international transportation centre...” (Section 1, Chapter 61)

Hong Kong's Strengths

Maritime sector

- Leveraging on its strong international connectivity and efficient customs clearance capability, Hong Kong is a regional transshipment hub port with transshipment accounting for over 60% of its total container throughput.
- Home to a vibrant maritime cluster, providing a broad range of well-developed maritime services, including ship finance, marine insurance, maritime legal and arbitration services, ship agency and management, shipbroking, etc.

Logistics sector

- Following the development of modern logistics system and multimodal transport, Hong Kong will assume a more active role in the modern logistics system in the Greater Bay Area (“GBA”), including leveraging on our advantages such as an extensive coverage of international routes and our status as an aviation hub etc., as well as the high-end logistics centre under construction and the professional logistics management technology (such as cold chain management) to facilitate the transformation of the production chain to high-end products and the development of water, land and air multimodal transport and high value-added air cargo logistics in the GBA.

Cross-boundary land transport

- Hong Kong, as a regional transport hub, has well-developed cross-boundary transport network to and from the Mainland as well as well-equipped control point facilities. Coupled with the Hong Kong International Airport and cross-boundary maritime services, this could fully realise Hong Kong's strengths in water, land and air transport, promote national economic development and regional co-operation, while giving full play to Hong Kong's role as an international integrated transport hub in the GBA.

High Speed Rail connects Hong Kong with the Mainland's high-speed rail network



- Railway service in Hong Kong is known for its safety, reliability and high efficiency. From its home base in Hong Kong, the MTR Corporation Limited has expanded internationally, taking on a range of railway-related projects in the Mainland and overseas cities. The establishment of the MTR Academy promotes the transfer of Hong Kong's professional railway skills and knowledge and further develops Hong Kong into a global transport professional services hub.

Present Situation

Maritime and logistics sector

- Hong Kong remains one of the top ten container ports in the world and a transshipment hub port in the region, with a throughput of 18 million twenty-foot equivalent units in 2020 and providing some 280 container liner sailings per week connecting to over 600 destinations worldwide.
- Hong Kong is an international maritime centre, with close to 900 shipping-related companies providing a great variety of quality high value-added maritime services.

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Cross-boundary land transport

- The Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HZMB") and Liantang Port/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point were completed successively, thereby helping Hong Kong integrate into the "one-hour living circle" in the GBA, as well as facilitating the flow of people and goods among Hong Kong, the Mainland and Macao.
- There are currently ten land crossings in Hong Kong, of which six road-based crossings are located in Shenzhen Bay, Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok, HZMB and Heung Yuen Wai, while the four rail-based crossings are located in Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, Hung Hom Intercity Through Train Station and Hong Kong West Kowloon High Speed Rail Station.

Strategy and Measures

Maritime and logistics sector

- Strengthen our role as a regional transshipment hub and develop the high value-added maritime services, so as to attract the presence of more commercial principals.
- Further the development of high value-added maritime and logistics services through provision of economic incentives such as tax concession and manpower training.
- Step up the promotion of digitalisation and application of innovative technologies in the port sector to drive the development of "Smart Port" for enhancing operational efficiency.
- Ensure the local legislation is in compliance with the latest requirements of the International Maritime Organization on environmental protection, strengthen co-operation with the Mainland to improve air quality, and promote the use of clean energy by ocean-going vessels for the development of "Green Port".

Cross-boundary land transport

- The governments of Hong Kong and Shenzhen have established the "Task Force for Hong Kong-Shenzhen Co-operation on Cross-Boundary Railway Infrastructure" to jointly develop the "GBA on the Rail" so as to further strengthen the transport links between both places and facilitate the flow of people.
- The governments of Guangdong and Hong Kong are pressing ahead with the "Quota-free scheme for Hong Kong private cars travelling to Guangdong via the HZMB", thereby allowing eligible Hong Kong private cars to travel between Hong Kong and Guangdong via the HZMB without regular quota.

Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point

