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# 1

## Foreword

# **Deepening Reforms for Our People Leveraging Our Strengths for a Brighter Future**



The Policy Address and its Supplement complement each other. The former primarily outlines the core policy directions and strategies, while the latter sets out in more detail most of the policies and specific measures.

The Supplement this year covers more than 700 policy measures across all major policy areas, from resolutely implementing the principle of “One Country, Two Systems” and further strengthening our governance, to accelerating development of the Northern Metropolis, and promoting industry development and reform. They range from consolidating Hong Kong’s status as an international hub and integrating into the overall national development, to promoting the integrated development of education, technology and talents, as well as the integrated development of culture, sports and tourism. Ensuring a steady land supply to support Hong Kong’s overall development, enriching the housing ladder, and creating a better living environment are also included. So, too, are programmes to further improve the public healthcare system, support the elderly and disadvantaged, and to build a caring and inclusive society. The Policy Address sets a clear direction: it will reinforce ongoing initiatives while exploring new “blue ocean” opportunities, thereby deepening reforms and driving innovation in Hong Kong.

In formulating the Policy Address, my team and I held over 40 consultation sessions and visited various districts to listen first-hand to the perspectives of different sectors of the community. I am grateful for their enthusiastic response. Their suggestions and advice helped us understand their expectations and concerns. With a people-first mindset, we will press on with determined effort — energising the economy, uplifting livelihoods, and cultivating a greater sense of fulfillment.

As Hong Kong advances from stability to prosperity, we must collaborate, innovate, and adapt. United, we will make Hong Kong a better home for all. By implementing the Policy Address’s vision, we will deepen reforms that benefit our people and harness our strengths for a brighter future.



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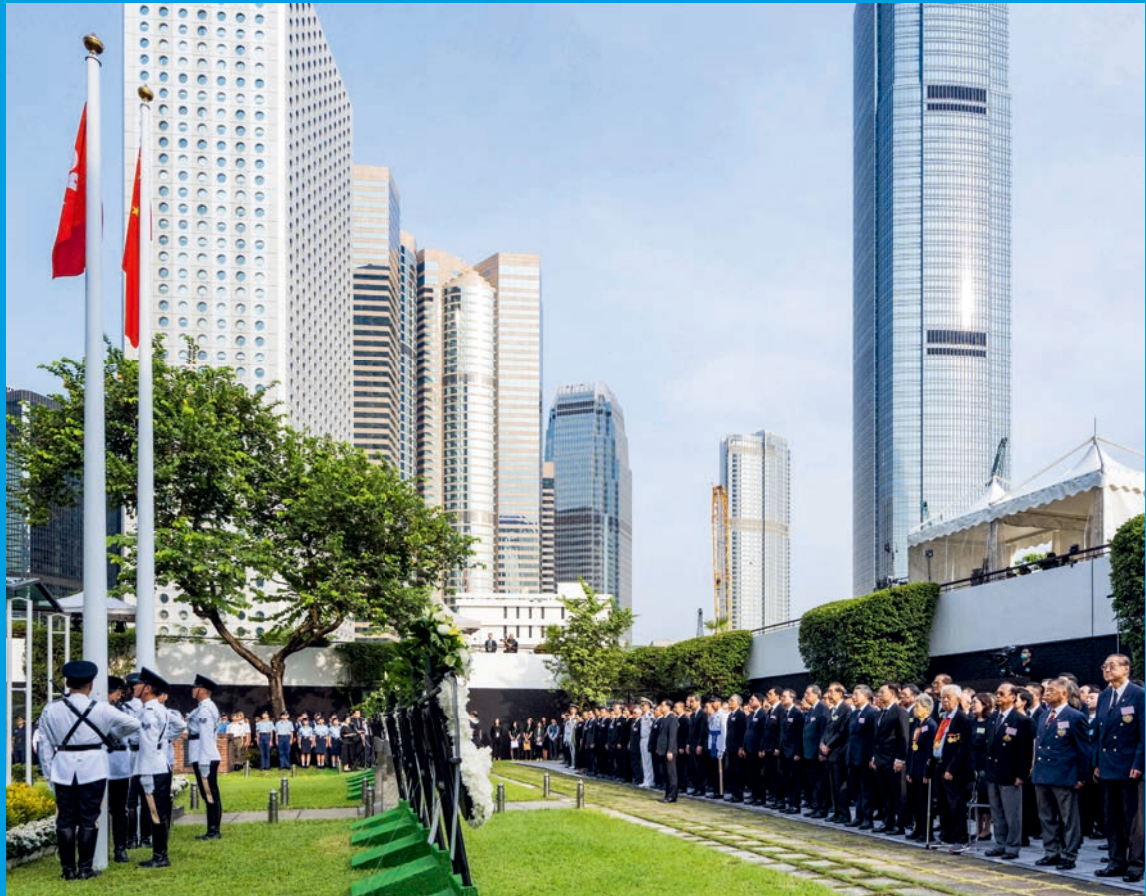


# **Steadfastly and Successfully Implement “One Country, Two Systems” and Strengthen Our Governance Systems**





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# Background

Being a global metropolis, Hong Kong has remained an open, inclusive, safe and stable city underpinned by the rule of law since our return to the Motherland 28 years ago. With an ever-expanding influence internationally, Hong Kong is rated the world's freest economy, as well as an advanced and business-friendly city. These fully demonstrate the notable institutional strengths and great vitality of "One Country, Two Systems".

The more firmly the "One Country" principle is upheld, the greater the strength the "Two Systems" will be unleashed. We will continue to fully, faithfully and resolutely implement "One Country, Two Systems", "Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong" and a high degree of autonomy, while thoroughly adopting the "Holistic Approach to National Security". This year, on 30 June, marks the fifth anniversary of the promulgation and implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law (HKNSL). Five years ago, the Central Authorities took decisive action at a critical moment in Hong Kong by promulgating and implementing the HKNSL, which yielded immediate results, stopping violence and curbing disorder. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government spares no effort in enforcing the HKNSL to combat acts and activities endangering national security in accordance with the law. With social order restored and steady economic development sustained, Hong Kong has transitioned from chaos to order and is now advancing from stability to prosperity. The HKSAR Government will continue to steadfastly safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests. It will remain vigilant at all times, prevent and mitigate risks, and ensure the long-term stability and safety of Hong Kong.

Last year's Policy Address announced measures to further strengthen our governance systems, including enhancing the cross-bureau co-ordination mechanism, strengthening governance capabilities of the civil service, and actively taking forward the digital transformation of public services. In the World Competitiveness Yearbook 2025, Hong Kong ranked second globally in "Government efficiency", reflecting well on Hong Kong's civil servants being an outstanding team, and the reforms introduced by the current-term Government, alongside the concerted efforts of the civil service. We will further enhance government effectiveness by establishing the Heads of Department Accountability System and strengthening the performance appraisal system for civil servants, as well as enhancing the application of technologies (including artificial intelligence) to improve the efficacy of the Government, with a view to continuously boosting accountability and efficacy of policy implementation across the whole Government for the benefit of the people of Hong Kong.

We are facing a complicated international landscape fraught with geopolitical tensions. Nevertheless, given the institutional protections of "One Country, Two Systems", the safeguarding of the HKNSL and the complementary integration of the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance, coupled with the HKSAR Government's persistent enhancement in governance, Hong Kong's development and reform will continue to advance steadily, thereby contributing even more significantly and vigorously in building a great country and advancing national rejuvenation.



## Steadfastly and Successfully Implement “One Country, Two Systems” and Strengthen Our Governance Systems

### Resolutely Implement the “One Country, Two Systems” Principle

#### Safeguard national security

- Continue to resolutely safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests while thoroughly adopt the Holistic Approach to National Security, stay vigilant at all times, prevent risks, and ensure the long-term stability and safety of Hong Kong. (SB)
- Continue to enhance the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for safeguarding national security, spare no effort in preventing, suppressing and punishing acts and activities endangering national security, and ensure that the law is observed and strictly enforced. (SB)
- Continue to deepen and widen the publicity, promotion and education efforts through a multi-pronged strategy for enhancing public awareness to respect and abide by national security laws, with a view to getting across the important message of national security to the wider community. (SB)
- Continue with the series of “Andy and Security Bear”, based on which a drama performance themed “Safeguarding national security with concerted efforts” will be produced and presented to the public, so as to further inculcate the concept of “security brings prosperity” for it to take root in the community. (SB)
- Engage volunteers from the Security Bureau Youth Uniformed Group Leaders Forum to participate in the “Andy and Security Bear” workshops in kindergartens, so as to convey the message of national security to kindergarteners. (SB)

#### Implement “Patriots Administering Hong Kong”

- Adhere to the improved electoral system in the long run, and to prepare well for the general election for the eighth-term Legislative Council (LegCo) to be held on 7 December 2025, to ensure that elections are conducted in a fair, just, honest, safe and orderly manner. (CMAB)
- Consolidate the electoral experience and continue to enhance various electoral arrangements with the spirit of steadfastly seeking progress while ensuring stability. (CMAB)
- Continue to promote the improved electoral system so as to enhance the public’s understanding and awareness of the electoral system. (CMAB)

#### Improve governance at district level

- The Steering Committee on District Governance and the Task Force on District Governance to continue strengthening coordination at the central level, to effectively address issues such as environmental hygiene, community beautification, facilities development and community services. (CSO, DCSO, HYAB and relevant bureaux)

- Continue to build up district networks through the District Councils, “the three district committees” (the Area Committees, the District Fight Crime Committees and the District Fire Safety Committees) and the Care Teams in the 18 districts to gauge local sentiments and strengthen the communication system between the Government and the public, while enhancing the speed and efficiency in addressing various pressing district concerns, so as to bring about tangible improvements to various aspects of people’s livelihood. (HYAB)

### **Strengthen publicity and education on the Constitution and the Basic Law**

- Continue to strengthen publicity and education on the Constitution and the Basic Law through diverse channels and innovative approaches, which include displaying large-sized outdoor publicity messages, producing publicity video clippings, making extensive use of online platforms and social media for publicity, organising various kinds of physical promotional activities to reach into the community, providing sponsorship to non-governmental organisations or community organisations for conducting different promotional activities and researches, and consolidating community efforts for enhanced publicity, etc.. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Government departments and relevant organisations, Mainland Offices, overseas Economic and Trade Offices, the Invest Hong Kong, the Information Services Department, etc. will continue to utilise online and offline platforms as well as diversified activities in their further efforts to comprehensively promote Hong Kong and its unique status and advantages under “One Country, Two Systems”. (Relevant bureaux)

## **Patriotic Education**

### **Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Victory in the Chinese People’s War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and in the World Anti-Fascist War**

- Organise a series of large-scale commemorative activities, including exhibitions, film screenings and library programmes to enable the public to gain a deep understanding about the unity and resilience of Chinese people in the fight for peace. (CSTB)
- Collaborate with Shenzhen authorities to promote a new red educational tour, under the theme of “Chinese Cultural Celebrity Rescue” history, so as to enhance understanding among people of Hong Kong and tourists of the history of the War of Resistance in Hong Kong. (CSTB)
- Comprehensively review the historic sites of the Communist Party of China in the War of Resistance in various districts, with a view to conducting restoration and protection work on these sites, and integrating them into experience routes and educational activities to pass on the spirit of the War of Resistance. (CSO, CMAB and relevant bureaux)

### **Promote Chinese culture**

- Proactively collaborate with relevant museums in the Mainland to take forward the preparatory work for the establishment of a museum in Kwu Tung North in the Northern Metropolis to showcase the development and achievements of our country. (CSTB)
- Take forward the construction works of the Chinese Culture Experience Centre in Kowloon Park, which is scheduled for completion in 2028. (CSTB)
- Select up to two film projects for funding through the Film Production Grant Scheme for Promoting Chinese Culture launched in February 2025 under the Film Development Fund, and announce the results in early 2026. (CSTB)



## Promote activities and facilities on patriotic education

- Enhance co-operation with the relevant Mainland authorities to promote patriotic education facilities in the Mainland by making them patriotic education bases of the HKSAR, and encourage visits by more students and youths to help them better understand the history and culture as well as the rapid developments and achievements of our country, thereby strengthening their spirit of patriotism and sense of pride towards our country and the Chinese nation. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Establish close relationship with patriotic groups in various sectors to converge community resources and efforts, and organise a wider range of patriotic education activities, so as to achieve synergy between the Government and the community. (CMAB)
- The Working Group on Patriotic Education under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee will continue to actively co-ordinate the overall strategy and specific measures on promoting patriotic education, with a view to making patriotism with affection for our Country and Hong Kong a mainstream core value of Hong Kong, enabling the spirit of patriotism to take root in society and people's heart. (CSO, CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Using the Hong Kong Jockey Club's "Dedicated Funding for the Chief Executive" to fund a non-governmental organisation to compile and publicise historical materials on the 100-year development of Hong Kong trade unions, thereby enhancing the cultural confidence and patriotism of the people of Hong Kong, especially the younger generation. (LWB)

## Strengthen students' affection for and sense of belonging to our country

- Adopt all-round, comprehensive, cross-key stage and interdisciplinary approaches and dovetail with the recommendations put forth in the Patriotic Education Law of the People's Republic of China to support schools to integrate patriotic education into daily learning and teaching, with a view to strengthening students' affection for and sense of belonging to our country. (EDB)
- Regularise and popularise the "Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country" series of activities starting from the 2025/26 school year and strive to foster patriotic education in schools through collaboration across school sponsoring bodies and among schools, so as to further enhance students' national identity and cultural confidence. (EDB)
- Continue to strengthen the Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme to enhance their understanding of our country. (EDB)
- Design itineraries to experience the history of the founding of the country and provide at least 40 routes with "red resources" through the Mainland exchange programmes and study tours for students starting from the 2025/26 school year. (EDB)
- Conduct focus inspections on national education in at least 50 schools in the 2025/26 school year. (EDB)
- Continue to provide professional development programmes for teachers and organise relevant student activities in line with the updated Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong. (EDB)
- Announce the final version of the Values Education Curriculum Framework, which emphasises the role of Chinese culture as the backbone of values education in the 2025/26 school year for use by schools to strengthen values education. (EDB)

- Announce the optimised curriculum frameworks for the senior secondary Chinese History and History subjects in the 2025/26 school year to plan for their implementation in the 2027/28 school year. (EDB)

## Further Enhance Governance

### Establish the HoD Accountability System

- Establish a well-defined Heads of Department (HoD) Accountability System to render the political accountability required of the Secretaries of Departments (SoDs) and Directors of Bureaux (DoBs) in policy formulation and the administrative accountability required of civil servants in implementing policy initiatives better articulated with each other, with clear elucidation of the division of the two; to encourage HoDs to establish effective management teams and operating systems, eliminate bottlenecks and weak spots, improve workflow on an ongoing basis and continuously enhance the effectiveness of departments. Whenever a problem occurs in a department, an investigation should be conducted to identify its deficiencies with a view to putting in place improvements, attributing responsibilities to the appropriate parties, and, with regard to the severity of the problems, taking administrative or disciplinary actions against the responsible parties in accordance with the civil service management regime. The consequences include warnings, reprimand, not being granted a salary increment, reduction in rank, reduction in salary, compulsory retirement, and even dismissal, etc.. (CSB)
- There will be two tiers of investigation in accordance with the severity of the problem identified. The first tier is applicable if the problems are of general nature. The investigation should be taken up by the HoD concerned, who will be responsible for identifying the deficiencies of the department and putting in place improvements, and take forward administrative or disciplinary action against the officers who have underperformed or misconducted themselves in accordance with the civil service management regime. The second tier is applicable if a serious problem occurs in a department or the problem is widespread or a repetitive, systemic one, or there are indications that the HoD concerned is implicated in the problem. The investigation will be carried out by an investigation panel to be set up specifically under the HoD Accountability System. The panel will identify the deficiencies of the department and attribute responsibilities to the appropriate parties. It should be independent from the government such that the investigation will be impartial and independent. It should be able to investigate civil servants of all ranks in order to ensure that the investigation will be thorough. It should be familiar with the general operation of the Government which will ensure that the investigation will be completed with efficiency and as soon as possible. It should be a standing team to be called upon whenever needed with certainty and readiness guaranteed. (CSB)
- Expand the functions of the Public Service Commission, which is currently independent of the Government and has been operating for many years, to conduct second-tier investigations and can invite experts or government officers unrelated to the departments under investigation to participate in the investigations to ensure the independence, impartiality and efficiency of the investigations concerned. The Government will make relevant subsidiary legislation under the Public Service Commission Ordinance. (CSB)

## **Strengthen the performance appraisal system for civil servants**

- Conduct a study to develop a more rigorous appraisal system in order to reflect and differentiate the performance levels of civil servants more effectively. (CSB)
- Apart from assessing the performance of senior civil servants (including HoDs etc.) in accordance with the existing mechanism, SoDs and DoBs should supervise the senior civil servants under their charge to properly perform personnel management work for their staff at all ranks, including performance appraisal, posting, promotion and discipline. (CSB)

## **Set up an AI Efficacy Enhancement Team**

- Set up an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Efficacy Enhancement Team, with the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration as the Leader, the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry and the Commissioner for Digital Policy as the Deputy Leader and the Secretary-General respectively, and invite a representative from the industry to serve as another Deputy Leader. The Team will coordinate and steer government departments to apply AI effectively to their work, explore work process re-engineering and drive technological reform in departments to improve efficiency. (DCSO, ITIB)

## **Strengthen the management and training of the civil service**

- Amend the Public Service (Administration) Order and the Public Service (Disciplinary) Regulation for streamlining disciplinary procedures and enhancing interdiction arrangements, with a view to implementing the revised provisions in 2026. (CSB)
- Launch the Governance Talents Development Programme to help create a talent pool in the Government through targeted and continual training. (CSB)

- Enhance the hardware facilities for civil service training. The new Civil Service College building as part of the Kwun Tong Composite Development Project is under construction as scheduled and is expected to commence operation in 2027. (CSB)
- With the support of the Central People's Government, select a new batch of outstanding young civil servants to participate in the United Nations (UN) Junior Professional Officer Programme and work in the UN offices, thereby enriching their experience in taking part in the affairs of international organisations. (CSB)
- Co-ordinate and assist civil service unions to organise local and Mainland national studies activities and visits, and encourage civil service unions to make available activities organised outside working hours for participation by relatives and friends, so as to further enhance the understanding of the Country and the sense of patriotism among civil servants and their relatives and friends. (CSB)
- Continue to promote patriotic education among civil servants to strengthen their sense of patriotic identity; foster civil servants' forming of holistic views and broaden their international perspective, enabling them to support Hong Kong in deepening international exchanges and co-operation. (CSB)
- Starting from mid-2026, provide designated services for civil service eligible persons at The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong which will soon commence operation, with a view to providing 5 000 service quotas in each of the first two years. (CSB)
- Continue to enhance civil service medical and dental benefits, including enhancing the operation efficiency of existing families clinics with a view to providing additional consultation quotas of around 5 000 per year and setting up a new families clinic and a new dental clinic in Tseung Kwan O, etc.. (CSB)

- Enhance the arrangement of compassionate leave for Government employees by expanding the definition of “family members” to include siblings, so as to better cater for the family needs of employees. (CSB)

### **Interaction and exchange between the executive and the legislature**

- Continue to strengthen exchange and collaboration in policy formulation through the Chief Executive’s Interactive Exchange Question and Answer Sessions, Ante Chamber Exchange Sessions, direct meetings, etc.. (CSO)

### **Liaison Mechanism with NPC Deputies and CPPCC Members**

- Continue to facilitate regular exchanges with the HKSAR deputies to the National People’s Congress (NPC) and the HKSAR members of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) to enhance communication and collaboration, so as to rally patriots with affection for the Country and our city, and to build a better Hong Kong together. (CMAB)

### **Strengthen dissemination of government information**

- The Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) will enhance collaboration with various government departments to actively promote government policies and work, so as to strengthen dissemination of government information. (CEDB)

### **Leverage programme resources to expand distribution**

- RTHK will complete a review of its programme licensing arrangement and strategies by end-2025 so as to more actively promote RTHK programmes externally, broaden their reach and enhance influence. (CEDB)

## **Reinforce the Rule of Law and Safeguard Security**

### **Uphold the rule of law**

- Continue to support the Judiciary in taking forward law courts building projects and proceeding with initiatives on legislation, court operation, technology or other aspects which are conducive to the effective administration of justice. (CSO)
- Continue to implement the Rule of Law Education (ROLE) Stars Train-the-Leaders Programme and launch ROLE Ambassadors, with a view to giving recognition and encouragement to participants of the Programme who actively promote rule of law education. (DoJ)

### **Safeguard integrity**

- Continue to implement innovative publicity strategies, and actively introduce new technologies such as AI, so as to promote Hong Kong’s anti-corruption efforts on all fronts. (ICAC)
- Integrate AI technology with the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)’s experience in combating corruption to develop a chatbot which provides instant response to public enquiries on corruption prevention, with a view to optimising the corruption prevention advisory service. (ICAC)
- Collaborate with other stakeholders to render various forms of support to national sports associations, so as to assist them in enhancing integrity management and internal governance. (ICAC)
- Invite relevant government departments and public bodies for a trial run of the “Project Integrity Management Framework” developed by the ICAC, with a view to strengthening integrity management capabilities of public works projects through implementing the requirements under the framework. (ICAC)

- In conjunction with relevant government departments, as well as public and professional bodies, deepen co-operation with building owners and stakeholders, and strengthen their capabilities and awareness of corruption prevention in building management through systemic prevention, publicity and education for resisting corruption. (ICAC)
- Continue to organise integrity promotion and engagement programmes for young people at different developmental stages, cultivating their proper values from an early age, so as to continuously reinforce the core value of integrity in the younger generation. (ICAC)
- Uphold integrity and fairness in the LegCo Election, Election Committee Subsector Elections and various rural elections through a series of “Support Clean Elections” education and publicity activities, and take robust enforcement actions to combat acts of manipulating or undermining elections. (ICAC)
- Plan to launch a guide on doing business with integrity in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) co-developed with anti-corruption authorities in the Mainland and Macao, and provide corruption prevention training to enterprises operating in the GBA to promote business integrity in the region. (ICAC)

### Protection of privacy

- The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data will continue to step up publicity and education to enhance public awareness of personal data protection, and actively assist the industry to comply with the relevant requirements under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, and to study further enhancements of personal data protection and address the challenges posed by cyber technologies through legislative amendments. (CMAB)

### Fight and prevent crime

- Implement the pilot scheme for “drone policing”, under which drone flight plans are drawn up to conduct autonomous drone patrols and execute flight missions for enhancing patrol efficiency. (SB)
- Set up the Working Group on Virtual Assets Intelligence with licensed virtual assets (VA) trading platforms and regulators to combat VA-related crimes. (SB)
- Conduct a comprehensive review on the implementation of the Real-name Registration Programme for Subscriber Identification Module Cards and step up measures to combat phone deception, with a view to safeguarding the integrity of the communications system in Hong Kong. (CEDB)
- By end-2025, the Correctional Services Department will, in collaboration with a non-governmental organisation, provide one-stop rehabilitation services for persons in custody serving sentences of less than a year, and track their rehabilitation situation. (SB)

### Promote anti-drug efforts

- Continue with anti-drug efforts in the community and schools, and vigorously educate the public not to abuse etomidate and its analogues having regard to the prevailing drug trends. (SB)
- Use the slogan “Etomidate—don’t vape it or you’ll die like a zombie” in publicity materials to highlight the harms of the drug, and produce various forms of online and offline publicity to disseminate anti-drug messages and warn the public about the hazards of emerging drugs. (SB)
- The Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department will continue to conduct crackdowns on drugs, combat drugs at source, and encourage the public to report related crimes. (SB)

## Emergency management

- Enhance the tide gauge data network so as to facilitate the monitoring of and research on sea level by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Sea Level Centre, strengthen the forecasting of seawater inundation and safeguard public safety. (EEB)
- For robotisation of flood control work, we will continue to introduce more robots catering for different work requirements to help enhance efficiency in handling flooding and accelerate flood recovery in response to the challenges arising from extreme weather. (DEVB)
- Progressively increase the annual targets of the “Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme” by around 30% over three years starting from 2025, which includes planning landslide mitigation measures for more natural terrains. (DEVB)



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# Accelerate the Development of the Northern Metropolis







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Building 8 and Building 9  
Topping Out Ceremony





# Background

The Government published the Northern Metropolis Action Agenda in 2023, dividing the Northern Metropolis (NM), from the west to the east, into four major zones, namely the High-end Professional Services and Logistics Hub, the Innovation and Technology (I&T) Zone, the Boundary Commerce and Industry Zone, and the Blue and Green Recreation, Tourism and Conservation Circle.

The NM, a strategic development area in Hong Kong, represents a substantial source of economic value and development potential. With an area and planned population accounting for around one-third of Hong Kong's totals, the NM will provide more than 3 000 hectares of new development land. This will help address the land shortage for industrial development in the past, drive the development of I&T and other industries, and create about half a million new job opportunities. Leveraging its proximity to Shenzhen, the NM can also better capitalise on the complementary strengths of the Mainland and Hong Kong, enabling us to participate in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in a more in-depth manner.

Given the importance and strategic significance of the NM, accelerating its development has always been the target of the current-term Government. In fact, the overall planning of the NM is now in place, and the various New Development Areas and key infrastructure projects are being taken forward at full speed with a more specific development timeline and roadmaps. As the NM development gradually matures, in the next five years, about 900 hectares of “spade-ready” land will be produced, some 70 000 housing units will be completed and ready for intake, and about one million square metres of economic floor space will be provided.

We must accelerate the NM project to better develop our economy and improve people's livelihood. The Government will raise the level of decision-making for the NM development, with a view to streamlining and compressing administrative workflows, removing unnecessary barriers and restrictions. We will also introduce dedicated legislation to expedite the NM development and enhance efficiency. Embracing a new mind-set, we will adopt safe, cost-efficient, and time-saving construction methods, materials, and equipment from different jurisdictions.

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## Accelerate the Development of the Northern Metropolis

### Establish the Committee on Development of the Northern Metropolis

- Establish the Committee on Development of the Northern Metropolis (NM) chaired by the Chief Executive to raise the level of decision-making for the NM development. Three working groups will be set up under the Committee on Development of the NM, namely the Working Group on Devising Development and Operation Models, the Working Group on Planning and Construction of the University Town, and the Working Group on Planning and Development. (DEVB)

### Working Group on Devising Development and Operation Models

- Led by the Financial Secretary, the Working Group will formulate development and operation models for industry parks in the NM, taking into account their nature and scale. This will include setting up one or more tailor-made park companies, or dedicated statutory or non-statutory bodies for various industry parks; devising public-private partnership approaches such as the Build-Operate-Transfer model, etc.; exploring a shift from “highest bidder wins” to industry-linked “two-envelope approach” for tendering; and designing a range of financing schemes, including equity, bonds, government injections, and provision of land as a form of capital participation. (FSO, DEVB, FSTB)

- The Development Bureau is conducting a policy study to set up an industry park company for about 23 hectares of industry land at Hung Shui Kiu. The recommendations will be announced by end-2025 after reporting to the Working Group on Devising Development and Operation Models. (DEVB)

### Working Group on Planning and Construction of the University Town

- Led by the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Working Group will set up a research task force to study the development approach of the NM University Town (UT), conduct field trips on successful models of UTs elsewhere, and seek views from presidents and representatives of local, Mainland, and internationally renowned universities. (CSO, DEVB, EDB)
- Explore the possible way forward to deeply integrate industry development with the academic sectors where Hong Kong has an edge, alongside the strategies for attracting leading universities or research institutes in the Mainland and overseas to establish a base in Hong Kong. (CSO, DEVB, EDB, ITIB)

- Make recommendations on the positioning and vision for the three batches of sites for the UT which will be available for use in 2026, 2028 and 2030 respectively at the earliest. It will consider an industry-led approach, for example, integrating with nearby, high-end professional services as well as vocational and professional education and training facilities for joint development in the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area; and for the Ngau Tam Mei area, considering dovetailing with the overall innovation and technology development (including life and health technology industries) of the San Tin Technopole and the Loop, and jointly developing with the third medical school and the integrated medical teaching and research hospital. (CSO, DEVB, EDB, ITIB, HHB)

### Working Group on Planning and Development

- Led by the Deputy Financial Secretary, the Working Group will be responsible for managing the end-to-end process from planning to implementation, and making holistic arrangements on co-ordinating and consolidating such aspects as planning, engineering, land, transportation, environmental protection, etc., with the aims of promoting industry anchoring, creating job opportunities and enhancing productivity. (DFSO, DEVB)
- Establish a dedicated project supervision office to strengthen the coordination and supervision of the approval process for works, and impose time limits and establish a phased reporting mechanism to accelerate the process. (DEVB)

## Remove Barriers and Ease Restrictions to Streamline Administrative Procedures

- Adopt superior construction methods from different places, and integrate the use of successful construction technologies, materials and equipment from the Mainland and overseas, while introducing the Fast Track Processing System, in a bid to reduce construction costs and time. (DEVB)
- Implement a “phased development” approach on a trial basis with reference to the Mainland’s “1.5-level development” concept. Pilot low-density facilities, such as retail, entertainment or convention and exhibition facilities, will be allowed to be built and operate at the initial stage to attract enterprises to establish presence, bringing income and footfall. This will create momentum before long-term development is rolled out. Market feedbacks will be invited on a “phased development” approach for the commercial sites in Hung Shui Kiu. (DEVB)
- Adopt diverse development models such as in-situ land exchanges and large-scale land disposal to promote market participation and expedite development. (DEVB)
- Employ flexible land-grant arrangements to encourage enterprises to set up businesses and invest in the area. To provide greater flexibility, sites granted as tenancy instead of land lease may have a term exceeding seven years. (DEVB)
- Adopt open tendering, restricted tendering or direct land grant depending on industry policies. (DEVB)
- Allow owners of land in the NM to voluntarily surrender land planned to be resumed by the Government to offset the amount payable for in-situ land exchange or large-scale land disposal in new development areas (NDAs) in the NM, thereby promoting market participation in the NM development. (DEVB)

- Adopt a “pay for what you build” approach to reduce the cost of land premium in the NM. In lease modifications, subject to the condition of the land parcels involved, owners will be allowed to pay the required premium according to the actual built floor area and the use, rather than the maximum floor area based on the maximum plot ratio under the current planning regime, and consider allowing developers to pay land premium in phases, according to the actual development scale. (DEVB)
- Engage the MTR Corporation Limited to conduct a land use review for Au Tau to capitalise on the development potential brought by the Northern Link, exploring the introduction of a larger proportion of private housing into the area around Sha Po at Au Tau Station for development into an NDA. The results will be announced in 2026. (DEVB)
- The relevant streamlined administrative measures may also be applied to areas outside the NM where appropriate. (DEVB)

## Dedicated Legislation to Accelerate the Development of NM

- Introduce dedicated legislation to accelerate the NM development, which will empower the Government to devise simplified statutory procedures for relevant matters. These could include setting up statutory industry park companies; providing dedicated channels for funding injections to industry park companies; managing ways to facilitate the cross-boundary flow of people, goods, capital, data and biological specimens in designated areas, so as to attract research and development institutes and high-end manufacturers to establish a presence in Hong Kong; speeding up the approval of building plans; relaxing permitted uses in outline zoning plans and fine-tuning development parameters; and expediting compensation payment for land resumption. (DEVB, FSTB, ITIB)

## Introduce the NM development

- Set up physical exhibitions in the community liaison centres of NDAs and establish an online exhibition on the NM designated website to disseminate the planning and latest development of the NM to the public through multiple channels. (DEVB)

## Expedite the Development of the Loop

- Established the Inter-departmental Vetting Coordination Task Force for the Hong Kong Park to facilitate the implementation of measures by government departments for accelerating the development of the Hong Kong Park of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone (the Hong Kong Park). (ITIB)
- With the completion of the first three buildings in Phase 1 development, the Hong Kong Park will enter into its operational phase officially in 2025. Tenants from life and health technology, microelectronics, new energy, artificial intelligence and other pillar industries are gradually moving in. (ITIB)
- Expedite the completion of the first batch of development of the Park. The Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park Limited (HSITPL) plans to select suitable land parcels in the remaining land in Phase 1 development for invitation of private development proposals within 2025, thereby leveraging market forces to enhance the speed and efficiency in taking forward the development of the Hong Kong Park. (ITIB)
- The HSITPL will complete the planning for the development scale, distribution of industries, etc. of Phase 2 development of the Hong Kong Park within 2025 by making reference to the planning and functions of Phase 1 development of the Park, with a view to finalising the overall layout of the Hong Kong Park. (ITIB)

- Consider applying the “moving in while construction is underway” approach to provide enterprises with work spaces flexibly having regard to the market demand so that enterprises may move in earlier without having to wait for the completion of the entire park’s construction. (ITIB)
- Continue to proactively explore with the Shenzhen Municipal Government and relevant Mainland authorities policy measures to promote efficient cross-boundary flow of innovation elements in the Hetao Co-operation Zone on a pilot basis, so as to foster the synergistic development of the Shenzhen Park and the Hong Kong Park within the Co-operation Zone. (ITIB and relevant bureaux)
- Continue to work with the Shenzhen authorities to jointly take forward two cross-boundary railway projects, connecting the metro networks of Hong Kong and Shenzhen to significantly enhance the connectivity of infrastructure in the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area and boost industry confidence in establishing a presence. Pressing ahead with the investigation and design of the Hong Kong–Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu–Qianhai) and the detailed planning and design of the Northern Link Spur Line, and have also invited contractors and operators to submit expressions of interest for the Hong Kong section of the Hong Kong–Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu–Qianhai). (TLB)

## Development Outline for the San Tin Technopole

- Publish the Conceptual Outline of the Development Plan for the Innovation and Technology Industry in the San Tin Technopole by end-2025, to cover top-level planning, industry positioning and layout, the co-ordinated development of various land parcels, strategies for channelling market resources to invest in the development, etc.. (ITIB)

## Expedite Transport Infrastructural Development

### Railway projects

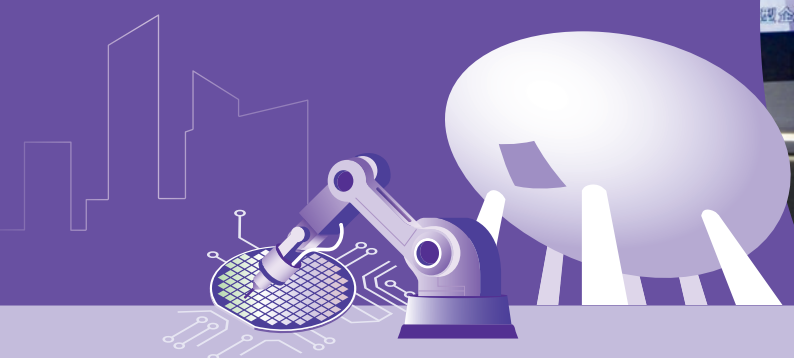
- Continue to proceed in full swing the construction works of Kwu Tung Station, Hung Shui Kiu Station, Tung Chung Line Extension, Oyster Bay Station and Tuen Mun South Extension for completion progressively from 2027 onwards, and adopt an innovative mind-set to take forward the Northern Link Spur Line in combination with the Main Line concurrently, with the aim to achieve simultaneous commissioning by 2034 or earlier. (TLB)

### Road projects

- Continue to take forward various road infrastructure projects, including the remaining sections of Route 6 and Trunk Road T4 in Sha Tin under construction, as well as the Northern Metropolis Highway and Route 11 under planning. (TLB)



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# Industry Development and Reform







# Background

During the “two sessions” held this year, President Xi Jinping put forward the need to “firmly sustain the real economy as the foundation, and remain steadfast in advancing the transformation and upgrading of traditional industries while opening up strategic emerging ones”. Industries are the cornerstone of economic development. The current-term Government, guided by the philosophy of better integration of “an efficient market” with “a capable government”, will employ enhanced measures such as flexible land grant arrangements, tax concessions, capital subsidies and talent grooming to drive structural upgrades of our industries. We will consolidate our traditional strengths in sectors such as financial and legal services, while actively nurturing emerging ones, including advanced manufacturing, life and health technology, new energy, artificial intelligence (AI) and data science, with a view to creating more high-quality job opportunities, increasing people’s incomes and enhancing overall economic efficiency.

The Government attaches great importance to fostering high value-added advanced manufacturing using innovation and technology, and promoting new industrialisation. With the sustained growth in the output of new industries, the Government will step up its efforts to nurture emerging industries locally and attract those from outside Hong Kong, promoting the diversified development of our economy. Furthermore, Hong Kong’s life and health technology research is flourishing, underpinned by a mature system connecting the Government and the industry, as well as the academic, research and investment sectors. It aligns with the rise of innovative drugs through home-grown research and development in our country and expands into international markets through patent licensing, delivering substantial economic and strategic opportunities for Hong Kong. We will also endeavour to promote the development of new energy industry through expediting the application of green technologies and building an influential industry chain of new quality productive forces such as sustainable aviation fuel, with a view to facilitating Hong Kong to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050.

AI is the key driving force of a new round of scientific and technological revolution, as well as industrial transformation. With our advantages in scientific research, capital, data and talent, together with abundant use cases, Hong Kong is poised to become a global hub for AI development. The Government will step up the promotion of AI as a core industry for Hong Kong’s future development, promote the development of AI+ and facilitate an extensive and deep integration of AI across sectors, while ensuring safety and controllability, ultimately achieving “industries for AI” and “AI for industries”.

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## Industry Development and Reform

### Formulate Preferential Policy Packages to Attract More Enterprises

- The Financial Secretary will lead relevant policy bureaux, departments and public bodies in formulating packages of preferential policy for promoting industries and investments, covering land grants, land premium, financial subsidies, tax incentives, etc. for attracting high value-added industries and high-potential enterprises to set up in Hong Kong, thereby promoting high-quality development. (FSO, CEDB, ITIB, DEVB, FSTB and relevant bureaux)
- The Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises and Invest Hong Kong can use the policy packages flexibly during negotiations with enterprises on settlement details, and report to the Financial Secretary for final approval before implementation. (FSO, CEDB, FSTB)
- Explore the establishment of a more flexible mechanism, including allowing the Chief Executive and the Financial Secretary to introduce tax incentives that comply with international standards. (FSO, FSTB)
- Better utilise the \$10 billion New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme and the \$10 billion Innovation and Technology Industry-Oriented Fund to facilitate strategic enterprises to develop their businesses in Hong Kong. (ITIB)

### Attract and Develop Industries

#### Attract an aircraft recycling enterprise and train relevant talents

- Attract a leading European aeronautic services company and reach an agreement of intent to operate in Hong Kong to provide aircraft dismantling, recycling and trading services of high-value parts, thereby driving the development of industries such as trading, insurance, financing and leasing, etc., creating new job opportunities in both upstream and downstream industries. (CEDB, TLB and relevant bureaux)
- The company will collaborate with the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy to provide training for relevant professional and technical personnel with a view to consolidating Hong Kong's status as an international aviation hub. (TLB)

#### Promote the development of the life and health technology industry

- Focus on promoting clinical trials of innovative drugs such as rare disease drugs, high-end cancer drugs and advanced therapy products, and proactively enhance efficiency of trial initiation through the Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute. (HHB)
- Launch the first batch of representative regional collaborative clinical trial projects through the Greater Bay Area Clinical Trial Collaboration Platform and actively contribute to the enhancement of Hong Kong's biopharmaceutical research and development (R&D) ecosystem. (HHB)



- Promote the development of a talent pool for clinical trials in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and actively advance the preparations for the International Clinical Trial Academy, which is expected to be established in 2027. (HHB)
- Deepen international exchanges and co-operation by leveraging Hong Kong's advantages in connecting with both the Mainland and the world, and host regional clinical trial conferences and clinical trial summits with international influence, so as to continuously enhance Hong Kong's influence in the global clinical R&D field. (HHB)
- Set up the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation (CMPR) and submit a legislative proposal on regulating medical devices in 2026, thereby empowering the CMPR to regulate Chinese medicines, Western medicines and medical devices (medical products), with a view to establishing the CMPR as an internationally renowned regulatory authority for medical products as soon as possible. The CMPR will enhance the prevailing evaluation, approval and registration mechanism for drugs and implement "primary evaluation" for new drug registration in phases beginning in 2026. (HHB)
- Expedite the "1+" mechanism for new drugs, piloting priority evaluation and approval of innovative drugs recommended by the Hospital Authority (HA) for treatment of life-threatening or severely debilitating diseases, so as to assist pharmaceutical companies in bringing innovative drugs to the market sooner. (HHB)
- Promote the standardisation of clinical data within the GBA, connecting medical institutions in the GBA and integrating real-world data under the measure of using Hong Kong registered drugs and medical devices used in Hong Kong public hospitals in GBA and establishing a GBA Real-World Data Platform to help pharmaceutical companies bring innovative drugs into the Mainland and international markets more quickly. (HHB)
- The HA will set up the Office for Introducing Innovative Drugs and Medical Devices to actively identify needs and benefits of innovative drug treatments for local patients through big data analytics, and contact innovative drug and medical device manufacturers to make good use of the "1+" registration mechanism to proactively introduce into Hong Kong innovative drugs and medical devices that are cost-effective and beneficial to patients. (HHB)

## Promote the development of new energy industry

- Seize the opportunity for green and low-carbon transformation in aviation by establishing a sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) industry chain to bolster the competitiveness of Hong Kong's aviation and new energy industries. (EEB, TLB)
- Work with the Mainland government to enable a local enterprise which is a major global SAF supplier to develop in the GBA, covering upstream collection of raw materials, establishment of production plants for large-scale production, etc., so as to enhance production capacity and global competitiveness. The aim is to achieve a specified target SAF consumption ratio for flights departing from Hong Kong International Airport by 2030; and to construct an SAF blending facility to provide cheaper SAF-blended jet fuel in Hong Kong in the long term, thereby boosting the competitiveness of Hong Kong's SAF industry and bolstering the bargaining power of airlines. (EEB, TLB)
- Continue to implement the strategies and initiatives in the Strategy of Hydrogen Development in Hong Kong, including to establish hydrogen standard certification by 2027, set up public hydrogen filling facilities on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon by 2027 after Hong Kong's first public hydrogen filling station commenced full operation at Au Tau, Yuen Long in June 2025, and promote the implementation of more trial projects. (EEB)

- Actively promote the trial of cross-boundary hydrogen transport and enhance communication with the Guangdong Province to explore the joint development of the GBA Hydrogen Corridor. (EEB)
- Promote the development of the electric vehicle (EV) battery recycling industry to transform the retired batteries into recycled black mass locally for supply to the Mainland and neighbouring regions. (EEB)
- Push forward the expected commencement of operation of Hong Kong's first large-scaled EV battery recycling facility at the EcoPark in the first half of 2026, thereby facilitating the development of the EV battery recycling industry. (EEB)

## Promote the Development of the AI and Data Science Industries

### Promote AI scientific research and leverage our wealth of talents

- The \$3 billion Frontier Technology Research Support Scheme, which was announced earlier, will accept applications shortly to support local subsidised institutions in attracting top-notch international scientific researchers in areas such as artificial intelligence (AI) to Hong Kong to lead basic research in frontier technologies. (ITIB)
- Establish the Hong Kong AI Research and Development Institute in 2026, with a view to facilitating upstream R&D, midstream and downstream transformation of R&D outcomes and expanding application scenarios. (ITIB)

### Mobilise capital for AI investment

- The Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited, as the “patient capital” institution wholly owned by the Government, has invested in a number of AI companies, including AI Large Language Model, cloud computing and AI drug R&D. In the future, it will continue to invest in the AI industry. (FSO)

## Strengthen advantages in data for AI

- Leverage the advantages under “One Country, Two Systems” by promoting the early implementation of the cross-boundary flow of Mainland data to the Hong Kong Park of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone for scientific research under regulatory compliance and security safeguards, thereby facilitating the testing and innovation of AI applications. (ITIB)
- Cyberport's AI Supercomputing Centre to enhance its computing power within 2025 to meet the demand of local institutions, R&D centres and enterprises in computing power and application of AI. (ITIB)
- Continue to implement the \$3 billion AI Subsidy Scheme to support local institutions, R&D centres and enterprises, etc. to leverage the computing power of Cyberport's AI Supercomputing Centre. (ITIB)
- Put up for tender in the market a 10-hectare site at Sandy Ridge in the North District for data facility cluster development by end-2025, which will house advanced computing power facilities. (ITIB)

## Expand the application of AI in public services

- Under the leadership of the AI Efficacy Enhancement Team, launch various AI tools for data analysis, customer service, clerical work, etc. by 2026, covering 100 public administration procedures and increase this to no less than 200 by 2027, to promote the popular use of AI in government departments in a safe and controllable manner. (ITIB)
- Develop an AI Police Post for reporting non-emergency cases through a voice system, thereby saving the public from complicated steps of filling in forms, simplifying procedures and enhancing efficiency and service quality. (SB)

- Continue to enhance and actively promote the e-licensing services of the Transport Department (TD), including the use of AI for automated verification of information provided by the applicants, thereby expediting the handling, vetting and approval of transport licences, and encouraging the public to submit licence applications and check their licence and permit details online. (TLB, ITIB)
- Drive government departments to launch “AI flagship projects” to use AI to assist departments in expediting their process of handling, vetting and approval of various licences and applications, and provide an “AI assistant” for users of “iAM Smart” and “Digital Corporate Identity” (CorplD) for answering enquiries and providing personalised services, as well as recommending appropriate funding schemes and public service support to enterprises (especially small and medium enterprises). (ITIB and relevant bureaux)
- The AI-based Smart Traffic Management System has been installed in the Kwun Tong Business Area and is currently under trial, with an aim to be put into service by end-2025, operating round the clock to collect real-time traffic data and monitor the traffic situation of the area, enabling the District police and officers of the TD to better deploy resources and manpower to manage and improve traffic flow in the area. (TLB)
- Introducing digital pathology and the application of AI to improve the accuracy of histopathological and cytological examination, and promoting the application of generative AI in clinical processes to enhance patient care efficiency and hospital management and service level. (HHB)
- Introduce an AI-powered video big data analytics system at boundary control points (BCPs) in phases starting from the fourth quarter of 2025 to enhance identification of high-risk individuals in smuggling, boost clearance efficiency and ensure precise enforcement, and extend the system to cover all BCPs by end-2027. (SB)
- Apply the next-generation of AI and big data technologies to develop a specific prediction system for high-impact weather, further enhancing the capabilities in forecasting and coping with extreme weather. (EEB)
- Prioritise the wider adoption of AI technology and construction robots in public works projects, which includes the Integrated Capital Works Platform, AI assistant platform for construction industry knowledge and various applications of construction robots. We will formulate relevant specifications and standards with progressive introduction of policies requiring new public works projects to adopt highly-effective construction robots with functions such as automated processes, remote control, AI, etc. for suitable processes, so that the overall work efficiency and project performance can be fully enhanced. (DEVB)
- Develop a smart flood forecast and alert system that utilises big data and AI for rolling out in selected districts by stages starting from mid-2026 to assist departments in taking pre-emptive prevention and strategic emergency response to possible flooding. (DEVB)
- Employ AI-enabled large vision-language model for monitoring street flooding to facilitate the deployment of emergency response teams to manage flooding. The Drainage Services Department is optimising the system to prepare it for future use in other suitable areas across the territory. (DEVB)
- Test out a smart unmanned drone management system for river and slope monitoring and emergency management work starting from end-2025 with a view to enhancing data collection and analysis capabilities so that resources deployment and emergency response actions will be carried out more effectively. (DEVB)
- Conduct a pilot run on combining the local rainfall data, landslide records and man-made slope data with AI-enabled big data analytics to further enhance assessments of landslide risks and the issuance of landslide warning. (DEVB)



- Develop Smart Slope Catalogue within 2026 which will cover all registered man-made slopes and those natural terrains affecting existing facilities, and gradually increase relevant comprehensive monitoring and management data, through the use of AI for big data analysis to strengthen the management of landslide prevention and mitigation works and government slope maintenance audits, and deploy necessary actions more quickly and effectively when landslides occur. (DEVB)
- The Fire Services Department will introduce drones with higher payload capacity and automated drone docks by the first quarter of 2026, with a view to strengthening capabilities in search and rescue operations and early fire detection. (SB)
- Under the “SmartView” programme, upgrade the closed-circuit television system network across the territory, with over 20 000 additional cameras to be installed annually and a total of about 60 000 cameras expected to cover the entire city in 2028, so as to utilise more real-time data to assist in smart management, enhance accident detection to reduce response time and expedite crime detection, thereby better protecting the public while ensuring transparent and secure use of data. (SB)

### **Expand the application of AI in business activities**

- Roll out the second cohort of the AI Sandbox initiative by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and Cyberport, featuring enhanced fraud detection, optimised AI customer service experience and others, and promote it to more financial institutions, and issue an updated practice guide to the sector. (FSTB)
- The HKMA is also participating in the development of a method for evaluating AI models to strengthen the security testing of financial systems and assist the financial sector in managing the explainability of AI models more effectively. (FSTB)
- Provide funding support through the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund to private works projects on the application of AI such as real-time data collection, AI-enabled site analysis and AI automated review of contract content and payment application processing. (DEVB)
- Establish an inter-departmental working group to co-ordinate the responsible bureaux to review the legislation needed to complement the wider application of AI. (DoJ)

### **Continue to enhance digital applications**

- Implement fully the Electronic Recordkeeping System for all government bureaux/departments within 2025 to enhance efficiency in preserving and managing government records. (CSO, ITIB)
- Continue to improve the application procedures for Certificates of No Criminal Conviction to allow individuals meeting certain conditions to complete the entire application process online via “iAM Smart”, thereby enhancing efficiency and saving resources. (SB)
- Launch the CorpID Platform in end-2026 to progressively support the use of CorpID in digital government services relating to enterprises. (ITIB)
- Promote the integrated functions of “iAM Smart” to realise “single portal for online government” to provide the public with one-stop digital services. (ITIB)
- Compile departmental data catalogues within 2025, and promote inter-departmental data exchange through the Consented Data Exchange Gateway, to provide the public with convenient digital government services. (ITIB)
- Finish rolling out over a hundred of digital government and smart city initiatives within 2025 to enhance the user experience of public services and operational efficiency of departments. (ITIB)

- Continue to provide steer for bureaux/ departments in enhancing project governance and cybersecurity of their information systems as well as those of the related public bodies under their purview. (ITIB)
- Continue to organise annual cybersecurity attack and defence drills and invite various government departments and public bodies to participate. (ITIB)
- Identify on a risk-based principle eight government electronic systems for in-depth compliance audit each year. (ITIB)

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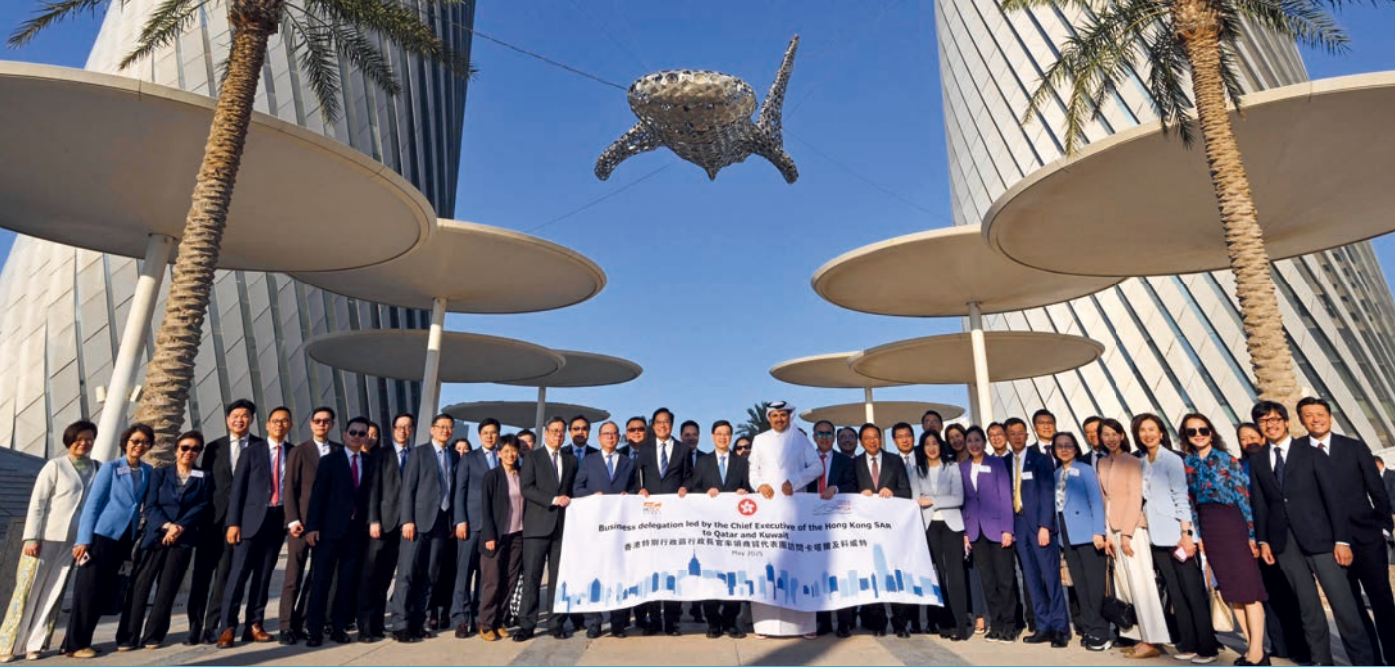




# **Integrate into the Overall National Development**









# Background

As the world's second-largest economy, our country contributes more than one-third of global economic growth, representing the greatest opportunity for Hong Kong's development. Hong Kong has been proactively complementing national strategic directions, such as the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the Belt and Road Initiative, to fully integrate into the overall national development. By reinforcing our connectivity with both the Mainland and the world, a distinctive advantage under "One Country, Two Systems", we have also enhanced synergies with emerging markets in various Mainland provinces and cities, as well as overseas. In doing so, we fulfil our roles as "super connector" and "super value-adder".

Hong Kong possesses abundant offshore trading and supply chain management talent and networks. In last year's Policy Address, the Government announced its plan to build and promote Hong Kong as a "high value-added supply chain services centre". The Invest Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council have already set up a high value-added supply chain services mechanism. It aims at attracting Mainland enterprises to establish international or regional headquarters in Hong Kong for managing offshore trading and supply chains, and providing one-stop advisory services. Other "Hong Kong Inc." organisations, such as the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises, Hong Kong Productivity Council and the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation, will jointly assist Mainland enterprises looking to go global to come to Hong Kong and leverage the city as a springboard to develop their multinational businesses. In 2024, Hong Kong was home to more than 1 400 regional headquarters set up by non-local enterprises, with over 300 of them from the Mainland.

The Steering Group on Integration into National Development, chaired by the Chief Executive, with the three Secretaries of Departments as deputies, was established soon after the current-term Government took office. It provides top-level oversight and steer on Hong Kong's integration into the overall national development and dovetail with key national strategies such as the development of the GBA and participation in the Belt and Road Initiative. With the strong support of the Central Authorities and the concerted efforts of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, fruitful results have been achieved in the development of the GBA. The implementation of a host of successful policies has also significantly accelerated regional integration. The HKSAR Government is working to strengthen co-operation with Guangdong and Macao, promoting the high-quality development of the GBA on all fronts by forging closer convergence of rules and mechanisms in various areas, such as legal and dispute resolution services, mutual recognition of professional qualifications, inter-connectivity of goods and infrastructure, flow of capital, innovation and technology resources as well as cross-boundary elderly care and medical collaboration.

In face of complex and volatile geopolitical challenges and the new trade landscape, we will not stop but will speed up steadily in attracting enterprises and investments. We will drive the strategy of "bringing in and going global", attracting more enterprises to use Hong Kong to expand overseas, thereby creating business opportunities and economic returns. We will also participate in the development of the GBA more proactively, and deepen international exchanges and co-operation, creating stronger impetus for Hong Kong's economic development and contributing to the high-quality development of the Country.

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### “Bringing in and Going Global”: Hong Kong as a Platform for Overseas Expansion

#### Establish a one-stop platform for supporting enterprises to go global

- Mobilise the overseas offices of Hong Kong, including the Invest Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Hong Kong’s offices based in the Mainland to set up a one-stop platform and establish the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force), with a view to proactively attracting Mainland enterprises to capitalise on Hong Kong’s role as a platform to go global. (CEDB)
- The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development will provide steer on the work of the GoGlobal Task Force and co-ordinate various bureaux, departments and agencies, so as to formulate diverse proposals for enterprises looking to go global to expand overseas markets. (CEDB and relevant bureaux)

#### Support enterprises and the professional services sector in developing overseas markets

- The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) will encourage the banking sector, Mainland banks in particular, to establish regional headquarters in Hong Kong, where they can leverage Hong Kong’s advantages to radiate their business expansion into regional markets such as Southeast Asia and the Middle East, thereby providing more comprehensive cross-boundary financial solutions. (FSTB)
- Complete a study in the first half of 2026 on the provision of enhanced tax concessionary measures to attract more Mainland enterprises to set up Corporate Treasury Centres in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- The HKMA and the Public Investment Fund (PIF) of Saudi Arabia have signed a memorandum of understanding on the setting up of a new investment fund of US\$1 billion, catering to enterprises in Hong Kong and other cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) looking to expand businesses in Saudi Arabia. (FSTB)
- The HKMA, together with the Hong Kong Association of Banks, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, etc., will lead delegations comprising banks as well as local small and medium enterprises to explore business opportunities in Southeast Asian markets such as Vietnam, pooling the strength of the industry in support of the development of Hong Kong as a platform for “going global”. (FSTB)



- Leveraging the strengths of Hong Kong's exhibition industry and strengthen our position as the ideal platform for Mainland brands to "go global" and for "bringing in" worldwide brands, and support the trade to organise more events conducive to brand development. (CEDB)
- Promote the development of carbon audit services in order to assist enterprises going global to meet international requirements and standards on green trade in respect of reduction in carbon emission. (FSTB and relevant bureaux)
- Assist the local media to expand their network outside Hong Kong, telling the good stories of Hong Kong. (HYAB)

## Deepen International Exchanges and Co-operation

### Deepen Hong Kong's international financial networks

- Continue to give full support to the work of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and actively seek to invite the AIIB to set up an office in Hong Kong, with a view to strengthening international co-operation. (FSTB)
- Continue to deepen the development of Hong Kong's international financial networks, including forging financial co-operation with regions in the Middle East and ASEAN, and organising more international financial mega events. (FSTB)
- The Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) will deepen co-operation with exchanges in Southeast Asia to attract more Southeast Asian issuers to list in Hong Kong as a secondary listing, explore the establishment of diversified channels to provide local investors with more access to Hong Kong assets, and encourage more asset management companies to issue products locally to facilitate allocation to the Hong Kong market. (FSTB)

## Active participation in the B&R Initiative

- The Belt and Road Office will co-ordinate with Hong Kong's public organisations and institutes to provide training for the personnel of Belt and Road (B&R) countries, to enhance Hong Kong's soft power branding, showcase Hong Kong to overseas and the Mainland as a partner in cross-professional and cross-regional "soft connectivity" of rules and standards, and expanding horizon on the potential opportunities for development along the B&R. (CEDB)
- Seek more business matching opportunities for Hong Kong's professional services sector with projects in the B&R markets. The Belt and Road Office proactively reaches out to agencies in charge of projects in B&R countries and regions to introduce more B&R project matching opportunities for Hong Kong enterprises and professional services through multi-lateral collaboration. (CEDB)
- Jointly set up a Belt and Road Green Development Hong Kong Co-operation Platform with the B&R Initiative International Green Development Coalition and organise an international forum on green innovation to encourage B&R countries to conduct exchanges in Hong Kong and strengthen ties. (EEB)
- Set up a B&R sustainable green development training centre in 2026, and provide training in Hong Kong for staff of B&R countries. The Hong Kong Jockey Club will provide a funding of \$100 million to support the initiative. (EEB)
- Deepen co-operation with institutes of relevant disciplines under the Chinese Academy of Sciences and international academic institutions in talent development, technology exchange and results transfer, and offer innovative green technology solutions to the B&R countries, giving full play to Hong Kong's bridging role in international green development. (EEB)

- Make use of ECO Expo Asia as a platform for exchange and invite delegates from B&R countries to visit Hong Kong, in a bid to promote regional environmental co-operation and facilitate experience sharing, as well as deepening the exchanges in environmental protection on an international level. (EEB)
- Support Hong Kong's professional organisations to promote the use of green building assessment tools in the B&R countries. (DEVB)
- Continue to take forward our work in the B&R Initiative and strengthen Hong Kong's role as the functional platform for the B&R, including hosting the B&R Summit, as well as organising outbound missions and project matching activities, so as to promote our strength in professional services, deepen the multi-faceted co-operation between the professional sectors and the B&R countries, as well as open up more business opportunities. (CEDB)
- Actively complement our country's latest strategies on the B&R Initiative and leverage Hong Kong's role as the functional platform for the B&R, thereby better aligning with our country's B&R work focuses and integrating into the overall national development. (CEDB)
- Organise roadshows of the B&R Cross-professional Forum in the B&R countries as a promotional series on Hong Kong's advantages in cross-professionalism, in order to assist relevant sectors in Hong Kong in exploring more co-operation opportunities in such countries. (CEDB)
- The Radio Television Hong Kong will continue to actively explore collaboration with other media in regions along the B&R to foster people-to-people bonds under the B&R Initiative. (CEDB)
- Invite members of the Silk Road Maritime Association to hold a summit during the Hong Kong Maritime Week in 2026 to promote the B&R maritime brand. (TLB)

## Organise major international conferences and events

- Organise the Hong Kong Fixed Income and Currency Forum in 2025. (FSTB)
- Organise the first Research Summit of the Research Grants Council in end-2025. (EDB)
- Organise the Association of National Olympic Committees General Assembly 2026. (CSTB)
- Continue to organise in 2026 the World Internet Conference Asia-Pacific Summit and the InnoEX to consolidate Hong Kong's leading position as an international innovation and technology centre. (ITIB)
- Fully support the Chinese University of Hong Kong to co-host the Asia-Pacific Association for International Education Conference and Exhibition in Hong Kong with the other seven universities funded by the University Grants Committee in 2026. (EDB)
- Support local universities and professional organisations to continue to actively strive to host international academic or professional conferences and prepare for establishing influential academic journals. (ITIB)
- Continue to actively participate in scientific and technological innovation cooperation with various international and regional organisations, such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). (ITIB)

## Strengthen international exchanges of Hong Kong disciplined services

- Make every endeavour to host the INTERPOL General Assembly, which was secured by a successful bid made by the Police Force on behalf of our country and will be held in Hong Kong in 2026, and tell the world the good stories of Hong Kong. (SB)
- The Correctional Services Department will set up the Hong Kong International Correctional Services Response Tactics Training Academy in the first quarter of 2026 to provide professional tactical skills training courses for correctional institution officers from overseas and the Mainland, as well as local law enforcement officers. (SB)

- The Government Flying Service will organise the International Symposium on Emergency Response and Aeromedical Services in mid-2026, where local, Mainland and overseas experts will gather and promote the development of emergency and aeromedical services. (SB)
- The Fire Services Department (FSD) will establish the International Fire and Ambulance Training Institutes Association and hold its first meeting in the first quarter of 2026 to foster international collaboration and exchanges among fire and ambulance personnel in embracing new challenges. (SB)
- The FSD will host the International Aquatic Rescue Technical Exchange in Hong Kong by end-2025, pooling together international aquatic rescue organisations to strengthen exchanges of rescue techniques and promote professional development. (SB)

### Advance international anti-corruption co-operation

- Continue to promote and deepen collaboration with anti-corruption agencies around the world (especially B&R countries) through the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption, via means such as organising professional training and exchange programmes, signing memoranda of understanding, and conducting researches on anti-corruption, with a view to contributing to the global anti-corruption development. (ICAC)
- The Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption will continue to hold the presidency of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities. He will lead the Association in promoting and facilitating effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), and convene the annual conference during the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC in Qatar to be held in December 2025, with a view to advancing international collaboration with global anti-corruption agencies and showcasing the key role of Hong Kong in the international anti-corruption arena. (ICAC)
- Continue to strengthen the strategic partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and support international anti-corruption capacity building by, inter alia, co-organising professional anti-corruption training and co-developing corruption prevention guides (such as the management of corruption risks in prison). (ICAC)
- Step up co-operation with the International Anti-Corruption Academy to co-organise professional anti-corruption training, and offer expert advice to the Academy's research on developing effectiveness assessment standards for global anti-corruption agencies. (ICAC)

## Development of the GBA

- The Steering Group on Integration into National Development, chaired by the Chief Executive, continues to holistically co-ordinate and supervise the various initiatives on integration into the overall national development from a high-level perspective, with a view to leading the Government and all sectors of the community in proactively dovetailing with major national strategies such as the National 14th Five-Year Plan and 15th Five-Year Plan, development of the GBA and high-quality development of the B&R Initiative, as well as fostering the all-round co-operation between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and Mainland provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions to promote the high-quality development of the Country and the HKSAR. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Continue to deepen the co-operation with various Mainland provinces and municipalities by launching more initiatives on the existing co-operation platforms, and exploring the development of more new co-operation platforms to proactively leverage on Hong Kong's distinctive advantages and reinforce its connectivity with both the Mainland and the world. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)

## **Press ahead with development of the GBA**

- Continue to utilise the Guangdong-Hong Kong and Hong Kong-Shenzhen co-operation task forces as platforms to strengthen connectivity, alignment of rules and mechanisms as well as high-quality co-operation on various fronts amongst GBA cities. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Maintain close contact with the Central Authorities, Guangdong Province and Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and continue to take forward the development of the GBA; and support different sectors to take advantage of the development opportunities brought about by the various co-operation platforms such as Qianhai, Nansha and the Loop. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Continue to step up overseas promotion of Hong Kong's key opportunities brought about by the development of the GBA through duty visits of senior officials, international connections of overseas Economic and Trade Offices and other partner organisations, as well as joint overseas promotional activities aiming at venturing into the global market with the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Macao SAR Government. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)

## **Promote the development of the Hong Kong International Airport Dongguan Logistics Park**

- Permanent facilities of Phase 1 of the Hong Kong International Airport Dongguan Logistics Park will be completed in stages starting from end-2025 to allow Mainland cargo to complete security screening and cargo acceptance in Dongguan and be shipped by sea directly to Hong Kong International Airport for air shipment, thereby significantly lowering the operating cost. The facilities are targeted to be fully commissioned in the first half of 2027. (TLB)

- Commence by end-2025 the preliminary study for Phase 2 of the logistics park, including the introduction of more high value-added logistics and cross-boundary e-commerce facilities to support our country's development of cross-boundary e-commerce and better serve the cargo demands of the GBA. (TLB)

## **Establish a panel of GBA arbitrators and a GBA commercial mediation and arbitration platform**

- Facilitate the joint establishment of a panel of GBA arbitrators among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and set up a GBA commercial mediation and arbitration platform, so as to promote GBA cities' wider use of the panels of mediators and arbitrators through sharing of professional resources and mutual capacity development, thereby strengthening the interface of regulatory frameworks in the GBA and reducing the cost of cross-border dispute resolution for enterprises. (DoJ)

## **Cross-boundary medical collaboration**

- Extend in an orderly manner the cross-boundary ambulance transfer arrangements jointly with the governments of Guangdong and Macao, including two-way ambulance transfers and expansion to cover designated hospitals in Zhuhai and Nansha. (HHB)

## **Cross-boundary finance**

- The HKMA will work with the relevant authorities to continue enhancing the "Cross-boundary Credit Referencing" and the "Shenzhen-Hong Kong cross-boundary data validation platform" by exploring ways to provide additional connection channels and expand the scale of the arrangements, so as to facilitate the approval of credit by Hong Kong banks to Mainland residents and enterprises in Hong Kong, and exploring expansion to additional application scenarios that serve the public across both financial and non-financial domains. (FSTB)



- Continuously enhance the “Payment Connect” by exploring the extension of the scope for personal remittance and the expansion of use cases for remittance, so as to facilitate real-time cross-boundary payments by residents in the Mainland and Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Enhance the disbursement arrangements for portable cash assistance in 2026, so that Hong Kong elderly recipients retiring in the Guangdong and Fujian Provinces may opt to directly receive the amount from the Government through their bank accounts with designated Mainland banks. (LWB)
- Explore with Shenzhen and Qianhai authorities on further collaboration regarding the promotion of digital finance development and the support for in-depth technological and financial integration of Shenzhen and Hong Kong respectively. Relevant measures are expected to be announced within 2025. (FSTB)

### **Collaborate with exchanges in the GBA in developing new businesses such as commodity trading and carbon trading**

- Collaborate with exchanges in the GBA to develop new businesses such as commodity trading and carbon trading, and continue to strengthen cooperation between Hong Kong and Qianhai for the development of offshore spot soybean market. (FSTB)
- Core Climate, the carbon marketplace of the HKEX, will collaborate with pilot carbon markets in the GBA to explore cross-boundary transactions and settlement on trial basis. (FSTB)

### **Strengthen the cross-boundary industrial chain of life and health technology**

- The Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited will strengthen its cooperation with the Guangdong Provincial Government on financial technology areas, with a view to leading Hong Kong enterprises with high technological content such as Hong Kong’s biotech and health tech start-ups to foster the development of cross-boundary industry chains. Nansha will be the key base for the first stage. (FSO)

### **Deepen data flow and exchange in the GBA**

- Review the operational effectiveness of the facilitation measure of the Standard Contract for the Cross-boundary Flow of Personal Information Within the GBA (Mainland, Hong Kong) in various sectors, and continue to facilitate the cross-boundary flow of data in a safe manner, thereby advancing the development of digital economy in the GBA. (ITIB)

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# Consolidate Hong Kong's Status as an International Hub









# Background

Backed by strong national support and a high degree of global connectivity, Hong Kong is recognised worldwide as an international centre in finance, trade and shipping, as well as in aviation, legal services and dispute resolution. Among these, the development of international financial, shipping and trade centres are closely intertwined. The Policy Address last year announced the creation of a commodity trading ecosystem to attract relevant enterprises to establish a presence in Hong Kong, turning our city into an operation centre for international commodity trading, storage and delivery, shipping and logistics, risk management, and more. This will help develop markets in international gold, non-ferrous metal, green transportation, and other areas, further promoting the integrated development of Hong Kong as an international financial, shipping and trade centre. Relevant work has been taken forward progressively to boost Hong Kong's competitiveness.

Hong Kong is undergoing economic restructuring and beset with external uncertainties, yet opportunities outweigh challenges. Our economy as a whole has seen positive development. Real gross domestic product grew by 3.1%, year-on-year, in the second quarter of the year, marking continuing positive growth for two and a half years. According to the Report on Hong Kong's Business Environment released in July this year, international investors' confidence in Hong Kong is rising. Our initial public offering (IPO) market is flourishing, with the cumulative amount of funds raised through IPO in the first eight months of 2025 exceeding \$130 billion, close to six times more than over the same period last year, ranking first in the world. As at end-August this year, the total number of registered local companies and registered non-Hong Kong companies exceeded 1.5 million and 15 000, respectively, both hitting historic highs. Moreover, Hong Kong is among the top three in global competitiveness and global financial centre rankings. These and other figures and rankings reflect that, overall speaking, the Government is heading in the right direction.

We will continue to attract more global capital, enrich our product suite and develop new business areas. We will also reinforce and enhance Hong Kong's status as international financial, trade and shipping centres by deepening international exchanges and collaboration as well as opening up new markets. In addition, we will leverage the opportunities brought by the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport, consolidating Hong Kong's advantages as the world's leading air-cargo hub and the transshipment hub of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and further enhancing the city's long-term competitiveness as an international aviation hub. We will also step up the promotion of legal and dispute resolution services in Hong Kong, deepen our mediation culture and promote arbitration development. We will, as well, fully support and participate in the operation of the International Organization for Mediation headquarters, reinforcing our position as an international legal hub and the Capital of Mediation.

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### International Financial Centre

#### Continuously strengthen the stock market

- Assist Mainland technology enterprises in raising funds in Hong Kong through the dedicated Technology Enterprises Channel established by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX), strengthening the financial support for building the country into one which stands tall in science and technology. (FSTB)
- The HKEX is about to complete the competitiveness review of the listing requirements of the Main Board, and will put forward adjustment proposals for public consultation within 2025, focusing mainly on the enhancement of primary listing requirements and facilitation of dual primary or secondary listing of overseas enterprises in Hong Kong, as well as post-listing compliance obligations. (FSTB)
- Following the implementation of the enhancements to initial public offering (IPO) price discovery and open market requirements earlier, the HKEX is further consulting the market on enhancement measures for ongoing public float to provide greater flexibility for issuers. (FSTB)
- The SFC has conducted a consultation on the proposal to enhance the stock market listing rules, and will introduce amendments to subsidiary legislation in 2026 to provide the SFC with greater operational flexibility in vetting listing applications and encourage issuers and listing applicants to make disclosures in a more transparent and accurate manner, thus providing more extensive protection for investors. (FSTB)
- The SFC and the HKEX will continue to optimise the listing mechanism, including studying to optimise the listing requirements for weighted voting right structures to attract more relevant companies to list in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will complete the review on the enhancement of the issuance mechanism for structured products and stock trading unit, and propose specific measures for market consultation within 2025. (FSTB)
- The HKEX has refined the margin collateral arrangements at its securities and derivatives clearing houses, and will explore broadening the types of acceptable collaterals to enhance risk management efficiency. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will consult the market in the first half of 2026 on the operation mode for shortening the stock settlement cycle to T+1, striving to become one of the first exchanges in Asia to shorten the settlement cycle and building a solid infrastructure for the continuous thriving of the capital market. (FSTB)

- Strive to submit a bill to the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the first half of 2026 to implement the new arrangement whereby all Renminbi (RMB) counter stock transactions can pay stamp duty in RMB. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will continue to expand its overseas networks by proactively promoting Hong Kong's platform to issuers and capital from emerging markets, and consider adding more exchanges in the Middle East and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region to its list of recognised exchanges, with a view to promoting secondary listing of overseas companies in Hong Kong, expanding market coverage and enhancing market activity. (FSTB)
- The HKEX and the SFC will proactively encourage China Concept Stock companies listed overseas to return to Hong Kong and provide assistance in their listing preparation, thereby establishing the city as their top choice for listing. (FSTB)
- The SFC will continue to work with regulators in the Mainland to encourage more Mainland enterprises to list in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Implement the inclusion of RMB trading counters under Southbound Trading of Stock Connect. (FSTB)
- The SFC and the HKEX will work together to implement the uncertificated securities market regime and establish a regulatory regime for securities registrars to raise market efficiency, strengthen investor protection and enhance transparency. (FSTB)
- Focus in 2025 on expanding the use of securities lodged with the Central Moneymarkets Unit (CMU) of the HKMA, including offshore Chinese Government Bonds as collateral acceptable by Hong Kong and overseas clearing houses, as well as enhancing collateral management solutions, so as to promote the development of comprehensive multi-asset tri-party repo, thus further enhancing the recognition of RMB assets as international collateral. (FSTB)
- Enhance the services of CMU OmniClear under the HKMA by exploring jointly with the HKEX ways to enable investors to manage and cross-collateralise different assets such as stocks and bonds on a single platform, thereby fostering the "interplay between various mutual market access mechanisms". (FSTB)
- Continue to enhance the CMU's international network by establishing linkage with SIX (a Swiss securities custody and settlement system), the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates and other markets, so as to widen international participation and cross-boundary mutual market access. (FSTB)
- The SFC will promote the establishment of a comprehensive over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives licensing regime capital requirement mechanism, and promote the development of foreign exchange and fixed income product markets (including interest rate, credit and repurchase agreements, etc.). (FSTB)
- The SFC is looking into the feasibility of setting up and operating an electronic bond trading platform by the market, and is actively promoting the establishment of a commercial repo market and a central counterparty (CCP) regime in Hong Kong to increase market liquidity. (FSTB)

### **Build a world-leading bond market**

- Actively take forward the measures set out on the Fixed Income and Currency Roadmap promulgated by the SFC and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), with a view to consolidating Hong Kong's status as a major bond and currency hub in the region. (FSTB)

- Continue to discuss with relevant Mainland institutions to finalise the launch of offshore treasury bond futures in Hong Kong, enrich the variety of interest rate derivatives under Swap Connect, promote the development of OTC derivatives, and jointly launch the cross-boundary RMB repo business with the Mainland in due course. (FSTB)
- The SFC, the HKMA and the HKEX will strengthen their market engagement to encourage more enterprises to issue bonds in Hong Kong, with a view to attracting more global capital to invest in our bond market. (FSTB)

### **Build a vibrant currency market**

- To enhance the liquidity and global reach of the offshore RMB market in Hong Kong, the HKMA will utilise the Currency Swap Agreement with the People's Bank of China to introduce the RMB Business Facility. The facility is designed to offer banks with RMB funding for providing trade finance, daily operation, capital expenditure and working capital related services in longer tenors to their corporate customers, with an aim to facilitating the use of RMB in real economic activities. The HKMA will continue to explore different cross-border funding channels, with a view to providing a stable source of relatively low-cost RMB funds for the market. (FSTB)
- The HKMA will enhance the existing RMB Liquidity Facility to allow more flexibility for banks in their short-term funding management, strengthening Hong Kong's role as the offshore RMB business hub. (FSTB)
- Continue to explore measures to promote more convenient foreign exchange quotations and transactions between RMB and regional domestic currencies in Hong Kong so as to facilitate the actual use of RMB in cross-boundary trade and investment. (FSTB)
- Encourage more listed companies to set up RMB stock trading counters. (FSTB)
- Increase the size of RMB government bond issuances to better meet the asset allocation needs of international investors, and will study the use of RMB to pay government expenditures under appropriate scenarios. (FSTB)

### **Expedite the building of an international gold trading market**

- Support the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) and financial institutions to establish gold storage facilities in Hong Kong, with the target gold storing capacity of over 2 000 tonnes in three years, so as to develop our city into a regional gold reserve hub. (FSTB, TLB)
- Encourage gold traders to set up or expand refineries in Hong Kong, and explore with the Mainland the feasibility of processing supplied materials in the Mainland, with a view to exporting refined gold to Hong Kong for trading and delivery purposes. (FSTB)
- Establish a central clearing system for gold in Hong Kong to provide efficient and reliable clearing services for gold transactions in compliance with international standards, and invite the participation of the Shanghai Gold Exchange in order to prepare for mutual market access with the Mainland in the future. (FSTB)
- Offer a greater variety of gold investment vehicles by assisting issuers in issuing gold funds, and supporting the development of new investment products, such as tokenised gold. (FSTB)
- Support the trade to set up a trade association for the gold industry, with a view to establishing an exchange platform with the Government and regulators, step up promotional efforts and attract Belt and Road (B&R) clients, and strengthen talent training. (FSTB)



## International risk management centre

- Encourage the participation of insurance funds in infrastructure financing with the introduction of legislative amendments in 2026 to lower capital requirements for infrastructure investment and provide concessions for local projects. (FSTB)
- Promote the development of exclusive captive and reinsurance business in Hong Kong, including continued effort to strive for more Mainland and overseas enterprises to establish captive insurers in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Facilitate the launch of more insurance products such as those related to cross-boundary elderly care, cross-boundary driving and low-altitude economy. (FSTB)
- Continue to enhance and improve the Risk-based Capital regime for the Hong Kong insurance industry, including the implementation of the public disclosure requirements under Pillar 3. (FSTB)
- Continue to take forward the legislative preparatory work for establishing a policy holders' protection scheme, with the aim of strengthening protection for policy holders. (FSTB)

## International asset and wealth management centre

- Endeavour to introduce a bill into the LegCo in the first half of 2026 to enhance the preferential tax regimes for funds, single family offices and carried interest, with a view to attracting more funds to establish a presence and be managed in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- The SFC will strive for the inclusion of real estate investment trusts (REITs) under mutual market access to enhance the liquidity and attractiveness of REITs in both places. (FSTB)
- Facilitate enhancement of the Qualified Foreign Limited Partnerships (QFLP) mechanism, in particular by enhancing the collaboration with Qianhai and Shanghai to attract more foreign capital into the Mainland private capital market. (FSTB)

- The Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited will, through direct investment or co-investment, nurture the development of local private equity and hedge fund institutions with good potential. (FSO)
- Enhance the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme. For purchase of non-residential properties, the maximum amount of investment to be counted will increase from \$10 million to \$15 million, and there will continue to be no transaction price threshold for properties. For purchase of residential properties, the maximum amount of investment to be counted will remain at \$10 million but the transaction price threshold will be lowered from \$50 million to \$30 million. (FSTB)
- Achieve early the target of facilitating at least 200 family offices to set up operations or expand their business in Hong Kong by end-2025, and strive to facilitate at least 220 family offices to set up operations or expand their business in Hong Kong from 2026 to 2028. (FSTB)

## Enhance regulation of licensed money lenders

- Issue the consultation conclusions on enhancing regulation of licensed money lenders in early 2026. (FSTB)

## Steady development of Fintech

- The HKMA will publish a report detailing the results of the Ensemble Sandbox experimentation, and will take forward the next stage of work, including developing innovative financial market infrastructure, achieving interbank settlement of tokenised deposits, promoting real tokenised asset transactions such as settlement of tokenised money market funds using tokenised deposits, and encouraging banks to enhance risk management through the supervisory sandbox. (FSTB)

- With the aid of the Supervisory Incubator for Distributed Ledger Technology, the HKMA will further encourage banks to trial tokenised deposits and other Web3-related banking products, provide supervisory support and resources for the sector's innovative projects and advance the sustained development of the tokenisation ecosystem in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- The HKMA will expand the Fintech Connect sourcing platform to foster collaboration between financial institutions and fintech solution providers. (FSTB)
- Implement the regulatory regime for stablecoin issuers, and ensure the sound, responsible and sustainable development of Hong Kong's stablecoin ecosystem in a risk-controlled environment by striking the right balance between innovative development and risk management. The HKMA will actively process the licence applications. (FSTB)
- Formulate the details of the licensing regimes for the regulation of digital asset dealing and custodian service providers, with the aim of introducing a bill into the LegCo in 2026. (FSTB)
- The SFC will study the possibility of offering a wider range of digital asset products and services to professional investors while ensuring investor protection. (FSTB)
- Conduct a public consultation exercise in the fourth quarter of 2025 on the implementation of the Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and introduce legislative proposals into the LegCo in 2026, with the target of achieving automatic exchange of tax-relevant crypto-asset transaction information with other tax jurisdictions starting from 2028 to combat cross-border tax evasion and enhance international tax transparency. (FSTB)
- The SFC will, through automatic reporting and data surveillance tools, establish Hong Kong's line of defence against risks associated with digital assets and promote steady market development. (FSTB)
- Further expand the scope of fintech co-operation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) beyond Qianhai to other GBA cities, with a view to enhancing fintech innovation collaboration across the GBA. (FSTB)
- The HKMA will assist the Government in regularising the issuance of tokenised bonds, and work with the Government to jointly take forward a study on the applicability of existing legislation to tokenised bonds, and will, based on the findings, enhance and clarify relevant laws to promote the adoption of tokenisation technology in Hong Kong's bond market. The details will be announced in the first half of 2026. (FSTB)

### Development of green and sustainable finance

- Continue to drive the development of green and sustainable finance in Hong Kong on various fronts, including the issuance of government sustainable bonds and expansion of the local green fintech ecosystem. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will strengthen co-operation on pilot testing with carbon markets in the GBA to test out the means of conducting cross-boundary trading settlement, with a view to jointly building the carbon market ecosystem in the GBA. (FSTB)
- Study various matters related to the country's participation in the international carbon market, such as the formulation of voluntary carbon credit standards and the methods for formulating such standards, as well as the registration, trading and settlement of reduced carbon emissions, together with relevant Mainland regulatory departments and authorities. (FSTB)
- The HKMA in partnership with HKEX is studying the application of tokenisation technology in carbon trading. (FSTB)
- Continue to collaborate with financial regulators and stakeholders to support the implementation of the Hong Kong Sustainability Disclosure Standards through enhancing capacity building and promoting the use of technological solutions. (FSTB)

## International Trade Centre

### Deepen international economic and trade networks

- Strive to sign an investment agreement with Qatar as early as possible. (CEDB)
- Actively explore the signing of new investment agreements with Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Egypt and Peru to continuously expand Hong Kong's economic and trade networks. (CEDB)
- Continue to strive for the early accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) to expand our economic and trade networks. (CEDB)
- Establish the Economic and Trade Office (ETO) in Kuala Lumpur by end-2025, which will work together with the ETOs in Jakarta, Singapore and Bangkok to deepen economic and trade promotion in the ASEAN and neighbouring countries. (CEDB)
- Continue to take forward the plan for setting up an ETO in Riyadh to further facilitate Hong Kong enterprises in tapping the Middle East market. (CEDB)
- Expand the ETO coverage to new markets with greater potential in Latin America and Central Asia, and join forces with the overseas networks of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and the Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) to enhance the economic and trade relations between Hong Kong and the relevant places. (CEDB)
- Continue to expand the network of comprehensive avoidance of double taxation agreements, with particular focus on covering B&R countries and ASEAN member states. (FSTB)

## Promote digital trade

- The HKMA will formulate a roadmap by end-2025 following the launch of Project Cargo<sup>x</sup> early 2025. Through its Commercial Data Interchange (CDI), the HKMA is also conducting trial schemes involving AAHK and the Port Community System that aims to reduce the credit costs and processing time of banks and small and medium enterprises with cargo data. (FSTB, TLB)
- The HKMA will work with the Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Data and other parties to explore opportunities for cross-boundary financial co-operation under Project Ensemble, such as examining how to use tokenised electronic bills of lading and taking forward the project's interface with CDI and Project Cargo<sup>x</sup>, exploring the use of freight logistics data to promote trade financing between the two places. (FSTB)
- Recruit a logistics provider as an additional pilot participant of the Cross-boundary Express Cargo Clearance Facilitation Arrangement (CEFA) to enhance the efficiency of e-commerce shipment. (CEDB)
- Press ahead in full steam with the design and development of the information technology system for Phase 3 of the Trade Single Window to cover more trade documents, and the services are expected to be rolled out in phases starting from mid-2026. (CEDB)
- Take forward with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China the connection of the single windows in Hong Kong and the Mainland and explore the feasibility of expanding the existing "Single Submission for Dual Declaration" Scheme to cover other trade documents and transport modes. (CEDB)
- Commence discussion with ASEAN to explore the possible connection with its single window and the types of trade documents to be covered. (CEDB)

- Put forward a legislative proposal within 2026 to amend local legislation with reference to the Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records, so as to provide a legal basis for the digitalisation of business-to-business (B2B) trade documents. (CEDB)

### Promote commodity trading

- The London Metal Exchange, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the HKEX, has approved eight delivery warehouses in Hong Kong. The Government will support the trade in setting up more approved warehouses. (FSTB)
- Initiate legislative amendments in the first half of 2026 to provide half-rate tax concession to commodity traders in an effort to attract them to establish their presence in Hong Kong, which will drive the demand for shipping and professional maritime services in Hong Kong. (TLB)
- Improve international commodity trade flows through financial innovation, including interfacing the experimental electronic platforms of the HKMA and the Banco Central do Brasil through a proof-of-concept approach, and their collaboration in the trial use of tokenised electronic bills of lading and tokenised deposit to facilitate trading. (FSTB)
- Deepen the connection and coordinated development between the HKEX and the Guangzhou Futures Exchange as well as other commodity markets in the Mainland, with a view to facilitating the internationalisation of our country's commodity market. (FSTB)
- Establish the Strategic Committee on Commodities to be led by the Financial Secretary, bringing together trade representatives with the aim of strengthening the top-down design and formulation of policy and long-term strategy for commodities. (FSO, FSTB, TLB, CEDB)

### Enhance the protection of consumers' rights and interests

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance with a view to proposing legislative amendments for public consultation in early 2026, so as to further enhance the protection of consumers' rights and interests and combat more effectively common unfair trade practices. (CEDB)

### Company re-domiciliation regime

- Continue to publicise the company re-domiciliation regime introduced in May 2025, and work with InvestHK, the HKEX and various ETOs to proactively reach out to major Hong Kong-listed companies domiciled overseas and other non-local companies, encouraging them to make full use of the regime to re-domicile to Hong Kong. (FSTB)

## International Shipping Centre

### Establish a comprehensive “rail-sea-land-river” intermodal transport system connecting to the inland region

- Actively expand sources of goods and strive to promote multimodal transport of goods from inland provinces and cities in the Mainland via rail, sea, land and river to international markets via Hong Kong. (TLB)
- Introduce a legislative proposal into the LegCo in the first half of 2026 to extend arrangements under the Air Transhipment Cargo Exemption Scheme to other intermodal cargo-transhipment modes to boost Hong Kong's competitiveness as a transhipment hub. (TLB)



### **Build an international “Partner Port” network**

- Establish “partner port” relationships with Mainland regions of strategic collaboration significance as well as B&R regions, and lay the groundwork for the development of a green shipping corridor through signing memoranda of understanding with the first batch of partner ports during the Hong Kong Maritime Week to be held in November 2025. (TLB)

### **Develop a green maritime fuel bunkering centre**

- Continue to implement the measures set out in the Action Plan on Green Maritime Fuel Bunkering, including encouraging the industry to conduct the first commercial green methanol bunkering operation in Hong Kong waters within 2026. (TLB)
- Introduce legislative amendment proposals into the LegCo by end-2025 to provide duty concessions for methanol used for bunkering for outbound vessels. (TLB)
- Commence a feasibility study on the provision of bunkering services for fuels such as green ammonia and hydrogen to pave the way for the next stage of development in green maritime fuel bunkering. (TLB)
- Build a green maritime fuel ecosystem, including inviting expressions of interest from the industry on developing green maritime fuel storage facilities within 2025. (TLB)
- Within 2026, start to require all vessels engaging in methanol bunkering in Hong Kong waters to be installed with mass flow meters to enhance efficiency in bunkering. (TLB)

- Continue to provide a matching and collaborative platform for upstream and downstream stakeholders of the green maritime fuel supply chain (including suppliers, users and other ancillary service providers) to promote the trading of green maritime fuels in Hong Kong, and encourage the local industry to build a green fleet to facilitate the international export of Mainland-produced green maritime fuels. (TLB)
- Introduce a proposal into the LegCo within 2026 to re-arrange anchorages and nearby fairways with a view to providing suitable berthing arrangements for vessels engaged in green maritime fuel bunkering. (TLB)

### **Develop a digitalised port system**

- Complete the development of the Port Community System by the end-2025 and launch it for use by the industry in January 2026. The system will provide cargo tracking function as well as value-added electronic services for custom declaration in the Mainland, and link up the sea, land and air transport networks to digitally connect trade and capital flows. (TLB)
- Enhance digital connectivity with more maritime communities and proactively interface with more logistics data networks in the GBA through the Port Community System in Hong Kong. (TLB)

### **Better harness the strengths of high value-added maritime services**

- Enhance the existing tax concessionary measures for maritime service enterprises, including introducing new tax deduction arrangements for ship lessors, with relevant legislative amendment procedures to be undertaken in the first half of 2026. (TLB)
- Leverage the synergies between high value-added maritime services and financial services to facilitate the expansion of marine insurance business in Hong Kong, with a view to providing more diversified marine insurance products and more reliable service assurance for shipowners from our country and the rest of the world. (TLB, FSTB)

- Engage the industry to establish a marine specialty risk pool on a commercial basis, so as to enhance the underwriting capacity of Hong Kong's maritime insurance industry for both the local and Mainland markets. (FSTB)
- Set up a new dedicated team for promotion in the Middle East by end-2025, thereby widening the promotion network of the Hong Kong Shipping Registry. (TLB)
- Introduce amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance to LegCo in 2026 for revamping the existing ship registration arrangements, including enhancing the adaptability of the registration system in accommodating the diverse and flexible operating models of international maritime enterprises (such as allowing vessels to hold dual registration); and strengthening the use of digital and other means to streamline registration process, providing more convenience to overseas shipowners. (TLB)

### **Propel long-term maritime development strategies**

- The Hong Kong Maritime and Port Development Board helps formulate more outgoing and comprehensive strategies for promotion in the Mainland and overseas, and draw up overall development policies for the maritime industry, as well as identifying key areas for research. (TLB)

### **Support modern logistics development**

- Continue with the timely implementation of the Action Plan on Modern Logistics Development and plan to dispose of a total of three logistics land parcels located in proximity to the Kwai Tsing Container Terminals by 2027 or earlier in an orderly manner subject to the market situation. (TLB)

- Promulgate the findings of the planning study on the development of modern logistics clusters in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area within 2025. Follow the enterprise-oriented principle and invite the industry to submit expressions of interest for the modern logistics clusters in 2026. After taking into account the intents of the industry, tender terms concerning the logistics land will be formulated to meet the development needs of the industry. (TLB)

## **International Aviation Hub**

### **Accelerate the expansion of aviation network**

- Continue to work with the AAHK to strategically attract local and non-local airlines to add new destinations and increase flight frequencies (including long-haul flights) through outreach teams, incentive schemes (such as the Air Network Development Programme), etc.. (TLB)
- Actively participate in international civil aviation conferences and take the initiative to visit aviation partners to discuss the establishment of new air services agreements or the expansion of traffic rights, with priority focus on regions with further development potential and new growth areas, such as South America, Central Asia, Africa and the Middle East. (TLB)

### **Improve GBA's intermodal network**

- Expand the scope of Air Passenger Departure Tax exemptions to include passengers who arrive at Hong Kong by sea or by land for air transfer starting from October 2025. (TLB)
- The AAHK will continue to expand the city terminal network in the Mainland, and work with Zhuhai Airport to enhance the Fly-Via-Zhuhai-HK service, such as strengthening the land transport connection between the two airports and promoting the service to more Mainland cities. (TLB)

### Take forward the expansion of Airport City development

- Continue to proactively solicit business and attract investment for the construction of the Airport City and take forward various projects with a view to building a world-leading new landmark. (TLB)
- Complete the development of the AsiaWorld-Expo Phase 2 by 2028 to provide more world-class venues for conferences, exhibitions and performances. (TLB)
- Make planning for other projects such as an ecosystem for the arts industry and a jet fresh market for imported gourmet products to enrich the elements for the Airport City. (TLB)
- Commence the operation of the Coach Hall at the expanded Terminal 2 in September 2025, and other facilities of the terminal progressively starting from March/April 2026. (TLB)
- Commission in phases the automated car park projects on the Hong Kong Port Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge for use by self-drive travellers from Guangdong and Macao, of which the “Park and Fly” Car Park is targeted for opening in November 2025 to tie in with the overall timetable of “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles”. (TLB)
- Extend the autonomous transportation system of the Airportcity Link to Tung Chung Town Centre to form the Airport Tung Chung Link for targeted completion in 2028. (TLB)

### Consolidate Hong Kong's position as the World's Top Cargo Hub

- While capitalising on the edge of the Three-Runway System to increase cargo throughput, the AAHK also takes forward the construction of the Hong Kong International Airport Dongguan Logistics Park to attract more import and export cargoes of the Mainland to use the air cargo services in Hong Kong. (TLB)

### Support talent development of the aviation industry

- Continue to provide support for addressing manpower requirements in the aviation industry through enhancing the training of local practitioners and nurturing new blood for the aviation industry through the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund and the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy, and enhance the education pathway in the industry. (TLB)
- The Government Flying Service will establish an international academy to offer practical training courses and develop young people's interest in pursuing a career in aviation, with a view to providing an additional source of manpower for the aviation industry. (SB)

### International Legal and Dispute Resolution Services Centre

#### Commence operation of the International Organization for Mediation's Headquarters

- The International Organization for Mediation (IOMed) headquarters project was completed in mid-2025 and delivered to the IOMed Preparatory Office. The IOMed will be officially established in Hong Kong after the entry into force of the relevant international convention. The headquarters is expected to open by early-2026. (DoJ)
- Support the final preparatory work for the establishment of the IOMed, actively promote international mediation and organise activities centred on international mediation to tie in with the upcoming opening of the IOMed, including organising an international mediation summit in the Department of Justice's flagship event, Hong Kong Mediation Week, to affirm the positioning of Hong Kong as the capital for international mediation. (DoJ)

- Fully support the work of the IOMed, and actively organise international conferences, professional training and internship programmes, etc. to engage Hong Kong young people and legal talents to participate and serve in the IOMed, so as to nurture more international mediation talents for Hong Kong. (DoJ)
- Continue to promote the Pilot Scheme on Community Mediation, and train community service staff to assist in resolving community disputes with mediation skill sets, with a view to fostering the wider use of mediation in the community. (DoJ)
- Establish a working group in 2026 or before to review the Arbitration Ordinance in order to ensure that the legislative framework for arbitration in Hong Kong stays at the forefront of international development. (DoJ)
- Further expand overseas publicity efforts by leading delegations from the local legal and dispute resolution sectors to visit overseas countries to promote the advantages of Hong Kong arbitration. (DoJ)

### **International legal hub**

- Commence preparations for the construction of the Hong Kong International Legal Service Building adjacent to the IOMed headquarters, which will serve as the landmark of Hong Kong's international Legal Hub, housing the headquarters of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy alongside international legal and dispute resolution service institutions, facilities for international legal conference, facilities for international legal research as well as arbitration and mediation, etc.. (DoJ)

### **Strengthen the promotion of Hong Kong's legal services**

- Promote Hong Kong's legal services and co-ordinate with other professional services, such as accounting and finance services, so as to proactively engage with Mainland enterprises, consolidate information on professional service providers, etc. to meet the needs of Mainland enterprises in going global. (DoJ)

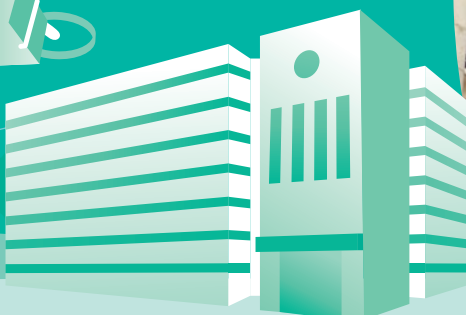
### **Mediation culture and arbitration development**

- Implement the proposed measures to strengthen the regulatory system on the accreditation and disciplinary matters of the mediation profession in Hong Kong. (DoJ)
- Actively enhance the promotion and talent training efforts in sports dispute resolution to tie in with the launch of the Pilot Scheme on Sports Dispute Resolution, with a view to fostering the use of sports mediation and arbitration in Hong Kong. (DoJ, CSTB)





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# Promote the Integrated Development of Education, Technology and Talents









# Background

Education nurtures our future, technology denotes our strength, and talents lead our development. The integrated development of education, technology and talents is a foundational and strategic pillar for progress in the new era. It enables Hong Kong to build rich talent resources, knowledge reserve, and capacities for scientific and technological innovation, thereby enhancing our competitiveness. The Policy Address last year announced the establishment of the Committee on Education, Technology and Talents, led by the Chief Secretary for Administration. Its purpose is to enhance the system, aggregation and synergy of policies with top-level co-ordination of cross-bureau efforts to drive the integrated development among the three areas. The committee has submitted a report to the Chief Executive, and many of its proposals have been incorporated in this year's Policy Address.

Hong Kong is the only city worldwide that hosts five universities ranked among the world's top 100 and also boasts four of the world's most internationalised universities. With a strong ability to make pioneering breakthroughs, local universities have been widely recognised overseas and in the Mainland for their academic research capacity. The basic research conducted by local higher education institutions serves as a crucial upstream starting point for the development of innovative scientific research. The "InnoHK Research Clusters", one of Hong Kong's flagship innovation and technology (I&T) initiatives, have successfully attracted more than 30 top-notch universities, as well as research and development (R&D) institutes from 12 economies. They engage in R&D collaboration with local higher education institutions and R&D institutes, bringing together about 3 000 outstanding I&T talents locally and from the Mainland and overseas, further consolidating our advantages in upstream scientific research.

We have also been actively promoting the development of midstream and downstream R&D, so as to drive the interaction of the entire I&T ecosystem. Three \$10 billion schemes have been proposed in the past three Policy Addresses: the \$10 billion Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme, launched to fund R&D teams in universities with the potential to promote the transformation and commercialisation of R&D outcomes; the \$10 billion New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme, launched to fund enterprises from industries of strategic importance to set up new smart production facilities in Hong Kong; and the \$10 billion Innovation and Technology Industry-Oriented Fund, created to strengthen the channelling of market capital into emerging and future industries and accelerate the development of Hong Kong's I&T industries.

Since taking up office, the current-term Government has introduced an array of initiatives to trawl for talents, and the results are encouraging. To date, more than 230 000 people have come to Hong Kong for work and development through various talent admission schemes. Hong Kong's ranking in relation to global talents is rising steadily, climbing 12 places in two years to the fourth place globally this year, ranking first in the Asia Pacific region. The Government also attaches great importance to youth development, as "Hong Kong will prosper only when its young people thrive". We are fully committed to implementing the specific actions and measures proposed in the Youth Development Blueprint to open up more spaces and opportunities for young people to develop and flourish, enabling them to give full play to their strengths and become the vital new blood for driving social development, thereby contributing to Hong Kong, our country and the world.

Hong Kong boasts a solid foundation in education, as well as a wealth of innovative technologies and global talents. We will continue to enhance the talent policy, facilitate the flow of talents between the industry and academic sectors, and strengthen the efforts of the Hong Kong Talent Engage in talent recruitment and support. This will further develop Hong Kong into an international hub for high-calibre talents, injecting impetus and momentum into our economic development.

## Promote the Integrated Development of Education, Technology and Talents

### Build an International Education Hub

#### Relax restrictions on admission of self-financing students

- Ensure to maintain 15 000 funded places for local students every year, while the number of non-funded places for non-local students studying in Hong Kong on a self-financing basis will be allowed to increase. (EDB)
- Starting from the 2026/27 academic year, the enrolment ceiling for self-financing non-local students for taught programmes of each funded post-secondary institutions will be raised from 40% of the local student places to 50%. (EDB)
- Increase the over-enrolment ceiling for self-financed places of funded research postgraduate (RPg) programmes from 100% to 120%. (EDB)
- Continue to proactively explore with the Mainland further enhancements to the arrangements for admitting Mainland students to degree programmes of self-financing post-secondary institutions. (EDB)
- Relax restrictions to allow non-local students (excluding holders of student visas/entry permits) to enrol into part-time sub-degree, undergraduate or RPg programmes, so as to encourage them to pursue continued professional development and education. (EDB)

### Increase student hostel supply

- Subsidise universities through the Hostel Development Fund to continue providing additional hostel places, with an estimation of more than 14 300 hostel places to be provided. (EDB)
- The Hostels in the City Scheme will be expanded from the date of announcement of the 2025 Policy Address, such that not only cases involving conversion of commercial buildings but those involving redevelopment of original commercial buildings into new student hostels will also enjoy the facilitation measures under the Scheme, including excessive plot ratio allowed to be retained. (EDB, DEVB)
- Reserve new sites (zoned as commercial or otherwise) for building new hostels and invite expressions of interest within 2025. (EDB, DEVB)

### Attract more international teaching and research talents and students

- The Education Bureau (EDB) will establish the Task Force on Study in Hong Kong to strengthen collaboration with the University Grants Committee (UGC), the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau, the Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE), institutions, overseas Economic and Trade Offices, Mainland Offices, etc., so as to step up the promotion of Hong Kong's higher education. (EDB, ITIB, LWB, CEDB, CMAB)

- Roll out the “Hong Kong: Your World-class Campus” large-scale publicity campaign to promote Hong Kong’s quality resources in academic studies, scientific research and international co-operation. (EDB, ITIB)
- Provide funding support of \$40 million by the UGC for the eight funded universities to enhance publicity as well as teacher and student recruitment in the Mainland and overseas. (EDB)
- The EDB will take the lead in encouraging post-secondary institutions to organise more summer study tours to attract high school students from around the world to come to Hong Kong. (EDB)
- Encourage post-secondary institutions to roll out more high value-added “Study Tour in Hong Kong” activities, and promote the “Study Tour in Hong Kong” brand. (EDB, CSTB)

### **Advance the development of universities of applied sciences**

- Encourage universities of applied sciences to strengthen collaboration with top-notch enterprises in the Mainland and overseas to promote the co-operation between industries and education. (EDB)
- The Hong Kong Alliance of Universities of Applied Sciences will explore taking forward collaboration with top-notch polytechnic institutions in the Guangdong Province in jointly establishing a Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) exchange platform. (EDB)

### **Implement the arrangement on mutual recognition of vocational and professional qualifications with the Mainland**

- Continue to actively explore with the Mainland the implementation of the mutual recognition of sub-degree level qualifications between Hong Kong and the Mainland, facilitating cross-boundary job seeking or pursuit of further studies by graduates of vocational and professional programmes in both places. (EDB)

### **Support the development of self-financing post-secondary institutions**

- The amended Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320) will officially come into operation on 1 August 2026, with a view to improving governance of the self-financing post-secondary education sector and supporting self-financing institutions to expand capacity and enhance standard, so as to contribute more proactively to developing Hong Kong into an international hub for post-secondary education. (EDB)
- Actively assist with the migration of self-financing post-secondary institutions to the enhanced regulatory framework and further support, through targeted measures such as the Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund and the Land Grant Scheme, the healthy and sustainable development of the self-financing post-secondary education sector. (EDB)

### **Allow schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme to apply for increasing the number of non-local students**

- The EDB will, on a trial basis, allow schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme to apply for increasing the number of classes and the number of students per class in order to admit more self-financing non-local students with student visas. (EDB)

### **Promote the international recognition of the DSE**

- Promote the international recognition of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (DSE) Examination to various sectors through a range of local and overseas education exhibitions and events, enabling DSE candidates to have more options for further education. (EDB)



- Step up efforts in cracking down on the irregular provision of DSE programmes or the operation of “shell schools”, and have set up a reporting mechanism and conducted surprise inspections, and have further clarified the entry requirements for private candidates taking the 2026 DSE Examination. (EDB)
- Formulate the Code of Practice for Private Schools by end-2025 to improve the standards of operation of the private schools offering formal curriculum, and publish the Private School List to make public a list of compliant private schools. (EDB)

### Develop international schools

- Allocated two vacant school premises and reserved sites in the Northern Metropolis for the development of international schools. (EDB)
- Encourage international schools to increase their admission quota, and remove constraints for allowing quality international schools to build new facilities or enhance existing ones, including student boarding facilities at their school sites on a self-financing basis. (EDB)

### Promote digital education

- Earmark \$2 billion under the Quality Education Fund to support primary and secondary schools to implement digital education, and release the Blueprint for Digital Education in Primary and Secondary Schools in 2026, which includes optimising the interface between primary and secondary curricula of Information Technology (IT) and Innovation and Technology (I&T) education, setting out an “Artificial Intelligence (AI) literacy” learning framework, incorporating AI education into the core curriculum, enhancing AI training for teachers, introducing enterprise resources, etc.. (EDB)
- Collaborate with professional bodies to launch pilot schemes to promote AI education, including enhancement of professional training for teachers and strengthening the application of Generative AI in learning and teaching. (EDB)

- Enhance AI-related training to enable principals and teachers to have an understanding of the development of AI and its application. (EDB)
- Initiate a review on the curriculum structure for implementing senior secondary science and mathematics subjects, so as to further strengthen the nurturing of students studying science and mathematics. (EDB)
- Progressively launch more than 20 quality e-learning platforms or tools under the e-Learning Ancillary Facilities Programme for use by schools in order to promote digital education and drive the local development of education technology. (EDB)
- Further improve the IT infrastructure of schools, including extension of the e-Learning Funding Programme to provide schools with funding to purchase mobile computers for loan to needy students. (EDB)

### Enhance the quality of teaching and learning

- The Quality Education Fund will launch a new phase of the dedicated funding programme in the 2026/27 school year, under which the cumulative amount of funding support for application will be raised from \$2 million to \$3 million for each publicly-funded school and from \$500,000 to \$700,000 for each eligible kindergarten. (EDB)
- Develop a self-directed English learning resource portal as well as a Putonghua self-learning platform, encouraging students to make use of these resources to enhance their language proficiency. (EDB)
- Organise a territory-wide reading award scheme to encourage multimodal reading, cultivate an interest in extensive reading and develop an active reading habit among students, with a view to enhancing their language literacy. (EDB)
- Encourage publicly-funded secondary schools to organise learning activities on financial education and entrepreneurial spirit. Details will be announced in the 2025/26 school year. (EDB)

- Enhance the Business-School Partnership Programme 2.0 by motivating industries relevant to the development of the “eight centres” to provide career exploration and work experience for students and encouraging organisations in relevant industries to join the Mentorship Scheme, with a view to helping students explore their interests and aspirations at an early stage. (EDB)
- Encourage publicly-funded schools to organise activities themed on school mottos and school songs, with a view to strengthening the promotion of school-based values education. Details will be announced in the 2025/26 school year. (EDB)
- Continue to take forward the “Guangdong-Hong Kong Sister Kindergarten Exchange Programme”, increasing the number of beneficiary Hong Kong kindergartens to 150 in the 2025/26 school year, to deepen professional exchanges and collaboration among kindergarten teachers of the two places, with a view to enhancing the quality of kindergarten education. (EDB)

### Professional development of teachers

- Enhance the teacher registration mechanism and explore amending the Education Ordinance to introduce the practising certificate and regular renewal requirements, so as to ensure that all school teachers in Hong Kong are fit and proper persons, thus upholding professionalism of the teaching force. (EDB)
- Continue to collaborate with Mainland education experts and institutions to organise systematic training for teachers and principals, with a view to nurturing education leaders. (EDB)
- Provide teachers with opportunities to participate in overseas training and exchange activities to enable them to broaden their horizons, learn from successful overseas experiences and enhance their professional capacity. (EDB)

- Continue to strengthen the spirit of cultivating values and nurturing people among teachers by updating the Guidelines on Teachers’ Professional Conduct as and when appropriate, and support activities that promote teachers’ professional ethics, in an effort to enhance the professionalism of the teaching force. (EDB)

### Promote parent education

- Launch the Workplace Parent Education Programme in the 2025/26 school year to encourage working parents to participate in parent education activities, alongside the consolidation of parent education resources to further cater for the needs of parents with diverse backgrounds through multiple platforms. (EDB)
- Launch the Parent Education Resource Package for Secondary Schools in 2026 to further support schools in implementing school-based parent education programmes in schools. (EDB)

## International I&T Centre

### Improve the strategic layout of I&T infrastructure

- Propel I&T development and further strengthen the synergistic development of the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors with three major I&T parks and five key research and development (R&D) institutes as the main framework. (ITIB)
- Continue to take forward the development of the Hong Kong Microelectronics Research and Development Institute, aiming to complete the testing of the two pilot lines and put them into operation in 2026, with a view to promoting the “1 to N” transformation of R&D outcomes and industry development through collaboration among the Government, industry, academia and research sectors. (ITIB)

- Complete the preparatory work for the establishment of the Life and Health Technology Research Institutes within 2026, with a view to fostering cross-university/institutional and multi-disciplinary collaboration and building a vibrant life and health technology ecosystem, thereby consolidating Hong Kong's strengths in R&D of life and health technology. (ITIB)

### Accelerate the development of new industrialisation

- Provide the application scenarios for industries to land in Hong Kong, and adopt the “scenario-based investment attraction” approach, with a view to facilitating leading or influential I&T enterprises to develop their businesses in the city. (ITIB)
- Expedite the development of the third InnoHK research cluster focusing on sustainable development, energy, advanced manufacturing and materials. The R&D Centres under the cluster will be established in the first half of 2026. (ITIB)
- Relax the application threshold for the New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme (NIAS) by lowering the required minimum total project cost from \$300 million to \$150 million, in order to encourage more enterprises to set up new smart production facilities in Hong Kong. (ITIB)
- Provide funding on a matching basis for enterprises with projects approved under the NIAS to employ technical personnel required for setting up or operating smart production facilities, and consider providing necessary support measures for individual enterprises in the light of the actual needs of the development of industries. (ITIB)
- Expedite the implementation of the Pilot Innovation and Technology Accelerator Scheme to attract more professional startup service agencies to set up accelerator base in Hong Kong. (ITIB)
- Launch the I&T Industry-Oriented Fund in 2026-27, under which the Government will actively channel more market capital to invest in specified emerging and future industries of strategic importance, thus opening up more financing channels for I&T enterprises, in an effort to accelerate the development of new industrialisation in Hong Kong and get past “the last mile” in the development of the I&T industry. (ITIB)
- Actively introduce incentives to support strategic enterprises to develop their businesses in Hong Kong, in a bid to promote new industrialisation in the city, develop the real economy and create quality employment opportunities. (ITIB)
- Implement the “Co-operation Agreement on the Development of New Quality Productive Forces and the Promotion of New Industrialisation” signed with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, including continuing to support specialised, sophisticated, distinctive and new “little giant” enterprises to expand their business in Hong Kong through the Cradle – Going Global Service Centre established by the Hong Kong Productivity Council, and leveraging Hong Kong's international advantages to expand into the global market. (ITIB)
- Continue to promote the setting up of joint R&D centres by leading Mainland enterprises and higher education institutions in Hong Kong. (ITIB)
- Support Hong Kong's participation in major national projects such as the establishment of a manufacturing innovation centre. (ITIB)

### Support people-oriented scientific researches

- Support people-oriented scientific researches by utilising the Innovation and Technology Fund to introduce high-tech prostheses. A two-year programme with full subsidies will be introduced to amputees in Hong Kong for installation and usage of high-tech prostheses, enabling them to benefit from new technologies. (ITIB)



## Promote the development of a low-altitude economy ecosystem

- Forge ahead with the building of a competitive low-altitude economy (LAE) ecosystem and formulate an Action Plan on Developing Low-Altitude Economy, developing Hong Kong into the core hub for low-altitude applications through institutional innovation and technological breakthrough. (DFSO, TLB)
- Continue to improve civil aviation legislation and regulatory framework, and make dedicated legislation for “non-conventional aircraft” weighing above 150 kilograms (including passenger-carrying aircraft) in order to lay the foundation for developing the standardisation of LAE. (TLB)
- Implement the provision of core infrastructure facilities, including launching designated spectrum by end-2025, with a view to facilitating early planning and deployment of facilities such as vertiports, air route networks, satellite positioning, three-dimensional spatial data systems and a smart low-altitude traffic management system, etc. (TLB, CEDB, DEVB)
- Roll out the advanced LAE “Regulatory Sandbox 1” pilot projects to further expand and enrich the scope of application of low-altitude flying activities, which will cover application scenarios that are technically more complex, such as cross-boundary routes and passenger-carrying low-altitude aircraft. (TLB and relevant bureaux)
- The Insurance Authority will forge closer ties with the industry to address the demand for developing insurance products targeting various application scenarios for LAE. (FSTB)

## Promote the development of aerospace science and technology and support space economy

- The Hong Kong Space Robotics and Energy Centre has been set up under the InnoHK research clusters to support the country’s Chang’E-8 mission. The Innovation and Technology Support Programme Special Call on Aerospace Technology has allocated funding of more than \$100 million to support six R&D projects of universities. (ITIB)
- Conduct a study on streamlining the vetting procedures of licence applications for Low Earth Orbit satellites to expedite the development of commercial aerospace services. (CEDB)
- Continue to enhance mobile communications infrastructure by, among others, conducting spectrum auctions, reserving space in new buildings for installation and maintenance of mobile communications facilities, and providing subsidies for extending 5G coverage in rural and remote areas, so as to support the industry to prepare for the deployment of 5G or 6G applications. (CEDB)
- The Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited will pursue investment in areas related to with commercial aerospace and space economy. (FSO)

## Regional Intellectual Property Trading Centre

### Promote intellectual property financing and trading

- Launch an intellectual property (IP) financing sandbox to assist pilot sectors (particularly the technology sector) in leveraging IPs for financing with the support of the banking, insurance, valuation, legal and other professions. (CEDB)

- Support the Hong Kong Technology and Innovation Support Centre in providing local small and medium I&T enterprises with patent evaluation based on national standards upon its official operation by end-2025 and launching a two-year pilot programme to subsidise patent valuation for serving as reference for credit financing. (CEDB)
- Review the tax deduction arrangements for enterprises purchasing IP or the rights to use IP, increase tax incentives, and enhance the promotion of development of IP trading. (CEDB)

### Protection of IP rights

- Formulate a code of practice in respect of relevant legal principles and prepare a legislative proposal on enhancement of the Copyright Ordinance regarding the protection for AI technology development, and conduct a review of the local registered designs regime, for which consultation will commence by end-2025. (CEDB)
- Continue to forge ahead with the preparatory work for implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong in 2026. (CEDB)

### Enhance capacity building

- Continue to expand the patent examiner team under the original grant patent system, and to take forward the preparatory work for the introduction of regulatory arrangements for local patent agent services, with a view to building a local pool of patent talents. (CEDB)
- The Intellectual Property Department (IPD) will continue to promote IP to 200 000 students within the current term of the Government to reinforce awareness of respecting and protecting IP rights. (CEDB)
- The IPD will collaborate with banking industry organisation to provide training for banking practitioners covering IP categories, protection, financing, etc., to enhance the industry's understanding of IP financing. (CEDB)

### External promotion

- The Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council will continue to work towards attracting around 10 000 local, Mainland and overseas participants to attend the annual Business of IP Asia Forum within the current term of the Government. (CEDB)
- Organise thematic seminars at the Business of IP Asia Forum 2025 to explore the application value and market potential of IP financing, with the aim of raising industry awareness of and attention to the issue. (CEDB)
- Nominate local enterprises to compete for the China Patent Award jointly organised by the China National Intellectual Property Administration and the World Intellectual Property Organization, in a bid to enhance the credibility and valuation of their patents. (CEDB)

## Nurture Talent

### Youth training and development

- Launch a Young Talent Training Programme to: provide more opportunities for young people to undertake internships at international organisations and to attend international conferences, thereby enabling them to widen their international perspectives and develop holistic views; launch a new media thematic internship programme in the Mainland to provide opportunities for young people studying communication to undertake internships at major media organisation in the Mainland; deepen the Youth Financial Education Programme launched in 2024 to provide young people with information on the financial sector and financial planning, so as to enhance their understanding of the financial market; and launch a brand new workshop on mediation to enable young people to acquire basic mediation concepts and knowledge, thereby strengthening their understanding of mediation services as well as the mediation industry. (HYAB)

- Organise the second edition of the Youth Development Summit in 2025 to gather young people from around the world in Hong Kong for exchanging views, and to promote Hong Kong through local visit programmes. (HYAB)
- Support the 18 Districts “Blazing Spirit” Youth Programme to be organised by the Hong Kong Association of Youth Development to deepen young people’s understanding of the historical connection between Hong Kong and our country through activities that are rich in district characteristics. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities and the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities, so as to nurture positive thinking and values among young people, and enable them to become a new generation with a sense of responsibility, and with an aspiration and willingness to contribute to the development of our country and of Hong Kong. (HYAB)
- Continue to organise youthfest@HK, where different sectors of the community are invited to jointly organise a wide spectrum of activities for nurturing positive thinking among young people, with a view to promoting innovation and inspiring creativity. (HYAB)

### Support youth entrepreneurship

- Continue to implement the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA to provide capital subsidies and comprehensive support services for youth start-up teams intending to start businesses in Hong Kong and Mainland cities in the GBA. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases to encourage young people to explore the enormous entrepreneurial opportunities in the GBA as well as different provinces and cities in the Mainland. (HYAB)

- Increase the number of member organisations under the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the GBA to provide youth entrepreneurs with more comprehensive support, and to assist them in broadening their networks and enhancing competitiveness. (HYAB)

### Facilitate international and Mainland exchanges for local youths

- Continue to implement the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the HYAB Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange and encourage young people from the Mainland and overseas to come to Hong Kong for exchanges. (HYAB)
- The eight youth uniformed groups of the disciplined and auxiliary services departments of the Security Bureau will proactively organise international and Mainland exchange activities, with a particular focus on countries and regions along the Belt and Road, to promote people-to-people bonds and strengthen young people’s understanding of national strategies and the complex and ever-changing international situation, thereby creating new impetus for Hong Kong’s roles as a “super connector” and a “super value-adder”. (SB)

### Foster diverse exchanges and experiences through the Youth Post

- The Youth Post hostel, converted from the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility, has commenced trial operation and will officially open within 2025. (HYAB)
- In addition to providing affordable accommodation for young people from the Mainland and overseas, the Youth Post hostel also plans to organise approximately 100 youth activities of various types with cultural, artistic, and sports elements during its five-year operation period, promoting exchanges between young people from the Mainland and overseas and local youth in Hong Kong, and creating a place for young people to inspire creativity. (HYAB)



## Provide more interactive spaces for young people

- The first phase of the renovation work of the new interactive space for young people and the related video studio at the Youth Square in Chai Wan will be completed by end-2025, providing a venue for young people to gather for exchanges, develop personal potentials and participate in different activities. (HYAB)
- Roll out the “Good Stories of Hong Kong Youth” Programme for young people to produce video clippings on promoting good stories of Hong Kong youths at the video studio of the Youth Square, and provide relevant training on the production and filming of video clippings. (HYAB)
- The first phase of the renovation work of the physical platform for interaction for members of the Youth Link in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre and the adjacent renovated Tung Chau Street Temporary Market will be completed by end-2025, providing a gathering place for young people to expand their networks through ongoing interaction. (HYAB)
- Continue to enhance communication with young people through the Youth Link and the youth mobile application “HKYouth+”, with a view to offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents. (HYAB)
- Complete the works project which includes the district open space and sports centre at Sze Mei Street in San Po Kong in 2026 to enhance and provide additional recreational and sports facilities in the area, which, coupling with the existing multi-purpose community facilities in the proximity, will become a gathering place for young people in the San Po Kong Business Area, thereby building a sports and healthy living platform for citizens. (DEVB)

## Continue the launch of youth hostels

- Continue to increase the supply of hostel places under the Youth Hostel Scheme, including fully funding non-government organisations (NGOs) to construct youth hostels on under-utilised sites, subsidising NGOs to convert suitable hotels and guesthouses into youth hostels in co-operation with their owners, and earmarking a site in Tung Chung under the Land Sale List whereby developers will be required to reserve flats to support the scheme on a pilot basis. The number of hostel places launched under the scheme has increased significantly from 80 when the current-term Government took office to over 3 700. (HYAB, DEVB)

## Implement the Youth Development Blueprint

- Continue to implement the Youth Development Blueprint and update the initiatives in the Blueprint in a timely manner in response to the latest social development and needs of young people. (HYAB)
- Continue to update and enhance the Youth Dashboard to consolidate youth-related data and trends for keeping better tabs on the pulse of young people. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth. (HYAB)
- Continue to take forward the HYAB JC Scheme for Youth Life Planning to help secondary school students realise their life planning and seize national development opportunities. (HYAB)

## Talent admission policies

- Dynamically monitor manpower changes in Hong Kong and review the Talent List from time to time based on the demand for talents. (LWB)
- Continue to exempt full-time non-local postgraduate and undergraduate students from restrictions on taking up part-time jobs. (LWB)

- Extend the pilot Vocational Professionals Admission Scheme to allow non-local students enrolled in eligible full-time higher diploma programmes in the 2026/27 and 2027/28 academic years to stay in Hong Kong for one year after graduation to seek relevant jobs. (LWB)

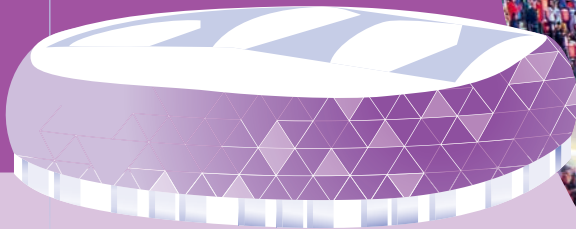
### **Strengthen talent exchanges among the industry, academic and research sectors**

- Launch the Innovation and Technology Talents Exchange Programme for Industry and Academic Sectors to encourage university professors to engage in enterprises' R&D activities for a better grasp of the industry needs. (CSO, EDB, ITIB)
- Invite senior management and technical experts of technology enterprises to participate in teaching and curriculum design, with a view to strengthening joint development of the industry, academia and research sectors. (CSO, EDB, ITIB)

### **Attract talents**

- The HKTE will enhance its promotion and talent attraction efforts including the organisation of the Global Talent Summit Week next year, increase outbound visits and overseas promotion to strengthen co-operation with Mainland cities in overseas talent recruitment, and conduct more online career fairs, direct job matching services and integration activities. (LWB)

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# Promote the Integrated Development of Culture, Sports and Tourism









# Background

Arts and culture, the creative industries, sports and tourism complement and reinforce one another in their development. With the establishment of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, the current-term Government is promoting the integrated development of culture, sports and tourism, while boosting Hong Kong's position as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange, injecting new momentum into the economy and boost Hong Kong's global appeal.

The Government published the Blueprint for Arts and Culture and Creative Industries Development last November, setting out a clear vision, principles and strategic directions for the long-term development of arts and cultural policies. It encourages various sectors to work together to leverage Hong Kong's diversified cultural characteristics with an international flair. We will continue to consolidate and enhance the arts trading market in Hong Kong, foster the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District, support the diversified development of local culture and the creative industries, and promote mega performing arts events.

On sports development, the Kai Tak Sports Park, opened in March this year, has rapidly developed into a bridgehead for the mega-event economy, complementing the strengths of Hong Kong's other existing facilities. We will proactively promote the five key policy objectives: supporting elite sports, maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events, enhancing professionalism, developing sports as an industry, and promoting sports in the community. We are also committed to successfully staging the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games, which will be held later this year.

In tourism development, the Government promulgated the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0 in December last year, proposing forward-looking and pragmatic targets and development strategies for our tourism industry. Established as announced in the last Policy Address, the Working Group on Developing Tourist Hotspots announced in May this year the implementation of nine appealing and feasible projects with Hong Kong characteristics that can be implemented in the short term, each offering tourists a better experience. As of August this year, Hong Kong's tourism industry made impressive achievements with overall visitor arrivals reaching 33.2 million, up a significant increase of 12% over the same period last year, underlining the ever-growing charisma and appeal of the city's East-meets-West tourism elements. Riding on this foundation, the Government will ramp up planning efforts and adopt more targeted strategies to enhance publicity of various thematic tourism, realising the concept of "tourism is everywhere" in Hong Kong.

## Promote the Integrated Development of Culture, Sports and Tourism

### East-meets-West Centre for International Cultural Exchange

#### Develop a premium arts trading hub

- Develop Hong Kong into a global premium arts trading hub, and attract more international auction houses, art galleries, and professional talents to establish their presence in the city. (CSTB)
- Establish an arts ecosystem in the Airport City, housing arts studios, galleries and dealers under one roof, and construct large-scale arts storage and supporting facilities. (TLB)
- Enhance the international art trading platform, and deepen collaboration with Art Basel to reinforce Hong Kong's status as the exclusive host city in the region. (CSTB)
- Engage the sector to conduct studies on areas related to taxation, financing and talents of art trading to explore policy measures suitable for Hong Kong. (CSTB)

- The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) will take multiple measures in 2026 to build an arts trading ecosystem, including discussing the leasing strategies with the developer of Artist Square Towers, which are scheduled for completion in 2026-27, to attract more enterprises in the arts trading industry chain, such as galleries, insurance companies, family offices to reside in the towers; establishing an international collaboration network for arts conservation and providing professional training and internship opportunities; and systematically expanding training in professional fields such as curation, conservation and arts administration. (CSTB)

#### Diverse development of the West Kowloon Cultural District

- The WKCDA will host more high-profile and large-scale international events, including the second Hong Kong International Cultural Summit in March 2026 and the Association of Asia Pacific Performing Arts Centres Annual Conference 2026 in October 2026. (CSTB)
- The WKCDA will stage exhibitions around the world and in the Mainland to showcase exhibitions and collections of M+ and the Hong Kong Palace Museum, while M+ will also co-curate and co-organise exhibitions with internationally-renowned museums. More tours will be planned for "The Impossible Trial—a musical" in the Mainland to develop the musical into a long-running classic. (CSTB)



- The WKCDA will export more arts, cultural and creative projects, curating or co-organising showcases in the Mainland and overseas, for example, touring the M+ exhibition “I.M. Pei: Life Is Architecture” to Doha in October 2025, in order to bring its footprints to the Middle East. (CSTB)
- The WKCDA will strengthen the synergistic development of arts and culture, entertainment consumption and tourism, as the accessibility of the West Kowloon Cultural District is enhanced through the commissioning of the WestK Quay by end-2025. (CSTB)
- The WKCDA is preparing for the official establishment of the WestK Academy scheduled in 2026 in order to provide professional training for local, Mainland and overseas arts and cultural organisations and practitioners. (CSTB)
- The WKCDA will continue to develop a new ticketing and customer service platform as well as a big data hub. (CSTB)
- Continue to maintain close communication with the industry, make good use of the Film Development Fund to support Hong Kong’s film development, ride on the new trends of the global film market and movie-going habits of audience, and strengthen publicity, exchanges and business matching overseas and in the Mainland. (CSTB)
- Actively promote cross-sectoral and cross-cultural collaborations, assist local talents in cultural design to create more cultural and creative products featuring both Chinese and Hong Kong cultural characteristics, thereby promoting the incubation of local cultural intellectual property, and also continue to support the enhancement of the Asia IP Exchange Portal by providing more information on market transactions, and strengthen support for local original works to explore business opportunities by tapping into the Mainland and international markets. (CSTB)
- Select no more than two outstanding projects under the Signature Performing Arts Programme Scheme based on the principle of developing the “icon of Hong Kong”, and announce the results and relevant details within 2025. (CSTB)

### **Foster the development of local cultural and creative industries**

- Continue to take forward the annual flagship signature event of the Hong Kong Fashion Fest to make it a major regional and international fashion design event, thereby fostering the development of Hong Kong’s fashion and textile design brands, as well as promoting Hong Kong as a prime destination for hosting major cultural and creative events. Collaborations will be made with the Paris Fashion Week and the Milan Fashion Week during the Hong Kong Fashion Fest 2025 to promote the trend of digital fashion and sustainable fashion. (CSTB)
- Leverage the international exchange platform of the Business of Design Week to collaborate with Italy, the partner country for 2025, to bring inspiration to the design sector, thereby fostering exchanges and innovation among the sector while facilitating business development. (CSTB)

### **Refocus the performance venues and promote performing arts mega events**

- Optimise the functional positioning of performance venues, with the East Kowloon Cultural Centre promoting long-running performances and arts technology, the Auditorium of Sha Tin Town Hall featuring prominently Cantonese opera, and the Hong Kong Coliseum shifting the priority from sports events to concerts, thereby strengthening Hong Kong’s concert economy and positioning as a “capital of pop culture”. (CSTB)

## Develop signature arts and cultural flagship projects and strengthen the promotion of intangible cultural heritage

- Continue to organise signature events (such as Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival, Asia+ Festival, Chinese Culture Festival, Hong Kong Performing Arts Expo, Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage Month, etc.), and strengthen the promotion of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) characteristics in the community to achieve “ICH Around Town”. (CSTB)

## Introduce market-based business models to enhance LCSD services

- Introduce commercial operation models to provide more diversified value-added activities, including leasing out museum venues on their closing days for organising commercial or private events, opening up more venues for hire, introducing paid guided tours, and developing more cultural and creative products for improving experience and operational efficacy. (CSTB)
- Explore to engage the market in enhancing the operation of the Lei Yue Mun Park holiday camp and at designated pilot beaches, with a view to developing recreational, leisure and aquatic activity hotspots. (CSTB)

## “Tourism is Everywhere”

### Develop the yacht economy

- Provide about 600 additional yacht berths under the ex-Lamma Quarry, Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter (ATS) expansion and Hung Hom Station waterfront projects. (DFSO, DEVB)
- Firm up the development parameters and requirements for the ex-Lamma Quarry area, including yacht berthing facilities, having regard to the expressions of interest (EOI) received from the market, and launch a call for tender in the second half of 2026 the earliest. (DEVB)

- Firm up the feasible development scenario(s) for the construction and operation of marinas at the expansion area of ATS having regard to the EOI received from the market, carry out relevant technical assessments, and launch a call for tender by the first half of 2027. (DEVB)
- Drive the development of the sites around Hung Hom Station and its waterfront areas with a view to transforming the areas into a new harbourfront landmark complemented by yacht berthing facilities, and commence the relevant statutory procedures in the second half of 2026. (DEVB)
- Take forward the development of the yacht bay at the Airport City to provide over 500 additional berths, including berths which can accommodate superyachts over 80 metres in length. Invitation for the EOI for participation in the development will be extended to the market in early 2026 and the project is expected for completion by phases starting from 2028. (DFSO, TLB)
- Relax the requirements imposed on visiting yachts and develop the Dynamic Yacht Monitoring System, so as to allow visiting yachts to navigate in Hong Kong in a safe and orderly manner and anchor within waters designated by the Government without having to reserve berths at privately-operated marinas or piers. (DFSO, TLB)
- Enhance the Electronic Business System to allow one-stop pre-submission of arrival information by visiting yachts, so as to facilitate relevant departments to conduct preliminary screening, customs clearance and risk assessment. (TLB, SB)
- Authorise relevant Mainland institutions (such as the Maritime Safety Administration of the Ministry of Transport) to conduct exams and provide short-term training courses for local yacht masters as facilitation measures for Mainland yacht masters of visiting yachts to obtain qualifications for navigation in Hong Kong waters. This initiative will be extended to overseas regions in due course. (TLB)

- Foster the system development for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Individual Yacht Travel Scheme, enhance the facilitation measures for the entry, exit, navigation and berthing of yachts from Hong Kong and Macao, and engage the Guangdong Provincial Government in discussion on facilitation measures for “northbound travel for yachts from Hong Kong” and “southbound travel for yachts from the Mainland”. (TLB)

### Develop “Mega Events + Tourism”

- Attract visitors to extend their stay in Hong Kong and make multiple revisits through offering curated packages featuring various cultural festivals, tourism products and mega events, thereby promoting the development of “mega events + tourism”. (CSTB)
- The Hong Kong Disneyland will upgrade its facilities to enrich the experience of visitors. (CSTB)
- Continue to lead the Ocean Park to sustain the craze for giant pandas by launching more giant panda-themed events and products in collaboration with the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb). (CSTB)
- The Hong Kong Jockey Club will line up horse-themed celebrations and performances to promote horse-racing tourism to ring in the Year of the Horse in 2026. (CSTB)
- The Fire Services Department will introduce a measure to facilitate event organisers by conducting compliance inspections of fire safety requirements for the Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence via video conferencing for venues with lower safety risks. (SB)

### Develop cruise tourism

- Review the terms and conditions of the tenancy agreement with the operator of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, and commence the tender exercise by end-2025, with a view to enhancing the attractiveness and competitiveness of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal. (CSTB)

### Develop “Ecology + Tourism”

- Take forward “Four Peaks” tourism as proposed by the Working Group on Developing Tourist Hotspots by enhancing supporting facilities in country parks, and construct new facilities such as tree-top adventure, open museums of historical relics and new types of camping facilities, enhance facility management, and promote hiking etiquette. (DCSO, EEB)
- Explore appropriate ways to link up rural attractions such as traditional villages and fields, ancestral halls and study halls, as well as folk activities, etc., allowing strolling and cycling, thereby enriching rural eco-tourism experience. (DEVb)
- Riding on the opportunities brought about by the newly amended Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (Cap. 531), explore to further connect harbourfront sections along both sides of the Victoria Harbour that are not yet accessible and consider providing additional facilities such as landing steps at suitable locations. (DEVb)
- Promote countryside revitalisation by launching new in-depth cultural and eco-tour activities in the rural area around Yan Chau Tong through the Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme. (EEB)

### Promote local thematic immersive tours

- Create thematic parks and areas in the 18 districts of Hong Kong to enhance the city’s appeal while providing the public with relaxing and enjoyable living spaces and enhancing their sense of well-being. (DCSO, HYAB, CSTB)
- Promote various thematic in-depth tourism projects such as Hong Kong industrial brand tourism, Old Town Central, Kowloon City, Victoria Park Bazaar and the opening up of the former Yau Ma Tei Police Station. (CSTB)



- Open up the frontier closed areas (FCAs) of Mai Po and the Starling Inlet in mid-2026 to facilitate visitors. After implementation, all FCAs will be opened up except for boundary-crossing facilities and boundary patrol roads. (SB)
- The HKTb will stage an upgraded version of the Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival and step up publicity worldwide about the city's diverse bar and restaurant landscape as well as its appeal as an international culinary hub. (CSTB)
- Beautify Lan Kwai Fong and the surrounding streetscape by phase to promote "community engagement". (DEVb)
- The Home Affairs Department is refining the Guide to Licence Application for Guesthouse (Holiday Camp) and will issue a new Guide to Licence Application for Guesthouse in Village House, which will set out the flexible building and fire safety requirements for holiday camp sites and villages formulated in light of actual situations, and will include clearer and more specific requirements and measures to facilitate the operation of holiday camps and home-stay lodgings in rural areas. The Development Bureau will also facilitate village houses to transform into guesthouses, restaurants or cafés, etc. to promote urban-rural integration. (HYAB, DEVb)
- Open the special event space at the former Hung Hom Railway Yard Pier in the first quarter of 2026. (DEVb)
- Study the proposal to provide a pier at Repulse Bay to help develop marine tourism linking up the attractions in the Southern District and the islands nearby. (DEVb)

### **Invigorate Island South**

- Explore the feasibility of constructing new facilities in the area around the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market for food and beverage, retail and processing of fisheries products, etc.. (EEB, DEVb)

- Take forward the Expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter project, including the integration of public landing facilities with the proposed breakwater at Tai Shue Wan to create synergies. (DEVb, CSTB)
- Continue to progressively enhance the open spaces on both sides of ATS by way of minor works while improving pedestrian connectivity and the local environment. (DEVb)

### **Establish Hong Kong as the most sought-after destination for premium visitors**

- The HKTb will co-operate with various departments and organisations to attract the staging of more conventions and exhibitions in Hong Kong. It will also collaborate with the travel trade to offer sophisticated itinerary planning, concierge services and premier experience, and provide tailor-made luxurious tours for high-spending visitors. (CSTB)

### **Increase the number of visitors to Hong Kong**

- Relax the criteria for applications from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan for multiple-entry visas to Hong Kong for business and travel purposes to promote economic and trade as well as tourism development between Hong Kong and Central Asia. (SB)

### **Proactively develop the Middle East and ASEAN tourism markets and facilitate halal certification**

- With a view to further promoting Muslim tourism, push forward the strategy of "accreditation, education and promotion", and encourage the industry to provide more facilities and food options that are Muslim-friendly. (CSTB)
- The HKTb will launch a subsidy scheme for restaurants applying for halal certification, under which restaurants having successfully obtained the certification between the delivery day of the 2025 Policy Address and end-2026 will be subsidised for half of the certification fee, capped at \$5,000. (CSTB)

## Enhance immigration experience

- Basically complete the construction of the new Huanggang Port building by end-2025 and strive to ensure that the port meets the conditions for completion and commissioning within the current term of the Government, enabling the implementation of the “collaborative inspection and joint clearance” mode. (SB)
- Sha Tau Kok Control Point, which will be redeveloped into a passenger clearance-only control point under a “cross-river construction” approach, will implement the “collaborative inspection and joint clearance” mode. The engineering feasibility study of its redevelopment project will be completed within 2025. (SB)
- Enhance the e-Channel services, including to install additional and replace existing e-Channels at the Arrival Hall of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) starting from the first quarter of 2026, and relax the eligibility criteria for frequent visitors to enrol for the e-Channel service to having visited Hong Kong via the HKIA for no fewer than two times in the past 24 months, thereby further enhancing clearance efficiency. (SB)
- Establish Hong Kong’s first “contactless clearance” pilot at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port in the second quarter of 2026, achieving unimpeded immigration clearance using facial recognition technology. The pilot will first open for use by eligible Hong Kong residents and further expansion will be considered subject to operational effectiveness. (SB)

## Take forward a new “Outstanding Services Award Scheme”

- Take forward a new “Outstanding Services Award Scheme” covering a number of tourism-related service industries to commend merchants and industry practitioners for their outstanding products and services, and promote the hospitable culture in our society through the mass media. (CSTB)

## Promote Sports Development

### Ensure the successful delivery of the National Games

- Co-host the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games with Guangdong and Macao with all-out efforts, and launch publicity campaigns through diverse online and offline channels, with a view to fostering city-wide participation. (CSO, CSTB)
- Join hands with the industry to launch various relevant tourism products, and have arranged for the relay of competitions by domestic free television broadcasters, so that members of the public can cheer for athletes. (CSO, CSTB)
- The Organising Committee, under the supervision of the Chief Executive and the leadership of the Chief Secretary for Administration, will continue to steer the work relating to the National Games to ensure that the event will be successfully held and bring world-class experience to participants and audience. (CSO, CSTB)

### Promote synergy among sports venues

- Leverage the strengths of the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) as an essential infrastructure for maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events and developing sports as an industry to boost the development of “sports + mega events”. (CSTB)
- Review the positioning of the Hong Kong Stadium (HKS) to achieve synergy with the KTSP, including making good use of existing facilities of the HKS to support sports development, such as enabling the use of these facilities by “national sports associations” (NSAs) as office space, organising matches and related training, and hosting large-scale sports events. (CSTB)

- Agreed on a multi-year partnership with the world-class men's professional golf tournament, LIV Golf, to host LIV Golf League in Hong Kong. Hosting the tournament, which will showcase the exceptional skills of top international golfers, will attract high-end overseas visitors and bring economic benefits to Hong Kong. (CSTB)
- Continue to take forward the preparatory work for the construction of a swimming complex suitable for hosting international competitions as well as a sports arena with fencing training and competition facilities. (CSTB)

### Promote “Sports for All” and urban sports

- To encourage the public to work out regularly, the Government will organise a wide variety of sports and recreational activities across the city, hold thematic sports days, and provide funding support for schools and training programmes. (CSTB)
- Continue to collaborate with the sports sector, schools and relevant sectors to promote urban sports, including 3-on-3 basketball, futsal, sport climbing, skateboarding and breaking, so as to provide students and youths with more opportunities for participation and training in schools and the community. (CSTB)

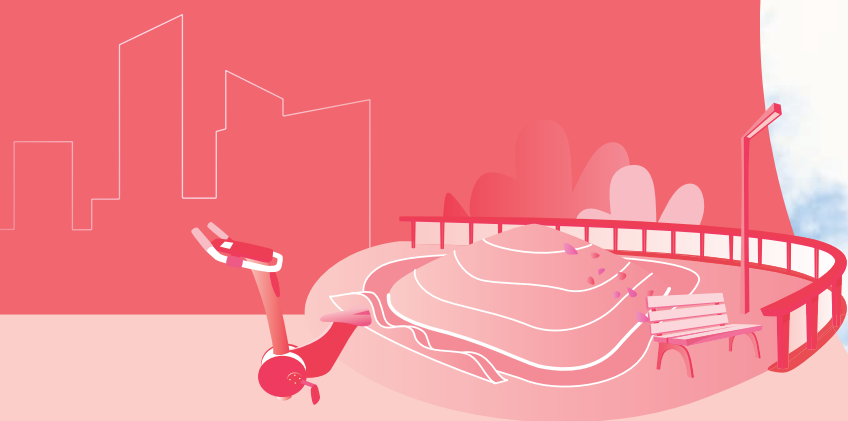
### Enhance the governance of NSAs and strengthen support for athletes

- Through the recently reviewed “direct financial support for elite athletes”, the Government will continue to provide a more financially stable environment for elite athletes to concentrate on their training, and enhance training efficacy through the R&D outcomes of sports medicine. (CSTB)
- The Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China will expedite the implementation of the Code of Governance by using those NSAs with relatively well-developed governance regimes as good examples for the rest to follow. (CSTB)
- Support Asian and international sports associations to set up their headquarters in Hong Kong through NSAs, encourage NSAs to actively participate in the work of Asian and international sports associations, so that the discourse power and influence of Hong Kong's sports sector can be strengthened in the international arena. (CSTB)





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# Facilitate Stable Living in a Caring and Inclusive Society









# Background

Since taking office, the current-term Government has been striving to build a vibrant economy and promote development. The ultimate goal is to enhance the sense of happiness and well-being of our people. We have been deepening reforms, driving innovations, expediting the development of the Northern Metropolis, and stepping up promotion of industry development. These and other efforts boost the long-term competitiveness of our economy, creating strong impetus for growth and lay a solid foundation for improving the well-being of our people.

With the unremitting efforts of the current-term Government in the past three years or so, the problem of back-loaded public housing supply has completely turned around. The Composite Waiting Time for Subsidised Rental Housing has been reduced from 6.1 years to 5.1 years, moving closer to the target of 4.5 years in 2026-27. Rising to the challenge, we announced in last year's Policy Address the proposal to introduce a brand new regulatory regime on Basic Housing Units through legislation, with a view to eradicating substandard subdivided units. We will continue to make good use of existing public housing resources to further enrich the housing ladder, helping people across all walks of life to live and work happily. We will sustain our efforts to produce and retain control over the supply of land. Targeting the pain point of high construction costs in Hong Kong, we will actively roll out various measures to streamline administrative procedures and use technology to boost the efficiency of land production and reduce construction costs.

We are equally committed to creating a convenient and comfortable living environment for the people of Hong Kong, with a view to building a caring and inclusive society. The establishment of Care Teams was announced shortly after the current-term Government assumed office. And the Government's long-standing, non-interventionist approach was replaced by the multi-pronged policy approach to promoting fertility. That includes various tax concessions, giving priority in the allocation of public rental housing units and the purchase of subsidised sale flats, enhancing child care support, increasing the public service quota for assisted reproductive service and providing the Newborn Baby Bonus. These and other initiatives reflect the current-term Government's determination to seek reform and make progress in a people-oriented approach.

In view of its fiscal position, the Government has to strictly control expenditure growth in recent years. Nevertheless, our recurrent expenditure on social welfare and healthcare has continued to rise, from \$97.1 billion and \$98.3 billion in 2021-22 to \$130.4 billion and \$115.3 billion in the 2025-26 Estimates, respectively, a combined increase of 26%. The top two policy area groups in 2025-26, social welfare and healthcare account for over 40% of the Government's recurrent expenditure. Upholding the belief that promoting people's well-being is a continuous process that never ends, we will continue to enhance the public healthcare system and strengthen primary healthcare services; implement the concept of targeted poverty alleviation by focusing on helping those at the end of the queue, who are most in need; and adopt a multi-pronged strategy to create a family-friendly, pro-birth environment, ultimately building a society in which the elderly are cared for, the vulnerable are supported and the disadvantaged assisted.

## Facilitate Stable Living in a Caring and Inclusive Society

### Increase Housing Supply and Enrich the Housing Ladder

#### Increase public housing supply

- For the five years from 2026-27 to 2030-31, it is forecast that the overall public housing production (including traditional public rental housing (PRH), Light Public Housing (LPH), Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) and Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) units) will reach 189 000 units, about 80% higher than that of the five-year period when the current-term Government took office (i.e. from 2022-23 to 2026-27). We are moving further closer to the target of reducing the Composite Waiting Time for Subsidised Rental Housing to 4.5 years in 2026-27. (HB)
- About 10 000 LPH units will be gradually completed for intake by the end of 2025. The remaining 20 000 units will be fully completed by the first half of 2027. (HB)
- Strive for the Legislative Council (LegCo)'s passage of the bill on the Basic Housing Unit (BHU) regulatory regime within 2025 which seeks to eradicate substandard subdivided units (SDUs); and implement the regime in March 2026 which includes conducting registration of pre-existing SDUs in residential buildings and allowing a grace period for such SDUs to undergo alteration works to become BHUs, as well as concurrently accepting applications for BHU recognition, with a view to urging the market to improve the living conditions of SDUs under rental. (HB)

- The Government has implemented the transitional housing projects to provide over 21 000 units, of which about 18 400 units have been made available for application by those in need, and the remaining of about 2 700 units will all be completed by the first half of 2026. (HB)

#### Redevelop PRH estates

- The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) is undertaking and planning for 11 redevelopment plans, and will announce the redevelopment projects for Ma Tau Wai Estate and Sai Wan Estate by end-2025. The HKHA will also conduct a study on the redevelopment of Model Housing Estate, which is the oldest PRH, and will announce its preliminary findings in 2026-27. (HB)

#### Enrich the housing ladder

- On the basis of the significant increase in the supply of HOS flats, increase the ratio of quotas between Green Form and White Form from 40:60 to 50:50, so as to assist more PRH tenants to become owners, while at the same time transfer the original PRH flats to waiting list applicants, benefiting both parties. (HB)
- Increase the ratio of larger units in HOS and GSH projects starting from the second five-year period (i.e. from 2031-32 to 2035-36) to respond to market demand. (HB)
- Relax the alienation restriction period of new subsidised sale flats (SSF) from 15 years to 10 years to encourage upward mobility. This measure will be applicable to the next HOS and GSH sale exercises onwards. (HB)



- Starting from the next White Form Secondary Market Scheme (WSM) exercise, the HKHA will further increase the quota by 1 000, bringing the total to 7 000, so as to boost the chance of White Form applicants to purchase SSF in the secondary market with premium unpaid. Among these 1 000 additional quotas, half will be allocated to young family and one-person applicants aged below 40. (HB)
- The HKHA will issue a moderately higher number of approval letters than the quota set under the WSM exercise to avoid quota wastage due to changes in personal preferences, thus enabling the quota for purchasing flats to be fully utilised to meet purchasers' expectation as far as possible. (HB)
- Launch the "Flat-for-Flat Scheme for Elderly Owners" of SSF under the HKHA to allow those who have reached the age of 60 and owned an SSF under the HKHA for 10 years or more to purchase a smaller SSF or an SSF in a more remote area after selling their original one in the secondary market with premium unpaid. In doing so, the elderly can get additional cash to meet their living expenses, while urban or larger flats can be released for applications by families in need. (HB)
- The HKHA and the Hong Kong Housing Society will introduce a pilot scheme, allowing those who have owned an SSF for 10 years or more to let their flats with premium unpaid to eligible White Form applicants after paying a rental licence fee, subject to a quota of 3 000. (HB)

## **"Well Being · Start-Up 2.0" Programme**

- The HKHA launches the "Well Being · Start-Up 2.0" Programme to provide a three-year staged rental at discounted market rents to help youth start-up teams gradually adapt to market rental levels. In addition, private shopping centres and the commercial sector are encouraged to offer shops for young people to start their businesses. Together with the additional shops supplied by the HKHA, the programme will offer more than 60 shops, providing development opportunities for more young people. (HB)

## **Promote smart estate management**

- To promote smart estate management, the HKHA will continue to trial various innovative technologies in pilot estates, such as exploring the use of robots, drones, IoT sensors, artificial intelligence (AI) analysis and mobile devices in more suitable scenarios; and further trial various smart access control systems in some of the pilot estates, for example, door sensing systems at building entrances/exits and entrance doors of elderly households, with a view to gradually extending the systems to other suitable estates. (HB)

## **Private housing supply**

- According to the Long Term Housing Strategy, the supply target for private housing in the coming decade is projected to be 126 000 units, and the Government will make available land to meet the above demand in the coming decade, and determine the pace for rolling out such land to the market in an orderly and pragmatic manner. (HB, DEVB)

## Land Development

### Build land reserve

- Sustain efforts in land creation. In the next decade, get ready around 2 600 hectares of developable land (i.e. “spade-ready site”) to meet future economic and social development needs and provide the necessary room for the Government to build up a healthy land reserve. (DEVB)
- Continue to update annually the supply forecast of spade-ready sites so as to keep society informed of the land supply situation. (DEVB)
- Commence the operation of Underground Quarrying at Lam Tei in 2026, and continue with the investigation and design of Underground Quarrying at Tsing Yi North and Sham Shui Kok, North Lantau to enhance long-term land supply more efficiently as well as to provide a local source of rock material supply. (DEVB)

### Reduce construction costs

- Streamline the approval system, simplify works approval procedures, and set clear performance pledges in terms of time and strengthen the coordination of the approval process of relevant departments to speed up the approval process. (DEVB)
- The Housing Department (HD) will set up the Project Facilitation Office to co-ordinate various departments in expediting the completion of public housing projects. (HB)
- The Housing Bureau (HB) will continue to implement a new management approach, under which the target time for project completion is set to prompt the accelerated completion of various project stages. (HB)

- The Project Strategy and Governance Office under the Development Bureau (DEVB) will strengthen project governance by reviewing the requirements of user departments for site selection, usage mix, scale, design, implementation programme and so on at the conceptual stage before project inception, and assist relevant bureaux and departments in establishing and reinforcing the “ownership” mind-set, thereby further enhancing cost-effectiveness of public works projects. (DEVB)
- Reform the procurement of materials. The DEVB will adopt a central procurement strategy on a trial basis in the first half of 2026, piloting the procurement of commonly used materials including steel reinforcement and Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) modules, with a view to reducing construction costs of public works projects. (DEVB)
- Pilot batch procurement of integrated modules of MiC and make good use of the database of standard building materials created for contractors, which covers commonly used materials such as aluminium windows and partition walls, to shorten the approval process. (HB)
- Organise the Project Cost Management Forum to continuously strengthen and deepen the cost management culture in the construction industry and share the latest cost management measures, with a view to enhancing the industry’s cost management performance and ensuring proper use of public funds. (DEVB)

### Leverage innovation and technology

- Press ahead with the digitalisation of project cost control processes. A Project Cost Management Platform will be launched in phases from 2026 to enable seamless inter-departmental collaboration among the DEVB, bureaux and departments in jointly handling relevant vetting and approval procedures on the digital platform. (DEVB)

- Establish a market price database and apply AI technologies to analyse, for instance, the cost data of previous government projects, and enhance the efficiency in policy-making through automation of regular vetting and approval, with a view to ensuring greater cost-effectiveness in future project designs. (DEVB)
- The HD has adopted the self-developed BIM-enabled Systematic Approach to Foundation Design, which automatically generates foundation designs, to achieve further savings in construction costs. (HB)
- Apply Project Information Management and Analytics Platform in the development and construction process of new public housing projects and specify in all new building (superstructure) tender documents the work processes that allow the application of construction robotics starting from 2025-26. (HB)
- Strengthen connections with innovation and technology (I&T) communities such as Cyberport and Hong Kong Science Park to establish co-operative partnerships, step up promotion of utilising the Common Spatial Data Infrastructure and 3D digital map, and foster the diversified development of spatial data labs. (DEVB)
- Through the \$2.2 billion Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF), continuously drive wider adoption of innovative technologies by the industry and more small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to enhance productivity. The CITF has granted about \$2 billion for subsidising more than 1 400 enterprises to adopt various technologies in local construction projects to date. (DEVB)

## Construction standards and technologies

- The Building Technology Research Institute (BTRi) will conduct continuous review on long-standing construction standards and requirements that significantly impact the costs of government projects, such as concrete strength and load bearing capacity of foundations, in order to enhance cost-effectiveness. (DEVB)
- The BTRi implements a certification scheme to provide accreditation for construction products, and establish a central database to promote local application of high-quality and cost-effective construction products from the Mainland and overseas, with a view to cutting down on the approval procedures in future. (DEVB)
- The BTRi has commenced the formulation of relevant Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) standards for innovative materials and technologies (such as MiC and high-strength steels) to enable them to reach out to the international market through Hong Kong as a platform, so as to facilitate the synergised development of the construction industry in the GBA. (DEVB)
- Liaise closely with the Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of Guangdong Province to complete the first stage of strategic study for establishing the objectives, framework, proposal, priorities and timetable for GBA standards in 2025. (DEVB)
- Look into the gradual adoption of Guobiao and the alignment with other international standards in respect of the approval of building materials for public housing in order to enhance efficiency and reduce costs. (HB)
- Relax the gross floor area (GFA) exemption arrangement for car parks in private developments by removing the mandatory requirement of constructing underground car parks as a condition of exemption, and granting full GFA exemption to the construction of no more than two storeys of above ground car parks in developments. (DEVB)



- Continue to implement measures to strengthen the supply chain of MiC, covering issues such as the approval processes, manufacturing, taxation, transportation, storage and accreditation of modules, in order to foster the application of MiC technology in public and private sector projects. Efforts will be dedicated to research and development, quality accreditation and marketing of the technology, and deepening the co-operation with the GBA to consolidate Hong Kong's leading position in the area of MiC. (DEVB)
- Formulate and promulgate a series of measures to strengthen the supply chain of Multi-trade Integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MiMEP) modules so as to enhance the efficiency and performance of mechanical and electrical installation in public works. (DEVB)
- Take forward the Advanced Construction Industry Building project to provide a dedicated facility for the construction industry, featuring a multi-storey design to house steel rebar prefabrication yards, processing sites for MiMEP, and other advanced manufacturing facilities, so as to promote wider adoption of high productivity construction methods in the industry and enhance new quality productive forces. (DEVB)
- Explore with the Qianhai Authority the selection of suitable pilot projects in 2026 to adopt Hong Kong's New Engineering Contract form and Smart Site Safety System in the future construction stage, with the aim of introducing the strengths of Hong Kong's construction industry to the GBA. (DEVB)

### Release industrial land in the urban areas

- Commence a study on existing industrial stock within 2025, and put forward recommendations within 2026 including the way forward for the Revitalisation Scheme for Industrial Buildings. (DEVB)

- Continue to transform Kowloon East into the second core business district in Hong Kong through the ongoing implementation of development proposals such as the Kwun Tong Action Area and Kowloon Bay Action Area, as well as the revitalisation of old industrial areas. (DEVB)

### Urban renewal with a new mind-set

- Explore the relaxation of the current arrangement for transfer of plot ratio within the same district to allow cross-district transfer of unutilised plot ratio from redevelopment projects to other districts or even new development areas (NDAs), so as to enhance the market incentives for redevelopment. (DEVB)
- Reserve three sites in Kwun Tong North and Fanling North NDAs in the Northern Metropolis (NM) for the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to consider constructing new flats as replacement units under the "Flat-for-Flat" Scheme in the future. (DEVB)
- Explore suitably increasing the plot ratio of private redevelopment projects, on a pilot basis, for the seven designated areas with more pressing redevelopment need, allowing the increased plot ratio to be transferred for utilisation in the NM or other districts, or converted into an amount to be used for offsetting the premium payable for bidding land, lease modification in other projects or in-situ land exchanges. (DEVB)
- The URA will submit to the Government the renewal master plans of the planning studies for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po by end-2025 after refining the proposals and completing the technical assessments. The Government will scrutinise the proposals and consider social conditions and public sentiments in devising the relevant implementation arrangements in an orderly manner. (DEVB)

## Enhance construction safety

- Introduce a bill to amend the Buildings Ordinance into the LegCo in the first half of 2026 in order to enhance the deterrent effect against non-compliance with statutory notices or orders and severe unauthorised building works, and strengthen the regulation of contractors. (DEVB)

## Building and construction industry talents

- Host the second International Infrastructure and Projects Leaders Summit in 2026 in order to showcase Hong Kong's outstanding achievements and innovative technologies in the infrastructure field, continue to engage in liaison and exchanges with the stakeholders around the world, tell good stories of Hong Kong, establish the "international infrastructure centre" brand, take forward and facilitate the delivery of infrastructure projects with enhanced efficiency and quality, thereby making continuous contributions to the regional, national and global economic growth. (DEVB)
- Continue to communicate with relevant authorities of the Guangdong Province to explore further extension of the nationally accredited "Professional Title" evaluation mechanism to other construction-related professions such as landscape and town planning professions in 2026, thereby creating greater room for development of the industry. (DEVB)
- Continue to collaborate with the Guangdong Province and Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) to formulate the GBA Standards on the skill levels of skilled workers and technicians of more trades in the construction sector, and to take forward the "One Examination, Multiple Certification" arrangement to foster co-operation among training institutions in the GBA, thereby enhancing the quality of training of the construction sector in the GBA and nurturing talents. (DEVB)

- The Construction Industry Council will continue to provide no less than about 12 000 training places in each of the academic years from 2025/26 to 2027/28 to enhance the training of local construction personnel. (DEVB)
- Promote "multi-skilled" development of workers and offer programmes with a more flexible schedule, enabling individuals of different family status and part-time workers to receive training. (DEVB)
- Continue to collaborate with relevant educational institutions and the sector in stepping up the training of local technicians and professionals in the construction sector. (DEVB)
- Continue to monitor and utilise the Labour Importation Scheme for the Construction Sector and talent admission schemes as supplementary measures to alleviate manpower shortage on the premise of safeguarding the priority for local employment. (DEVB)
- A series of promotional activities on the Hong Kong infrastructure and the Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics education platform have been rolled out under the construction industry joint promotion campaign implemented by various departments in collaboration with organisations in the industry. We will introduce more related contents and promotion on social media in 2025-26 to promote the construction industry and attract new entrants to the industry. (DEVB)

## Conserve heritage buildings

- Continue to deepen collaboration and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, in particular other cities within the GBA and Shanghai, on archaeology, conservation and revitalisation of historic buildings, archaeology and palaeontology, as well as public education and talent training, including co-organising exhibitions and loaning exhibits, conducting joint studies, assigning staff for professional training and jointly organising forums. (DEVB)

## Enhance Transport and Commuting Convenience

### Promulgate the Transport Strategy Blueprint

- Promulgate the Transport Strategy Blueprint by end-2025 to outline directions and specific measures for transport development, and take forward the relevant initiatives with a view to continuously enhancing the reliability, safety, intelligence, environmental sustainability and efficiency of the overall transport system of Hong Kong, while further strengthening the city's role as a transport hub connecting both the Mainland and the rest of the world. (TLB)

### Smart and green mass transit systems

- Press ahead with the implementation of the smart and green mass transit system projects with a view to striving for early completion; tenders will be invited for the Kai Tak project in 2025, while tender invitations for the two projects in East Kowloon and the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA will be made in 2026. (TLB)

### Accelerate the introduction of mass transit systems

- Devise a regulatory framework applicable to different mass transit system technologies and operators, thereby saving the need to enact specific legislation for each and every system or operator, and enabling the proactive and speedy introduction of new mass transit systems to Hong Kong from around the world. The target is to introduce a bill to the LegCo in 2026. (TLB)

### Promote autonomous vehicles

- Approve three designated areas for the trials of autonomous vehicles (AVs), while continuously enhancing technical standards in accordance with the principle of ensuring road safety. The aim is to enable AVs to travel cross-district and to connect to other modes of transport, thereby accelerating the development of autonomous driving without controller and of larger scale in Hong Kong, and facilitating an early transition to commercial operation. (TLB)
- Encourage Mainland automakers to seize the opportunity by leveraging Hong Kong as a base for right-hand-drive advanced driving technology, with a view to expanding into overseas markets, particularly those that use right-hand-drive vehicles. (TLB)

### Enhance personalised point-to-point transport services

- Continue to implement a series of measures to enhance the quality of taxi service, including mandating the installation of journey recording systems in all taxi compartments progressively from 2026 onwards, thus better protecting the rights of passengers and drivers. (TLB)
- Introduce a bill into the LegCo to regulate ride-hailing services and seek the passage of the relevant legislation before the end of the LegCo term in 2025, with a view to safeguarding the public's travel safety. (TLB)

### Round-the-Island Trail

- Continue to carry out works for the Round-the-Island Trail (the Trail). It is expected that 90% of the Trail will be connected by end-2027, with the aim of substantially completing the remaining larger scale works by end-2031. (DEVB)



## Cross-boundary transport

- Continue to work with the Mainland authorities to review and enhance the implementation arrangements of “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles”, thereby facilitating efficient cross-boundary travel and making better use of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB). (TLB)
- The governments of Guangdong and Hong Kong are pressing ahead with “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles” for simultaneous implementation of the automated car parks on the artificial island at the Hong Kong Port and entry into Hong Kong urban area by Guangdong vehicles via the HZMB, thereby promoting integrated development with the GBA, facilitating visitors’ entry to Hong Kong, as well as making better use of the HZMB. (TLB)

## Healthcare

### Enhance the public healthcare system

- The Hospital Authority (HA) will act in full concert with the Government to deepen the reform of the public healthcare system to enhance the safety, quality and efficiency of public healthcare services. The HA will, among others, proactively implement the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Management of the Public Hospital System (Review Committee), which completed its work in end-2024, to uphold the patient safety principle, and will take forward through a high-level Governance and Structure Reform Committee the recommendations made by the Review Committee regarding issues related to its governance, accountability and relevant reform work. (HHB)
- The HA will carry through the fees and charges reform for public healthcare by implementing the first phase of reform arrangements from January 2026 onwards to enhance the support for poor, acute, serious and critical patients, and will thoroughly carry out the reform work step by step in the next two rounds of review. (HHB)
- The HA will set up dedicated teams to process and triage applications for medical fee waivers while its electronic system is being upgraded by phases to allow the public to submit documents and applications by using HA Go to minimise the procedures and time required, so as to ensure that no one will be denied adequate medical care due to lack of means. (HHB)
- The HA will review the existing charges and positioning of non-subsidised services to apply the principle of “those who can afford should pay” and to offer people with higher affordability more service options. (HHB)
- The HA, the Primary Healthcare Commission (PHC Commission) and the Department of Health (DH) will optimise service processes to provide the elderly, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and pregnant women with more convenient, more comfortable and safer consultation experiences. (HHB)
- In light of the overall service provision and planning for emergency treatment of stroke patients, set up Stroke Centres in accordance with national accreditation standards in service networks through a phased approach to improve patients’ survival rate and functional recovery. (HHB)
- Gradually take forward the work on setting up Integrated Cardiovascular Diseases Centres in accordance with national accreditation standards in suitable hospitals to provide one-stop integrated diagnosis and treatment services for patients suffering from cardiovascular diseases through multi-disciplinary collaboration. (HHB)
- Drawing on the successful experience of Queen Mary Hospital and taking into account the overall service provision and planning for acute chest pain care, continue to take forward the establishment of chest pain centres in service networks in accordance with national accreditation standards, with a view to optimising treatment efficacy through standardised management and inter-departmental collaboration. (HHB)

- Shorten the waiting time for stable new case bookings for specialty of Surgery by 10% (i.e. 10 weeks) in 2026-27. (HHB)
- Devise diverse initiatives to enhance the overall ophthalmic services, including increasing the service capacity of intravitreal injections; introducing new treatments (such as using new drugs); and setting up a new high-flow cataract centre to provide day surgery services and thus shorten the waiting time. (HHB)
- Extend the Hospital Accreditation Programme to one major acute hospital in each public hospital cluster so as to cover all seven clusters under the HA, thereby ensuring the continuous improvement of Hong Kong's healthcare system in accordance with international standards and facilitating the internationalisation of national hospital accreditation standards. (HHB)
- Fully upgrade the "Degenerative Knee Joint Management Programme" to provide patients with holistic knee care solutions, including combination of physiotherapy with sports rehabilitation, weight management and integrated Chinese-Western medicine treatment, thereby encouraging early prevention and averting deterioration to an advanced stage requiring surgical treatment. (HHB)
- To pool together healthcare professionals from around the world and promote medical research and international exchanges, the HA will launch the Talent Chain Project to build a collaborative platform for clinical services, teaching and research on healthcare services with a view to consolidating global medical resources, talent flow and technical collaboration. The programme will cover two core areas: (1) interflow of international healthcare talents with trainings to enable Hong Kong healthcare talents in the public sector to undertake attachment and research in advanced medical technologies, and (2) technical collaboration and innovation application which encourage the translation of more innovative or high-tech products from laboratory research to clinical applications. (HHB)
- Implement the requirement of mandatory continuing professional development for nurses and allied health professionals in the next three years, so as to further enhance the professional standards of healthcare professionals. (HHB)
- Subsidise training places for local primary healthcare professionals (including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and pharmacists) through collaboration with professional institutes, academic bodies, universities and relevant organisations, and continue to strengthen the training and development for primary healthcare professionals. (HHB)

### Healthcare manpower development

- The Task Group on New Medical School will submit to the Government its final recommendation by end-2025 after studying thoroughly the funding arrangements and financial sustainability of the new medical school as detailed in the proposals. (HHB)
- Support the hosting of national or international medical and healthcare conferences in Hong Kong, taking full advantage of the world-class professional healthcare standards and extensive experience of international co-operation of Hong Kong to promote mutual professional development as well as co-operation and exchanges with the Mainland and overseas countries. (HHB)

### Strengthen primary healthcare services

- Introduce a bill within 2026 for the empowerment of the PHC Commission to devise primary healthcare service standards applicable across the city and to create a multi-disciplinary service network. (HHB)

- To reinforce the role of Family Medicine Out-patient (FMOP) services under the HA in providing primary healthcare services for the underprivileged, extend the Chronic Disease Co-Care (CDCC) Pilot Scheme and women's health services to all 18 districts in Hong Kong, deploy resources in a targeted manner to increase clinic quotas in districts with greater demand, and gradually regularise the current extended FMOP service hours. (HHB)
- The three-year CDCC Pilot Scheme will be gradually developed into an integrated healthcare platform in the community to be named the CDCC Platform, which will incorporate the family doctor regime and the District Health Centre (DHC) network, leverage multi-disciplinary teams of healthcare professionals and clinical support services, promote the community drug formulary and the community pharmacy programme, as well as expand chronic disease prevention and management services with hepatitis B screening as a key initiative in the first phase. (HHB)
- Prepare for the phased integration of Elderly Health Centre services into the district health network starting from 2025-26 to enhance synergy of primary healthcare services and minimise resource duplication. (HHB)
- Conduct preparatory work for upgrading the District Health Centre Expresses (DHCEs) in Kwun Tong, Wan Chai and the North District into DHCs and continue to prepare for the upgrading of other DHCEs, with a view to expediting the establishment of DHCs across the 18 districts in Hong Kong. (HHB)
- Bolster public and subsidised dental services by stepping up the provision of oral health education, oral hygiene instructions and risk assessments in the community through DHCs and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). (HHB)
- Collaborate closely with the HA and various stakeholders (including professional groups, private healthcare institutions, NGOs and patient organisations) to strengthen the provision of end-of-life care services for terminally-ill patients and life-and-death education for the public, and ensure the smooth implementation of the Advance Decision on Life-sustaining Treatment Ordinance in mid-2026 (i.e. about 18 months after the enactment of the Ordinance). (HHB)
- The Fire Services Department (FSD) will launch the Pre-hospital Stroke Diversion Scheme in the New Territories East and New Territories West Clusters of the HA by end-2025, under which stroke patients suspected of suffering from large vessel occlusion stroke will be conveyed directly to designated hospitals for early treatment. (SB)

### Weight management

- Make reference to the national and the World Health Organization policy frameworks to raise public awareness of weight management, including strengthening health education and promotion, cultivating a supportive environment for weight management, strengthening health service delivery, adopting a life-course approach health promotion strategy, and continuously monitoring the weight trends. (HHB)

### Enhance cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment

- Collaborate with the National Cancer Center on basic cancer research, screening, early diagnosis and treatment, standardisation of diagnosis and treatment, big data application, etc.. (HHB)
- Support the hosting of the World Cancer Congress 2026 in Hong Kong, which is expected to bring together over 3 000 international leaders and experts to advance cancer prevention and management. (HHB)



- Enhance cervical cancer screening services and expand the Pilot Scheme on Human Papillomavirus Testing of Self-collected Samples from the Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) under the DH to cover the district health network under the PHC Commission, so as to enhance prevention-oriented women's health services. (HHB)
- Enhance cancer screening technologies through commissioning local universities to explore the use of AI-aided lung cancer screening. (HHB)
- Implement precision medicine through increasing the capacity to provide diverse genetic and related testing services to support more targeted and personalised cancer treatment options, thereby improving treatment efficacy and lessening side effects. (HHB)
- Leverage cancer data and biological resources to advance oncology research, accelerate the development and translation of anti-cancer drugs and related innovative therapies, while accelerating the evaluation and approval of innovative drugs under the "1+" registration mechanism as well as evaluation and introduction of these drugs to the HA Drug Formulary (HADF). (HHB)
- Accelerate the introduction of more safe and effective innovative drugs to the HADF and the coverage of the safety net through optimising the process of listing new drugs on the HADF, thereby enhancing the protection for critically ill patients in terms of drugs and medical devices. (HHB)
- Proactively develop cancer diagnostic services in a multi-disciplinary team approach and optimise the service model for providing personalised care, while increasing service capacity and acquiring additional medical equipment to meet the rising demand for cancer treatment services. (HHB)
- Proactively admit qualified non-locally trained allied health professionals, such as diagnostic radiographers and therapeutic radiographers, to join the HA, provided that professional standards are maintained. (HHB)
- Establish a care protocol and referral mechanism to facilitate the transition of cancer survivors who are in stable condition from specialist care to primary healthcare services, so that they can receive continuous follow-up, monitoring and disease management as well as timely clinical services and care. (HHB)

## **Tobacco control**

- The Government will implement the new phase tobacco control initiatives to safeguard public health. It will continue to take forward the tobacco control process through an incremental and multi-pronged approach by stepping up the work on smoking cessation and exploring various tobacco control measures in the medium and long term in order to eliminate the hazards posed by tobacco products on the society in all aspects, with a view to moving towards a tobacco-free Hong Kong. (HHB)

## **Promote the development of Chinese Medicine**

- The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong (CMHHK) and the permanent premises of the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute will commence operation in phases from December 2025. (HHB)
- Publish the Chinese Medicine (CM) Development Blueprint by end-2025, which will cover clinical services, inter-professional collaboration system, development of CM professionals, quality and international standards of Chinese medicines, scientific research and industry innovation, CM culture and internationalisation, etc. (HHB)
- In its first year of operation, the CMHHK will provide out-patient and day-patient services and roll out CM services in respect of special diseases including common diseases among the elderly to provide them with more comprehensive options of healthcare services. (HHB)
- Promote the sharing of electronic health records (eHRs) in the CM sector through eHealth, and further expand the sharable scope of eHRs on eHealth between CM and western medicine practitioners. (HHB)

- Take forward the development of Integrated Chinese-Western Medicine services by the HA and explore the extension of such services to cover more disease areas where CM has strengths, including expanding the “knee osteoarthritis” programme to all hospital clusters and commencing a pilot project on “palliative care”. (HHB)
- Host the GBA Conference on Inheritance, Innovation and Development of Traditional Chinese Medicine in December 2025, during which experts and stakeholders from the GBA, the Mainland and overseas will jointly explore the high-quality development and future direction of CM. (HHB)

### Combat communicable diseases

- Expand the scope of sewage surveillance for communicable diseases from COVID-19 to seasonal influenza. (HHB)

### Strengthen professional regulation of healthcare services

- Strengthen the functions of the DH in regulating healthcare facilities and healthcare professionals, consult the LegCo in the first half of 2026 on the implementation of the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance to prohibit unauthorised premises from using certain titles or descriptions, and step up law enforcement actions against unlicensed persons to better protect the well-being of the public. (HHB)

### Mental health

- Regularise the implementation of the Three-Tier School-based Emergency Mechanism in secondary schools and extend it on a trial basis to the Primary Four to Six, to help early identification of students in need in primary and secondary schools and strengthen support for them. (EDB, LWB, HHB)
- Provide training for enhancing school social workers’ capabilities in handling mental health issues of students through the Dedicated Fund for subvented welfare service organisations. (LWB, EDB)

- Step up the promotion of mental health in the community by implementing the 4Rs Mental Health Charter and the Mental Health Workplace Charter in primary and secondary schools. (HHB, EDB)
- Encourage more school staff to receive training related to mental health first aid, and introduce a “special recognition category” to commend schools and organisations for arranging a specific number of staff members to receive training in relation to mental health (e.g. mental health first aid). (HHB, EDB)
- Launch the Pilot Programme on Training for Mental Health Promotion Ambassadors, under which Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness, in collaboration with social welfare service units and other stakeholders in their serving districts, will mobilise and train individuals of all ages and from all walks of life to serve as mental health promotion ambassadors. The aim is to promote healthy lifestyles, foster resilience and establish care support networks. (LWB)
- The DH will update relevant guidelines through an inter-departmental expert group to mitigate the impact of social media on the health of children and adolescents. (HHB)
- Encourage more institutions to take the initiative to promote mental health on campus by, for example, stipulating a basic mental health programme as compulsory for first-year students, and providing related support for needy students. (EDB)
- Extend the Healthy Mind Pilot Project to cover six more pilot districts in 2026, bringing the total number of DHCs implementing the project to nine. (HHB)
- Enhance mental health services by leveraging technologies. Initiatives include strengthening telehealth services for psychiatric day hospitals and outreach services to provide suitable patients with more convenient service options. (HHB)

- Enhance the text counselling platform for online emotional support and the Cyber Youth Support Teams by strengthening AI application for more precise identification of high-risk support targets. (LWB)
- Complete the formulation of the stepped care model on mental health by end-2025, setting out the roles of different mental health professionals and stakeholders as well as their division of work in the provision of mental health services. Training aimed at enhancing professionals' awareness of making referrals will be strengthened, and a referral mechanism will be established. (HHB, LWB)

## Green and Low-carbon Living Environment

### Develop Hong Kong into a demonstration base for green technology

- Promote the commercialisation of green I&T deliverables, including supporting market development of technologies for battery-swapping electric vehicles (EVs) and automated battery-swapping stations, and continuing to drive the market towards expediting carbon reduction of existing buildings. (EEB)
- Strive to roll out an enhancement scheme within 2026 to encourage and facilitate the commissioning of small-scale district cooling systems or centralised multi-building cooling systems by non-governmental entities, from the aspects of technology, taxation, floor area arrangements, etc., with a view to enhancing the popularity of the relevant technologies and promoting the development of green technology. (EEB)

- Continue to provide impetus to the relevant sectors and research institutes to conduct more research and development (R&D) projects which can help Hong Kong decarbonise and enhance environmental protection through the \$400 million Green Tech Fund, under which around \$150 million has been granted to support 33 R&D projects from local universities, designated public research institutes and private enterprises. (EEB)
- Continue to support local development of green technology, transforming R&D projects with application potential into commercially valuable technologies or products and facilitating their production locally. Work on this front includes assisting two local companies in setting up production lines to upcycle local waste materials into high-value products, namely core materials for electricity-free cooling products and acoustic metamaterial products. (EEB)

### Enhance charging networks for EVs

- Provide an additional 3 000 fast chargers by end-2028. (EEB)
- Plan to roll out six sites for the provision of fast charging stations, while bus operators will open up their charging facilities for use by other vehicles, thereby making Hong Kong's charging network more comprehensive. (EEB)

### Reduce and recycle waste to achieve “zero landfill”

- Continue to enhance the level of public recycling services, optimise service hours and locations of GREEN@COMMUNITY facilities, support residential buildings in recycling, and promote waste separation for recycling in PRH estates. (EEB)
- Continue to promote green lifestyle by encouraging the catering trade to progressively increase the usage of non-plastic containers on a trial basis in the light of the actual situation, while collecting more comprehensive data to support the optimisation of product design and supply chain, so as to take forward the reduction of plastics usage in a pragmatic manner. (EEB)



- Continue to enhance the food waste recycling network by increasing the number of food waste smart recycling bins or food waste collection facilities across the territory to about 1 600 within 2025, with a view to realising “one bin per block” in PRH estates, and explore ways to increase the cost-effectiveness of collecting and processing food waste. (EEB)
- On formulating relevant subsidiary legislation regarding the producer responsibility schemes on EV batteries, plastic beverage containers and beverage cartons, the consultation with the industries is underway and, in the light of the actual situation, the LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs will be consulted within 2026. (EEB)
- The I · PARK1 under construction near Shek Kwu Chau will be the first waste-to-energy (WtE) facility to adopt advanced incineration technology for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) treatment in Hong Kong, with a daily treatment capacity of 3 000 tonnes of MSW, and will progressively commence operation by end-2025. (EEB)
- The tender of the second facility – I · PARK2, located at Tsang Tsui in Tuen Mun, will be closed on 10 October 2025 and it is planned to seek funding approval from the LegCo in 2026, with a view to expediting the project commencement for expanding the WtE capacity. (EEB)
- Hong Kong’s first modern paper pulping facility in EcoPark is expected to commence trial operation by end-2025 with full operation to be implemented in 2026 to expand the types and scale of waste paper treatment in Hong Kong for recycling purpose. (EEB)
- Continue efforts with relevant departments to identify more sites suitable for development of upcycling by the recycling trade and strengthen support for developing the green industries. The first site to be used for recycling purpose under the enhanced short-term tenancy arrangement will be released in the fourth quarter of 2025, while another two sites will be progressively made available from the first quarter of 2026. (EEB)

## Strive towards carbon neutrality

- Extend the carbon audit practice applicable to government buildings to government infrastructure progressively to further enhance the Government’s carbon management. The Government will complete carbon audits for major government infrastructure, including water treatment works, sewage treatment facilities, fresh water and salt water pumping facilities, road lighting systems and ventilation systems at public transport interchanges by end-2025. (EEB)
- The amended Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance will be implemented in full on 20 September 2026 to extend the scope of regulation and shorten the interval of energy audit. It is estimated that an additional 500 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of about 150 000 three-person households, can be saved annually from 2035. (EEB)

## Jointly develop the GBA into a beautiful bay area

- Take part in building the GBA into an international first-class beautiful bay area. With Victoria Harbour as the core, efforts will be made according to the planned schedule to bring Mirs Bay and Port Shelter included in the list of “Beautiful Bays” as a response to the National 14th Five-Year Plan on promoting the building of beautiful bays. (EEB)
- Improve the quality of marine ecological environment through water quality improvement, enhanced monitoring and cleaning of the shores, restoration of coral communities and seagrass beds for the protection of marine ecology to meet the national standards for “Beautiful Bays”. (EEB)

- Continue to rectify sewer misconnections and step up water quality monitoring with the remediation area extended to cover Central, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hung Hom, Kwun Tong, etc.. Precise measures will be formulated according to the pollution situations to systematically remediate nearshore pollution and odour problems. The target is to reduce the overall pollution load by 50% against the 2022 benchmarks by end-2027. (EEB)
- Make further improvements to the water quality of the Victoria Harbour to ensure the smooth running of the 15th National Games triathlon event and attract more world-class sports events to be held in Hong Kong. (EEB)

### Conserve biodiversity and ecology

- Update the Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan by end-2025 the earliest in accordance with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted under the promotion of China and the China National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2030) promulgated in 2024, with a view to strengthening ecological conservation and contributing to national and global biodiversity conservation. (EEB)
- Take forward the development of the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park to promote wetland conservation, eco-education and eco-recreation as well as the modernisation of aquaculture, with a view to achieving co-existence and synergy of ecological conservation and fisheries development. (EEB)

### Public markets

- Continue to implement the Market Modernisation Programme, including the stall enhancement projects at Ap Lei Chau Market Cooked Food Centre and Luen Wo Hui Market Cooked Food Centre which are expected to be completed in the second and third quarter of 2026 respectively, to improve the environment of the cooked food centres. (EEB)

- Continue to take forward the new public market projects in Tin Shui Wai, Tseung Kwan O and Kwu Tung North NDA, with the Tin Shui Wai project expected to be completed in 2027, and the remaining two in 2028. (EEB)

## Support the Local Economy

### Support SMEs

- Extend the application period for the 80% Guarantee Product under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme for two years to end-March 2028, further increase the total loan guarantee commitment under the scheme by \$20 billion to \$310 billion, and further extend the principal moratorium arrangement for one year. (CEDB)
- Encourage banks to continue to be compassionate and flexible in handling the credit needs of businesses with good repayment capacity. (FSTB)
- Reduce water and sewage charges for non-domestic accounts by 50% for a period of one year, subject to a monthly ceiling of \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively per account. About 260 000 non-domestic accounts are expected to benefit from this measure, thus alleviating pressure on business operations. (DEVB, EEB, FSTB)
- Reduce trade effluent surcharge by 50% for a period of one year, which is expected to benefit about 35 000 businesses mainly in the catering industry. (EEB, FSTB)
- Waive the fees for the first issue or renewal of licences and permits for hawkers, food businesses, agriculture and fisheries industries, liquor licence, etc. for one year, which is anticipated to benefit over 60 000 licensees. (EEB, FSTB)
- Inject \$1.43 billion into the BUD Fund and expand its geographical scope to cover another eight economies, including Belt and Road countries. (CEDB)

- Strengthen the promotion and assist enterprises in participating in exhibitions and export marketing activities through “Easy BUD”. (CEDB)
- To help Hong Kong exporters cope with the challenges posed by the volatile trading environment, the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC) will further collaborate with financial institutions to enhance financing support for local e-commerce businesses using different e-commerce platforms. (CEDB)
- The ECIC will further expand the coverage of its free buyer credit checks to all of its insured markets, so as to assist Hong Kong enterprises in diversifying export markets. (CEDB)
- Set up the “Economic and Trade Express” by joining forces of Economic and Trade Offices and the overseas offices of InvestHK and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) to form a functional platform for creating synergy, which will proactively organise overseas business missions for local SMEs and start-ups to explore business opportunities, while facilitating more enterprises to invest and establish businesses in Hong Kong, thereby promoting the two-way flow of enterprises and investments. (CEDB)
- Invite leaders from the local business sector etc. to attend economic, trade and investment promotion activities held in overseas markets during their outbound visits, and promote specifically the advantages of Hong Kong to the business sectors abroad. (CEDB)
- Enhance Cyberport’s Digital Transformation Support Pilot Programme to provide SMEs with subsidies, on a matching basis, to enable enterprises to apply AI and cybersecurity solutions for enhanced competitiveness and information security. (ITIB)
- Allocate additional resources for the HKTDC to continue to organise the Hong Kong Shopping Festival, covering the Mainland and ASEAN e-commerce markets over the next three years (i.e. from 2026 to 2028) to promote Hong Kong brands. (CEDB)
- Strengthen training and information services through the four SME centres, Mentorship Programme of the Trade and Industry Department (TID) and the E-Commerce Express under the HKTDC to enable enterprises to grasp the situation and business opportunities of the Mainland and ASEAN e-commerce markets. (CEDB)
- Implement a programme entitled “Creativity · E-commerce – Beyond Limits” and provide one-stop business matching and referral services to enhance the interface between Hong Kong enterprises and e-commerce service providers, with a view to enhancing the competitiveness of Hong Kong products on cross-border e-commerce platforms. (CEDB)
- To further expedite the approval process for applications for outside seating accommodation (OSA) of restaurants, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will proactively co-ordinate various relevant departments to adopt a new joint-vetting mechanism, and, when necessary, escalate the process regarding complicated applications to the relevant Permanent Secretary or even the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration for steer; at the same time, the procedures will be streamlined, including adopting standardised Government rent for OSA; allowing some applications to proceed without requirement for increasing kitchen area or bathroom facilities; and treating applications involving walkways with a remaining width of three metres or more after provision of OSA as generally complying with relevant basic requirements of the road without the need to process them on an individual basis. (DCSO, EEB)
- To support the local construction industry, an additional \$30 billion will be earmarked in the next two to three years to increase spending on works projects to continue driving economic development. (FSTB)



- The TID will establish for the industry a regular mechanism to disseminate the latest economic and trade information of the Mainland and around the world more effectively. (CEDB)
- The FSD will implement the Registered Fire Engineer Scheme by end-2025 to offer the market an alternative for completing the fire safety risk assessment and certification procedures, thereby facilitating business operation and enabling the industry in exploring new opportunities. (SB)

### Develop the food industry

- Formulate the operational details of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Inspection, Quarantine and Hygiene Requirements for Meat Products Exported from Hong Kong to the Mainland and the Cooperation Arrangement for the Export of Dairy Products from Hong Kong to the Mainland, so that relevant Hong Kong-manufactured food products can be sold in the Mainland. (EEB)
- Assist the industry in making good use of the special arrangements under the Cooperation Agreement on the Supervision of Safety and Facilitation of Customs Clearance of Food Products Manufactured in Hong Kong Exported to the Mainland. (EEB)
- Reserve land in the vicinity of the Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point for promoting the development of the food industry, including food wholesale, processing and trading, which in the long run may develop into a food industrial park and a place where food production synergises with tourism. (EEB)
- Continue with the preparatory work for relocating the food control facilities at Man Kam To to Heung Yuen Wai. (EEB)

- Introduce a new, unified brand for local agricultural and fisheries products in mid-2026. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department will establish production standards, a certification and traceability system, etc. and engage in publicity efforts to enhance product awareness and brand value, thereby strengthening the competitiveness of local produce. (EEB)

### Enhance food safety

- Review the food safety standards for sweeteners in food to propose legislative amendments, and launch public consultation in 2026. (EEB)
- The Centre for Food Safety will continue to conduct the Second Hong Kong Total Diet Study, which will serve as a scientific basis for food safety risk assessment. (EEB)

### Promote the development of the agriculture and fisheries industries

- Start providing five units of deep-sea cages in new fish culture zones by end-2025 for rental by the fisheries industry, and offer necessary financial and technical support for mariculturists to assist the industry in developing deep-sea mariculture. Our target is to increase local mariculture production by 10 times within 15 years and promote modernised aquaculture. (EEB)
- Promote the modernisation and intensification of production of the livestock farming industry by completing site formation works within 2026 to facilitate the construction of the first environmentally-friendly multi-storey pig farm in Lo Wu by the livestock sector. (EEB)
- Conduct preparatory work for Agricultural Park Phase 2 First Stage development, and continue to take forward the Modernised Techno-Agricultural Park project through public-private partnership. (EEB)

- Continue to promote modernised urban farming, including launching pilot projects, setting up hydroponic farms-cum-stalls in suitable public markets, encouraging the incorporation of urban farming elements into private development projects, as well as exploring the feasibility of making suitable adjustments to the building requirements of urban farming facilities. (EEB, DEVB)
- Promote the development of leisure farming and fisheries by, for example, exploring “dual uses of vessels”, enhancing the “Agri enJoy” Scheme and launching the “Fish enJoy” Scheme; provide financial and technical support as well as strengthen publicity and promotion. (EEB)

### **Promote a pet-friendly culture**

- Allow restaurant operators to apply for permission to let dogs enter their food premises. Approved restaurants will display clear signage to indicate that customers may enter with dogs. Pet-friendly restaurants will create new business opportunities for the industry. (EEB)

## **Labour support and protection**

### **Ensure employment priority for local workers**

- Implement new initiatives to combat abuse of the Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme (ESLS). Initiatives include extending the local recruitment period for employers applying to import waiters/waitresses and junior cooks from four weeks to six weeks, during which each employer must attend once a week a job fair organised by the Labour Department; and tightening the manning ratio requirement by changing the basis of applying the ratio from all posts of an employer currently to each post under application. In other words, an employer applying to import one waiter/waitress and one junior cook must have already employed two full-time local waiters/waitresses and two full-time local junior cooks. (LWB)

- Announce in the second quarter of 2026 the findings of the review of the ESLS. The review covers the scope, operation and implementation arrangements of the ESLS, measures to promote and ensure employment priority for local workers, as well as measures to protect the rights and benefits of imported workers. (LWB)
- Complete the mid-term update of manpower projection by 2026, focusing on data analysis for industries with a high proportion of imported workers, and give priority to relevant data analysis in order to provide the relevant part of analysis results earlier. (LWB)

### **Enhance actions to combat illegal employment**

- Step up efforts to combat illegal employment, establish a dedicated hotline for reporting illegal workers, and strengthen intelligence collection and inter-departmental joint enforcement operations to safeguard the employment opportunities of local workers. (SB, LWB)

### **Reform the Employees Retraining Board and strengthen local skills training**

- The Employees Retraining Board (ERB) has enhanced training, career planning services and other aspects since early 2025, and has already outlined a preliminary reform roadmap for the coming three years. (LWB)
- The ERB will strengthen its industry consultative mechanism, identify the demand for and gaps of core skills in a targeted manner in order to devise a skills-based training framework, and will collaborate with higher educational institutions and guide other training bodies in developing courses of various types and levels to fill the skill gaps. (LWB)
- The ERB will encourage more employers to participate in the “One-Stop Training and Employment Scheme” for trades facing severe manpower shortage and review its effectiveness in early 2026. (LWB)

- The ERB will launch micro-credential courses recognised by industries for trainees to flexibly choose from, so as to bolster labour supply in a timely manner for industries with labour shortage. It will also make good use of applied technology to offer diversified and flexible modes of learning. (LWB)
- Work with the ERB to take forward the medium- to long-term reform. Upon formulation of the full implementation plan by the ERB by end-2025, the Government will amend the Employees Retraining Ordinance to, among others, rename the ERB and enable it to perform its functions more flexibly and effectively. The target is to complete the legislative amendments by mid-2027. (LWB)
- Provide training allowance for registered apprentices and subsidise graduated apprentices in undertaking upskilling courses of relevant trades in the 2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years. (LWB)

### **Optimise the Re-employment Allowance Pilot Scheme**

- Continue to collect and collate information and statistics on participants and their placements, and conduct a mid-term review of the Re-employment Allowance Pilot Scheme in the first quarter of 2026, along with the Employment Programme for the Elderly and Middle-aged, so as to explore further measures for encouraging silver employment. (LWB)

### **Set the first minimum wage rate according to the new annual review mechanism**

- The Government has agreed to adopt the new mechanism comprising a formula proposed by the Minimum Wage Commission for implementing annual review of the statutory minimum wage (SMW) rate. The first SMW rate derived under the new mechanism is expected to take effect on 1 May 2026. (LWB)

### **Safeguard employment rights and benefits**

- Implement the new “continuous contract” requirement under the Employment Ordinance starting from 18 January 2026, making it easier for employees to enjoy comprehensive employment rights and benefits. (LWB)
- Adjust the maximum daily rates of medical expenses reimbursable under the Employees’ Compensation Ordinance and the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance to tie in with the implementation of new fees and charges for public healthcare services on 1 January 2026. (LWB)
- Commence legislative amendment work for the implementation of Phase Two Proposal of Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) “Full Portability” within 2026, with a view to benefiting employees whose employment commenced before 1 May 2025. (FSTB)
- Continue to arrange for the remaining MPF schemes to onboard to the eMPF Platform, creating room for fee reduction for scheme members. (FSTB)

### **Protect digital platform workers**

- Take forward the initiative of improving the work injury compensation mechanism for digital platform workers through legislation. (LWB)
- Continue to make good use of the Tripartite Committee for the Digital Platform Industry comprising the Government, digital platform companies and labour organisations to discuss issues of concern to the stakeholders. (LWB)

### **Foster sound trade union management**

- Implement the amended Trade Unions Ordinance starting from 5 January 2026 to strengthen the safeguarding of national security and foster sound trade union management. (LWB)

## Enhance occupational safety and health

- Continue to step up inspection and enforcement, publicity and promotion, education and training, etc. with a view to building a stronger occupational safety and health (OSH) culture and reducing accidents; make good use of innovative technologies and AI, such as drones to strengthen inspections and evidence collection capabilities; and support the industry to develop technology products for enhancing OSH. (LWB)

## Social Welfare

### Targeted poverty alleviation

- Launch the fourth cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme by end-2025 and enhance the programme by utilising \$10 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club's "Dedicated Funding for the Chief Executive" to enrich the Strive and Rise Alumni Club's activities, providing young people with training and experience that integrate Hong Kong pop culture and traditional Chinese arts. (CSO, LWB)
- Inject \$180 million into the Child Development Fund (CDF) in 2026-27 to continue launching projects in support of the longer-term development of senior primary school students from disadvantaged communities, and further enhance different elements of the projects by drawing on the successful experience of the Strive and Rise Programme, with a view to reducing inter-generational poverty. (LWB)
- Set up six additional Community Living Rooms (CLRs) through tripartite collaboration among the Government, the business sector and the community. Together with the nine CLRs already launched, they are expected to benefit about 7 000 SDU households, serving over 1.4 million attendances. (CSO, LWB)

- Roll out the "Co-building a Caring Society Funding Scheme" to encourage family offices that have been involved in philanthropic endeavours to provide resources for implementing projects benefitting the disadvantaged groups. (LWB)
- Launch a pilot programme to provide time-limited cash incentive to households leaving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and are eligible to receiving the Working Family Allowance, so as to promote self-reliance. (LWB)
- Complete in 2025-26 the assessment of two targeted poverty alleviation projects, namely the Pilot Programme on CLR and the School-based After School Care Service Scheme, and publish the Report on Impact of Targeted Poverty Alleviation Strategy in Hong Kong in mid-2026. (CSO, LWB, EDB)

### Ageing in place

- Increase the total number of Community Care Service Vouchers for the Elderly by 4 000 to 16 000 in 2026-27. (LWB)
- Set up three new Neighbourhood Elderly Centres to strengthen support for the elderly at district level, which are expected to serve some 3 000 elderly persons annually. (LWB)
- Lease newly built government welfare facilities on a pilot basis to allow service operators greater flexibility in offering day care and support services for the elderly under different funding modes. (LWB)
- Enhance the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients to provide social welfare service support for discharged elderly persons in need. (LWB)
- Introduce legislative amendments into the LegCo in the first half of 2026 to amend the Building (Planning) Regulations by way of negative vetting, with a view to implementing the mandatory design requirements for elderly-friendly buildings. (DEVB)



## Strengthen residential care services

- Provide about 700 new subsidised residential care service places in 2026-27. (LWB)
- Increase the total number of Residential Care Service Vouchers for the Elderly by 1 000 to 7 000 in 2026-27. (LWB)
- Subsidise eligible serving health workers of residential care homes to enrol in the new professional diploma programme for Health&Care Practitioners to nurture professional care talents dedicated to the welfare sector, thereby enhancing residential care services and promote the development of the sector. (LWB)

## Enhance elderly care arrangements in the GBA

- Launch a three-year pilot scheme by end-2025 to subsidise elderly CSSA recipients choosing to retire in Guangdong to reside in designated residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) in the province, thereby enhancing their quality of life. Each eligible elderly person will receive a monthly subsidy of \$5,000, subject to a quota of 1 000. (LWB)
- Continuously expand the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong. Starting from October 2025, the number of Mainland RCHes participating in the scheme will increase from 15 to 24, while the number of cities covered will increase from six to eight. (LWB)
- Launch a two-year pilot arrangement by end-2025 to share part of the medical expenses that Hong Kong elderly participants of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong need to bear on their own under the National Basic Medical Insurance Policy. (LWB)

## Support carers

- Earmark an annual recurrent expenditure of \$500 million to roll out a series of measures as follows to enhance support for carers. (LWB, HHB, HB, HYAB)

- Preliminarily connect the data of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the HA and the HKHA through the first phase, which has already been set up, of the Carer Support Data Platform, and progressively connect the data of more government departments and public organisations to expand the Carer Support Data Platform, with a view to better identifying and assisting high-risk carers. (LWB, HHB, HB)
- Upon learning from the HA that a high-risk carer has been hospitalised, the SWD will arrange for staff to reach out and if necessary, offer emergency support to the care recipients. (LWB, HHB)
- Consolidate the data of the HKHA and the SWD to identify high-risk carers of elderly persons and PWDs as well as singleton or doubleton elderly households who lack sufficient community support. (LWB, HB)
- Build up an improved community support network by, among others, sharing data with District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams) so that Care Teams can visit and provide care to households at risk in a more targeted way. (LWB, HYAB)
- Continue the implementation of the “District Services and Community Care Teams - Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers” for three years by inviting Care Teams to actively provide support for and pay visit to high-risk families, and assisting households referred by Care Teams in installing and using the emergency alarm system as necessary. (LWB)
- Install and test an intelligent fall detection system for 300 high-risk tenants in the hope of making appropriate intervention in case of accidents. (LWB)
- Continue the implementation of the Support for Carers Project for three years with a view to providing training for frontline property management personnel in assisting carers in need. (LWB)
- Enhance the AI chatbot function of the existing Information Gateway for Carers. (LWB)

## Support persons in rehabilitation

- Formulate guidelines for consumers of rehabilitation products, with electric wheelchairs, electric smart beds and robotic exoskeletons as pilot items. The guidelines will set out basic technical and operational requirements of rehabilitation products in terms of safety, performance, durability, reliability and so on, with a view to assisting the elderly, PWDs and their carers in selecting suitable products. (LWB)
- Further strengthen rehabilitation services for PWDs by providing about 450 additional places for day, residential and pre-school rehabilitation services, including 80 through the Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for PWDs, 220 at Special Child Care Centres, 100 at Day Activity Centres (DACs), and 50 at Hostels for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons. (LWB)
- Starting from the second quarter of 2026, progressively introduce one-stop support and care services at hostels for severely and moderately mentally handicapped persons. (LWB)
- Increase the number of places for extended care at hostels with DACs/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres so that the PWDs therein can age in a more suitable care environment. This will release about 700 day rehabilitation service places to provide day training for PWDs living in the community, thereby alleviating the pressure on carers. (LWB)

## Social Development

### Establish a Working Group on Ageing Society Strategies

- Collaborate with the Federation of Hong Kong Industries to formulate the “Silver Q-Mark”, and further explore with the industry to develop more GBA Standards on silver products, to facilitate the provision of more quality silver products for the elderly. (DCSO, CEDB)

- Set up a Working Group on Ageing Society Strategies under the steer of the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration to co-ordinate efforts of various bureaux in formulating relevant strategies. Besides covering areas such as elderly care, healthcare, housing, culture and leisure, and gerontechnology, the working group will also consider promoting the further development of silver economy. The working group will take into account the views of the Elderly Commission, and submit a report in 2026. (DCSO and relevant bureaux)

### Promote women’s development

- Increase the annual funding of the Women Empowerment Fund from \$20 million to \$30 million to subsidise women’s organisations and NGOs for launching more projects to promote women’s development. (HYAB)
- Host the second Hong Kong Family and Women Development Summit in 2026 to explore measures with relevant stakeholders for continuously promoting women and family development in Hong Kong. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the “She Inspires” Mentorship Programme, and increase the mentee quota for its second cohort by 50% to 120 to match more local female university students with women leader mentors, and to provide relevant training and activities. (HYAB)
- Keep the one-stop family and women information portal under review and enrich its content. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the Maintenance Mediation Pilot Scheme under the Community Care Fund to subsidise an NGO in providing mediation services on maintenance to resolve related disputes. (HYAB)

## Promote fertility and maternity-friendly measures

- Extend the claim period of additional child allowance for newborns from one year to two years. Starting from the year of assessment 2026/27, a taxpayer may claim twice the allowance (i.e. \$260,000) for each child in the first two years following childbirth. This measure is applicable to all children under the age of two at the end of the year of assessment. (FSTB)
- From 2026-27 onwards, 15 new aided child care centres (CCCs) will be set up in three years to provide approximately 1 500 day care service places for children aged between birth and three years old, almost doubling the existing scale. (LWB)
- The SWD will allocate more CCC service places for infants and toddlers aged between birth and two years old as appropriate. (LWB)
- Expand the School-based After School Care Service Scheme in the 2025/26 school year by removing the existing cap on service places, thus enabling primary students in need to stay at school outside school hours for care and learning support and allowing their parents to take up jobs. Both dual working families and single-parent families will be benefitted. (LWB)
- Promote maternity-friendly measures, set up dedicated counters for pregnant women to facilitate their waiting for medical services, and enhance a range of pre-pregnancy and prenatal services. The PHC Commission will, together with the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong, the MCHCs under the DH, and the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Departments of the HA, enhance health education and services for women during pre-pregnancy, antenatal and postnatal stages. Relevant practical information will also be provided to strengthen their confidence and ability in self-care and baby care. (HHB)

- The Council on Human Reproductive Technology has made amendments to the legislation to remove the statutory storage periods of gametes and embryos for own use, offering greater flexibility to people who wish to give birth. The amendments will take effect on 1 December 2025. (HHB)
- The HA will continue to increase the quota for assisted reproductive service from 1 100 two years ago to 1 500 at the end of 2025-26. (HHB)
- Continue to encourage more employers, through the Good Employer Charter, to participate and adopt family-friendly employment practices that are conducive to childcare, such as flexible working hours. (LWB)

## Promote the development of social enterprises

- Consolidate existing resources to launch the Social Enterprise Development Subsidy Scheme, providing social enterprises with support on training and business development, and facilitating the collaborative development of social enterprises and private organisations. (HYAB)

## Amend the laws on sexual offences

- Actively study the reports published by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong to improve Hong Kong's laws on sexual offences, thereby better protecting children and persons with mental impairment. The target is to complete legislative amendments within the current term of the Government. (SB)

## Protect children and provide support for students

- Set up an Integrated Family Service Centre in Kwu Tung North NDA of the NM to support families and children in the area by providing one-stop services on prevention, support and crisis intervention, as well as enhancing the resilience and cohesion of family members. (LWB)

- Strengthen public education and collaboration among relevant stakeholders to provide divorced/separated parents with encouragement, assistance and education on continuous and joint parental responsibilities in raising children in their best interest. (LWB)
- Offer transitional support to young people leaving the residential child care services without family support, so as to help them embark on an independent new stage of life. (LWB)
- Continue to provide training and relevant resources for specified professionals from the social welfare, education and healthcare sectors to enhance their knowledge and ability for early identification and handling of suspected child abuse cases to tie in with the implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance. (LWB, EDB, HHB)
- Provide children with special needs receiving On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services with bridging and support services during their first term in primary school to facilitate their smooth transition and prompt adaptation to primary school life, as well as relieve the pressure of their family members/carers. (LWB)
- Set up one additional EM Care Team under each of the Support Service Centres serving the North and Islands Districts to cope with the anticipated population growth and the demand of EMs in the two districts. (HYAB)
- Establish the Youth Network and Women's Network at the 10 Support Service Centres for EM across the city to organise more activities specifically for EM youths and women, thereby helping them unleash their potential and promoting their physical and mental well-being. (HYAB)
- Establish an EM interpretation and translation service centre in December 2025 to reduce language barrier concerns of EM. (HYAB)
- Continue the publicity efforts on building a more harmonious and inclusive community, including launching a radio programme by end-2025 to introduce EM culture, with a view to promoting racial integration. (HYAB)
- Take forward the pilot project of providing emotional support and counselling services for EMs through a service centre. (HHB)
- Continue to implement the internship programme in Government departments for ethnic minority post-secondary students and provide basic Chinese language training for the workplace. (CSB)

### Family education

- Continue to implement the Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education to subsidise non-profit-making community projects on promoting family education, with a view to promoting family values and strengthening family building, family education and family virtues. (HYAB)

### Provide support for ethnic minorities

- Continue to support the Steering Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, to strengthen cross-bureau/inter-departmental collaboration, as well as to co-ordinate and provide steer on support measures for ethnic minorities (EMs). (CSO, CMAB)
- Government departments may design their own work-oriented language proficiency tests to provide applicants with an additional way to meet the language proficiency requirements for employment. (CSB)
- Continue to disseminate government recruitment information to EMs to attract talents from different backgrounds to join the civil service. (CSB)
- Introduce the HSK Chinese Proficiency Test learning materials tailored for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students from primary to the junior-secondary level in the 2026/27 school year to provide them with tailor-made teaching materials. (EDB)



- Continue to provide after-school Chinese language courses and organise cross-school teacher learning communities, so as to improve the Chinese language proficiency of NCS students. (EDB)
- The HA is exploring the use of AI interpretation tools to supplement the existing in-person interpretation service, with a view to assisting healthcare staff in communicating with EMs immediately when handling common enquiries during registration and before/after medical appointments, thereby enhancing patients' experience and fostering a caring and inclusive healthcare environment. (HHB)

### **Eliminate discrimination**

- Continue to support the work of the Equal Opportunities Commission, timely review areas which require priority attention under the existing anti-discrimination ordinances, and step up promotion and public education, so as to demonstrate the HKSAR Government's determination to strengthen the building of a harmonious and inclusive society. (CMAB)

### **Continuously enhance Care Team services**

- Under a regularised mode of operation and with increased government funding, Care Team services will continue seamlessly so as to further enhance community support network. Care Teams in the 18 districts will shortly commence their second term of service. The key performance indicators for the second term of service of the Care Teams will be enhanced. In older areas, support on building management will be strengthened, while in newly developed areas, assistance will be offered to recently moved-in families. (HYAB)
- Strengthen training for Care Teams so as to enhance liaison and collaboration with government departments, public utilities and district organisations in emergency support to build their capability in responding to unforeseen situations. (HYAB)

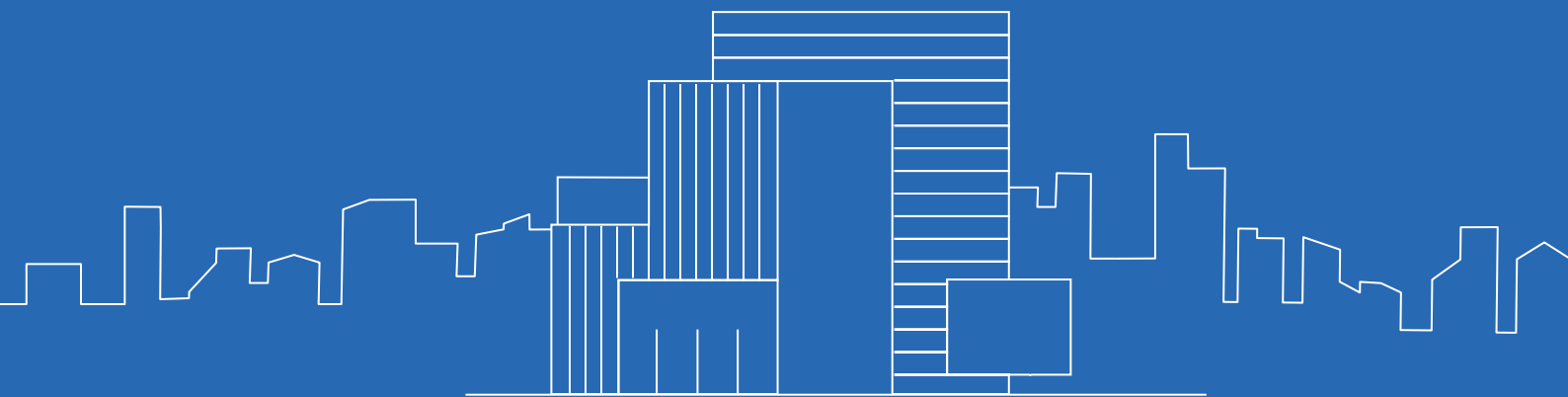
### **Improve building management**

- The Home Affairs Department will implement a host of measures to improve building management, including establishing working groups under District Councils (DC) so that DC members can share their experiences in good building management practices in districts; co-organising a forum with the Property Management Services Authority to share the best practices in building and property management. (HYAB)
- Implement the Pilot Scheme on Joint Property Management in Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po for one year to facilitate owners of "three-nil" buildings and old single-block buildings to jointly engage a property management company for building management. Subject to the implementation outcome, the Pilot Scheme will be extended to other districts. (HYAB)
- Continue to review the Building Management Ordinance and gather stakeholders' views to follow up on building management issues, with a view to further promoting good building management. (HYAB)
- Roll out a pilot scheme in the first half of 2026 to enhance the testing procedures for handling water seepage problems in buildings by utilising technology to expedite the identification of the seepage situation, clarify responsibilities and require owners to check and rectify the situation within a designated timeframe lest the Government will take further actions and charge the owners, thereby inducing owners to fulfil their responsibility to properly maintain their properties, and actively promote mediation as a way to resolve disputes among residents. (DCSO, EEB, DEVB, DOJ)
- The FSD will introduce an Internet-of-Things-fire detection system to spare specific old buildings from installing equipment such as fire hose reels and water tanks, thereby expediting enhancements of the overall fire safety standards of old buildings. (SB)



# Annex

## Progress of Indicators for Specified Tasks in 2024 Policy Address



## (I) New Indicators

No.	Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
1	Launch a new series of informational programmes on national security laws in Q2 2025 to tie in with the 10th National Security Education Day in 2025. (SB)	Task completed. The seven episodes of the programme “National Security Law Chronicles III” were aired on Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) TV31 and RTHK Radio 1 from 16 to 22 June 2025.
2	Bring the national security comic series online to offline by launching printed picture books in Q1 2025, and showing a short drama in schools in the 2025/26 school year. (SB)	<p>Task completed for the comic series. The printed picture book featuring Andy and Security Bear was launched in Q1 2025. The first batch of the picture books has been distributed to over 2 000 schools and public libraries.</p> <p>Task on track for the short drama in schools. The preparation of the National Security-themed interactive drama programme about the Security Bear and Andy’s family is underway with the premiere-cum-launching ceremony scheduled to be held in mid-November 2025 after which performances in schools would commence.</p>
3	Complete the updating of the “Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong” and the curriculum frameworks for related subjects within 2025. (EDB)	Task completed. The Education Bureau (EDB) promulgated the updated “Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong” and the curriculum frameworks for 27 subjects in May and July 2025 respectively.
4	<p>Promote patriotic education on and off campus and in the 2024/25 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country 3.0” series of inter-school national education activities with expected attendance reaching 25 000;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country 3.0” series of inter-school national education activities were successfully held in the 2024/25 school year. The attendance exceeded 50 000, far higher than expected.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the trial teaching scheme and develop a resource portal for national geography;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The EDB has completed the trial teaching scheme and developed the National Geography Resource Portal, and will continue to develop learning and teaching resources on national geography for reference and use by schools.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct focus inspections on national education in at least 50 schools to enhance the quality and effectiveness of national education; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The EDB has been conducting regular focus inspections on national education in at least 50 schools annually since the 2023/24 school year. The related work for the 2024/25 school year has been completed as planned.
	<p>Starting from the 2024/25 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide at least 30 routes with “red resources” through the Mainland exchange programmes and study tours for students;</li> </ul>	Task completed. In the 2024/25 school year, the EDB incorporated visiting spots with “red resource” into 30 routes of Mainland Exchange Programmes for Students and 11 routes of Mainland Study Tours of the Subject of Citizenship and Social Development respectively.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise one or more activities relating to national education for parents by all kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme;</li> </ul>	Task completed. All kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme organised one or more activities relating to national education for parents in the 2024/25 school year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training places within three years for about 1 000 junior secondary Chinese History teachers who are not major in History; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. In the 2024/25 school year, some 400 teachers attended the training sessions. Training places will continue to be offered in the new school year to support teachers in completing systematic training.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide at least 1 000 training places within two years in learning circles for senior secondary Chinese History teachers. (EDB)</li> </ul>	Task completed with target achieved ahead of schedule. The EDB provided more than 1 000 training places in the 2024/25 school year. The training places for senior secondary Chinese History teachers in the learning circle will continue to be offered in the new school year to enhance teaching effectiveness.
5	Review the Public Service (Administration) Order and Public Service (Disciplinary) Regulation by end-2024, and consult the Public Service Commission on the preliminary proposals within 2025. (CSB)	Task completed. The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) consulted the Public Service Commission on the proposed amendments in April 2025 and will implement the enhanced arrangements in 2026.

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6	Launch the Governance Talents Development Programme within 2025. (CSB)	Task completed. The CSB launched the programme in July 2025 to provide participants with targeted and continuous training, supporting the Government in building a talent pool.
7	The Insurance Authority to commence a review in the first half of 2025, which includes studying capital requirements for infrastructure investments to enrich insurance companies' asset allocation. (FSTB)	Task completed. The Insurance Authority commenced the review of the Risk-based Capital regime for Hong Kong's insurance industry in March 2025, and is currently consulting the insurance sector on matters such as the capital requirements for infrastructure investments.
8	Set up a working group by end-2024 to take forward the work of developing an international gold trading centre, including strengthening the trading mechanism and the regulatory framework, etc. (FSTB)	Task completed. The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) established the Working Group on Promoting Gold Market Development in December 2024. The Working Group submitted its report to the Chief Executive in September 2025, recommending a series of concrete measures to promote gold market development.
9	Launch by end-2024 the roadmap on the full adoption of the International Financial Reporting Standards - Sustainability Disclosure Standards in Hong Kong. (FSTB)	Task completed. The FSTB launched in December 2024 a roadmap on sustainability disclosure in Hong Kong, providing a well-defined pathway for large publicly accountable entities to fully adopt the International Financial Reporting Standards - Sustainability Disclosure Standards no later than 2028.
10	Set up the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Development Board in the first half of 2025 and plan for engaging dedicated team in the second half of 2025 to strengthen the capability of research, promotion and business network. (TLB)	Task on track. The Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) announced the appointment to the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Development Board on 13 June 2025, which took effect from 1 July 2025. The Board has reviewed the overall situation of the industry, formulated more outgoing and comprehensive overseas and Mainland promotional strategy, and identified key research areas on which the relevant committees will commence research. The dedicated team is progressively getting on board.

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11	<p>Promote the development of the maritime services industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish the result of the enhancement of existing tax concessionary measures for maritime services in the first half of 2025 and commence the relevant legislative work;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. In the 2025-26 Budget promulgated in February 2025, the Government announced the measures for enhancing tax concessions for maritime services industry, including introduction of tax deduction on ship acquisition cost for ship lessors under an operating lease. The TLB also briefed the Economic Development Panel of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the proposals on 8 July 2025. Preparations are being made for introducing the bill into the LegCo in the first half of 2026.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign a memorandum of understanding with the International Group of P&amp;I Clubs (IG P&amp;I Clubs) by end-2024 to strengthen the promotion of training for marine insurance professionals and publicity of the industry;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The then Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board signed a memorandum of understanding with the IG P&amp;I Clubs on 18 November 2024. With effect from 1 April 2025, the courses and examinations conducted by the IG P&amp;I Clubs have been incorporated into the list of the pre-approved courses/examinations of the Professional Training and Examination Refund Scheme (Refund Scheme) of the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund to enhance the manpower training and promotion for the marine insurance sector. Applicants who have completed the courses or passed the examinations are refunded 80% of the fees, subject to a cap of \$30,000.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the subsidy coverage of the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund to include maritime insurance industry within 2025, and add no less than 20 international or local maritime courses and examinations in the pre-approved lists of the Refund Scheme (Maritime);</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The Manpower Development Committee under the then Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board has approved the implementation framework for expanding the Maritime Services Traineeship Scheme to include maritime insurance industry, which will be launched in November 2025. In addition, the Committee completed examining the list of new courses or examinations under the Refund Scheme (Maritime), and added 39 new international and local maritime courses in the pre-approved lists on 1 April 2025.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete within 2025 the setting up of a port community system to facilitate the flow and sharing of data among stakeholders in the maritime, port and logistics industries; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. Installation of the Port Community System will be completed by end-2025 as per the target and the system will be launched for industry use in January 2026.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct demonstration of ship-to-ship liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkering within 2025. (TLB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The first ship-to-ship LNG bunkering and the first LNG bunkering with simultaneous cargo handling operation were completed in February and June 2025 respectively.
12	Complete the study on tax concessionary measures related to commodities trading within 2025 to attract relevant enterprises from the Mainland and overseas to establish their presence in Hong Kong. (TLB, FSTB)	Task completed. In the 2025-26 Budget promulgated in February 2025, the Government proposed to provide half-rate tax concession to eligible commodity traders. The TLB also briefed the LegCo Economic Development Panel on the proposal on 8 July 2025. Preparations are being made for introducing the bill into the LegCo in the first half of 2026.
13	Publish the findings of the planning study on the development of modern logistics clusters in the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (NDA) within 2025 to foster logistics development. (TLB)	Task on track. The preliminary proposal is to develop the logistics clusters through an “enterprise-oriented” approach. Relevant proposals of the planning study are being refined by taking into account various stakeholders’ views. The study findings are expected to be announced by end-2025.
14	The Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) to commence work by end-2024 for setting up a mechanism and enhancing the interface for attracting Mainland enterprises to establish international or regional offshore trading and supply chain management headquarters in Hong Kong. One stop diversified professional advisory services will also be provided to the enterprises in Hong Kong. (CEDB)	Task completed. The InvestHK and the HKTDC established the high value-added supply chain services mechanism in December 2024 to provide one-stop advisory services for Mainland enterprises wishing to go global.



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15	Expand the geographical coverage of “E-commerce Easy” to the 10 ASEAN countries within 2025 to help enterprises tap into the ASEAN e-commerce market. (CEDB)	Task completed. The geographical coverage of “E-commerce Easy” has been expanded to the 10 ASEAN countries starting from 14 March 2025.
16	Explore with 10 or more aviation partners within 2025 the enhancement of air connectivity, and support the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) to continue to add new destinations and increase flight frequencies so as to support the progressive opening of passenger facilities of the Three-Runway System. (TLB)	Task on track. As of August 2025, we have been exploring strengthening bilateral air services arrangements with over 10 aviation partners and have achieved positive results progressively.
17	Develop the world’s leading Airport City: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formulate a development plan for the expanded Airport City in the first half of 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) promulgated a development plan for expanding the Airport City in January 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete within 2025 the construction works of the Airportcity Link, connecting the SKYCITY and the Hong Kong Port Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) with a passenger-carrying autonomous transportation system. (TLB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The AAHK will commence trials of the autonomous transportation system for carrying passengers on the Airportcity Link by end-2025 as scheduled.
18	Commence the preliminary study of the development plan for the permanent facilities of the HKIA Dongguan Logistics Park Phase 2 within 2025. (TLB)	Task on track. The AAHK will commence the preliminary study of the development plan for the permanent facility of the HKIA Dongguan Logistics Park Phase 2 by end-2025 as planned.
19	Commence study on extending the Air Transshipment Cargo Exemption Scheme for Specified Strategic Commodities to other intermodal transshipment modes within 2025. (TLB)	Task on track. The TLB is now studying the details of the extension with other relevant bureaux and departments.

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20	<p>Step up the promotion of mediation services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the capital works of the conversion of the Old Wan Chai Police Station into the headquarters of the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed) in mid-2025;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The renovation project for the IOMed headquarters building was substantially completed as scheduled in mid-2025. The building was officially handed over to the IOMed Preparatory Office on 1 August 2025 for future use as IOMed headquarters.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement related policies to include mediation clauses in government contracts by Q1 2025 and encourage the private sector to adopt similar mediation clauses, and collaborate with the Civil Service College to start providing mediation training for relevant civil servants;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The Department of Justice (DoJ) issued the Policy Statement on the Incorporation of Mediation Clauses in Government Contracts on 6 November 2024. The policy has taken effect from 6 February 2025. To facilitate the implementation of the policy, the DoJ co-organised mediation training with the Civil Service College in January 2025 and issued letters to private organisations in April 2025 to encourage them to incorporate similar mediation clauses in their contracts. The DoJ will continuously monitor the implementation of the policy.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch a two-year Community Mediation Empowerment Pilot Scheme within 2025; and</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The DoJ has launched the Pilot Scheme on Community Mediation in 2025, and a total of six mediation skills training sessions will be conducted by March 2026.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the industry to launch the Sports Dispute Resolution Pilot Scheme within 2025. (DoJ)</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The DoJ plans to officially launch the Pilot Scheme on Sports Dispute Resolution in Q4 2025.</p>
21	<p>Spearhead the development of the innovation and technology (I&amp;T) industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit to the LegCo within 2025-26 the proposal of setting up the I&amp;T Industry-Oriented Fund to channel market capital to invest in the I&amp;T industry development in Hong Kong;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The relevant proposal was approved by the LegCo Finance Committee in July 2025.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make preparation for the launch of the Pilot I&amp;T Accelerator Scheme within 2025 to attract professional start-up service providers with proven track records from within and outside Hong Kong to set up accelerator bases in Hong Kong; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau (ITIB) and the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) are formulating the implementation details.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commence a consultancy study on the medium to long-term development plan for new industrialisation in Hong Kong within 2025. (ITIB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The ITIB is inviting tenders for engaging a consultant.
22	<p>The Working Group on Developing Low-altitude Economy will commence work by end-2024 and co-ordinate with relevant bureaux:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement pilot projects and conduct test flights in designated areas for delivery purposes starting from early 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. To foster innovation and test application scenarios for low-altitude flying activities, the Working Group on Developing Low-altitude Economy announced the first batch of 38 Regulatory Sandbox projects in March 2025. The pilot projects have been launched progressively since April 2025, covering a wide range of applications, including drone delivery, infrastructure inspection, emergency and rescue, etc..
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commence study on the legislative work relating to the relaxation of restrictions on beyond-line-of-sight flying activities as well as the weight and loading of drones in the first half of 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Civil Aviation Department issued “Small Unmanned Aircraft Advisory Circular No. AC-013” in November 2024, specifying the safety requirements for beyond-visual-line-of-sight operations under the pilot projects. In the meantime, the Government has completed the first phase of legislative amendments to extend regulatory coverage of existing legislation to drones weighing over 25 kg but not exceeding 150 kg, while also permitting unconventional aircraft weighing over 150 kg to conduct trial flights under specified conditions. The amended legislation came into effect on 18 July 2025.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence study of the supporting facilities for low-altitude activities, communications network, air route network, management of low-altitude flying activities, etc. in the first half of 2025. (DFSO, TLB, relevant bureaux)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Government commenced a technical study on low-altitude infrastructure in June 2025.
23	Promote the development of communications technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct and complete research on streamlining the vetting procedures of licence applications for operating Low Earth Orbit satellites within 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The relevant study will be completed by end-2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a spectrum auction within 2025 to provide 50 MHz of spectrum, supporting more prevalent and advanced applications of communications technology (including 6G). (CEDB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The relevant spectrum auction will be conducted on 20 October 2025.
24	Promote new energy development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set a usage target for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) within 2025 to speed up the reduction of carbon emissions by the aviation industry; (TLB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The TLB has consulted the trade on the SAF usage target and will announce the target by end-2025 as scheduled.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a bill into the LegCo within 2025 for regulating hydrogen used or intended to be used as fuel; (EEB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Gas Safety (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 was passed by the LegCo on 16 July 2025 and gazetted on 25 July 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formulate the approach of hydrogen standard certification suitable to the development in Hong Kong by 2027; and (EEB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) commenced a dedicated consultancy study in August 2024. It will consult the trade in September 2025 on the preliminary framework of the hydrogen certification system, with a view to establishing the relevant certification system by 2027.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish hydrogen filling stations across Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories by 2027. (EEB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The first public hydrogen filling station in Au Tau, Yuen Long, New Territories commenced operation in end-June 2025. The Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) and the EMSD are identifying suitable sites for establishing hydrogen filling stations on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon in collaboration with relevant departments.
25	Enhance the intellectual property (IP) legal framework within 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set out the way forward for further enhancement to the Copyright Ordinance regarding the protection for artificial intelligence (AI) technology development;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) consulted the LegCo Panel on Commerce, Industry, Innovation and Technology in February 2025 regarding the proposed amendments to the Copyright Ordinance, and received the Panel's support.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enact subsidiary legislation under the Copyright Ordinance to specify libraries, museums and archives eligible for certain permitted acts and prescribe the conditions, and to designate non-government-owned libraries, museums or archives that can be exempted from certain criminal liabilities;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The two pieces of subsidiary legislation were tabled before the LegCo in May and July 2025 respectively, and the negative vetting procedures have been completed.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch a consultation on updating the registered designs regime; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The public consultation on the review of the registered designs regime will be launched by end-2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enact subsidiary legislation to streamline IP litigation processes. (CEDB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The relevant subsidiary legislation was tabled before the LegCo in May 2025 and the negative vetting procedure has been completed.
26	Strengthen capacity building of IP talents within 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop practical training materials on IP that can be widely deployed across 23 different industries; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. It is expected that the practical training materials on IP will be launched in Q4 2025 for adoption by various industries.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a survey on Hong Kong's IP-related professional and business services. (CEDB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The target is to announce the survey findings in Q4 2025.
27	Launch a new AI-assisted trademark image search service within 2025. (CEDB)	Task on track. The relevant service will be launched in December 2025.
28	Promote the development of digital economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue a policy statement on the application of AI in the financial market by end-2024; (FSTB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The FSTB issued a policy statement on 28 October 2024 to set out the Government's policy stance and approach towards the responsible application of AI in the financial market.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA)'s working group to provide recommendations on the relevant strategies in response to future supply chain changes (including facilitating the digitalisation of trade) within 2025, with a view to lowering the cost of trade and enhancing the trade ecosystem; (FSTB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HKMA's working group has completed the first phase of its work and drawn up a list of recommendations, including embracing digital trade, encouraging corporates to set up treasury centres in Hong Kong, enhancing the banking industry's regional business capabilities and exploring opportunities from green supply chain, etc..  The HKMA launched Project Cargo <sup>x</sup> in early 2025 and established the Expert Panel on Project Cargo <sup>x</sup> in April 2025, with the plan to formulate a roadmap to promote the digitalisation of cargo data for sea, land and air freight by end-2025. This includes collaborating with strategic partners such as the AAHK and the TLB, as well as pilot banks, to develop new solutions in 2025 and 2026, leveraging cargo data and the "Commercial Data Interchange" to streamline trade financing processes and facilitate access to trade financing by small and medium-sized enterprises.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up a Consultation Group on LawTech Development in Q1 2025 to research and formulate specific recommendations to promote the application of LawTech; (DoJ)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The DoJ formally established the Consultation Group in January 2025 and has convened two meetings to discuss policy measures to promote the application of LawTech.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a bill into the LegCo by end-2024 with a view to implementing the regulatory regime for fiat-referenced stablecoin issuers, and complete within 2025 the second round of public consultation on the regulatory proposals for over-the-counter trading of virtual asset (VA) and put forward a proposed licensing regime for regulating VA custodian service providers; and (FSTB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The FSTB submitted the Stablecoins Bill to the LegCo in December 2024. Following the passage of the bill by the LegCo in May 2025, the Stablecoins Ordinance came into effect on 1 August 2025.</p> <p>In addition, the FSTB and the Securities and Futures Commission jointly conducted a public consultation on the legislative proposals for establishing licensing regimes for digital asset dealing and custodian service providers from June to August 2025. The details of the licensing regimes will be worked out based on the feedback received, and a bill is targeted to be introduced into the LegCo in 2026.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the procedures relevant to cross-border e-commerce logistics within 2025 to enhance the efficiency of cross-border distribution of goods. (CEDB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. To facilitate shipment of cross-border e-commerce goods, the Customs and Excise Department will recruit a logistic provider as an additional pilot participant of the Cross-boundary Express Cargo Clearance Facilitation Arrangement (CEFA), thereby enhancing the efficiency of e-commerce shipment.</p>
29	<p>Attract talents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve at least 50 000 visa extension applications annually for talents admitted through talent admission schemes from 2025 to 2027, an increase of no less than 40% over the annual average from 2021 to 2023;</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. From January to August 2025, around 44 400 extension applications under various talent admission schemes were received, of which around 41 500 were approved, accounting for about 83% of the annual target.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the Talent List in Q1 2025;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The updated Talent List has taken effect from 1 March 2025.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add 13 top Mainland and overseas universities to the list of eligible universities under the Top Talent Pass Scheme within November 2024;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. Thirteen top Mainland and overseas institutions were added to the list of eligible universities under the Top Talent Pass Scheme starting from 1 November 2024.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend the validity period of the first visas of high-income talents to three years within November 2024;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The validity period of the first visas of high-income talents under the Top Talent Pass Scheme has been extended to three years since the delivery day of the 2024 Policy Address.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement arrangements in the first half of 2025 to allow a certain number of young and experienced non-degree talents with relevant professional and technical qualifications to come to Hong Kong through the General Employment Policy and the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals to join skilled trades facing manpower shortage; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. Arrangements for admission of professionals of specified skilled trades were announced in end-May 2025, and applications have been accepted since 30 June 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance the criteria and arrangement of the General Points Test under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme and introduce a new mechanism to proactively invite top and leading talents to come to Hong Kong for development by Q1 2025. (LWB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The enhanced assessment criteria and arrangements for the General Points Test under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme came into effect on 1 November 2024. The nomination mechanism for proactively inviting top-notch and leading talents to come to Hong Kong for development was activated immediately upon approval by the Committee on Education, Technology and Talents in end-February 2025.
30	<p>In 2025, the Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE) will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand its network of working partners and maintain the number of working partners at no less than 90;</li> </ul>	Target exceeded. The number of working partners has reached 96 as of mid-September 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-organise at least 12 job fairs with the industry and employers' organisations, so as to directly match job-seeking talents with employers;</li> </ul>	Task on track. It is expected that at least 12 job fairs will be co-organised with the industries and employers organisations for the whole year of 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct at least 15 outreach visits to the Mainland, Asia Pacific, Europe and North America regions to organise promotional activities for attracting talents; and</li> </ul>	Target exceeded. The HKTE has conducted 25 outreach visits as of mid-September 2025.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In collaboration with the Human Resources and Social Security Department of the Guangdong Province, organise at least one overseas promotional activity involving the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) “9+2” cities for promoting the development opportunities in the region. (LWB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The GBA “9+2” cities jointly organised the GBA Talent Development Showcase in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 12 and 13 April 2025, attracting an attendance of over 4 000.
31	Promote the development of an international hub for post-secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up the Hong Kong Future Talents Scholarship Scheme for Advanced Studies, under which up to 1 200 local students enrolling in designated postgraduate programmes will receive scholarships each year starting from the 2025/26 academic year;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Hong Kong Future Talents Scholarship Scheme for Advanced Studies has been launched in the 2025/26 academic year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in three international education exhibitions annually to promote the “Study in Hong Kong” brand with collaboration among the local post-secondary institutions;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The University Grants Committee (UGC) has allocated funding to the Heads of Universities Committee’s Standing Committee on Internationalisation, which involved the eight UGC-funded universities, for participating in and organising various overseas events, including taking part in three international education conferences in 2025 (i.e. NAFSA Annual Conference & Expo, European Association for International Education Conference, and the annual conference and exhibition of the Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)), and setting up a Hong Kong Pavilion to promote the “Study in Hong Kong” brand.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strive to host more international education conferences and/or exhibitions in Hong Kong within 2026; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Chinese University of Hong Kong has successfully secured the hosting of the 2026 APAIE Conference & Exhibition in Hong Kong.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a bill to amend the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance and promulgate the updated Institutional Review Manual within 2025 for implementation within 2026. (EDB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Post Secondary Colleges (Amendment) Bill 2025 was passed by the LegCo in June 2025. The EDB will work closely with the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications and relevant self-financing post-secondary institutions for the implementation of the enhanced regulatory framework on 1 August 2026.
32	Promote Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) education in primary and secondary schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the Steering Committee on Strategic Development of Digital Education in the 2024/25 school year;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Steering Committee on Strategic Development of Digital Education was established in January 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promulgate the updated curriculum document for the Science subject (S1-3) within the 2024/25 school year for piloting by schools in the 2025/26 school year and implementation starting from the 2027/28 school year;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The EDB announced the updated curriculum document for the Science subject (S1-3) in December 2024 for piloting by schools in the 2025/26 school year and implementation starting from the 2027/28 school year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch a pilot scheme in the 2024/25 school year to promote AI-assisted teaching in the junior secondary Science subject with the participation of at least 50 publicly-funded secondary schools, enabling teachers to take part in professional training and carry out classroom teaching practice;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The EDB launched a pilot scheme in end-2024 to promote AI-assisted teaching in the junior secondary Science subject. A total of over 220 publicly-funded secondary schools participated in the scheme, through which teachers took part in professional training and carried out classroom teaching practice.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host an international summit and workshop series on the use of AI in the 2024/25 school year with an attendance of no less than 1 000;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Summit, featuring keynote speeches, paper presentations, teaching demonstrations, workshops and a technology showcase, was held in July 2025. It recorded a total attendance of over 1 000.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with local, Mainland or international I&amp;T organisations and tertiary institutions to offer at least 800 training places in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The EDB collaborated with local, Mainland or international I&T organisations and tertiary institutions to offer over 1 600 training places in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide at least 200 professional development programmes related to information technology in education for teachers, as well as at least 100 times of on-site support service for schools in the 2024/25 school year;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The EDB provided over 200 professional development programmes related to information technology in education for teachers, as well as over 100 times of on-site support service for schools in the 2024/25 school year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch an online learning platform for knowledge and skills related to AI and computational thinking within 2025, as well as a webpage featuring expert lecture videos;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Hong Kong Education City has launched online learning courses on knowledge and skills related to AI and computational thinking, as well as a webpage featuring expert lecture videos.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide at least 8 000 places for relevant competitions and training organised by the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. In the 2024/25 school year, the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education provided more than 8 000 places for relevant competitions and training. The first year target has been achieved.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 700 schools to participate in the Quality Education Fund e-Learning Funding Programme annually in the 2024/25 to 2026/27 school years. (EDB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. In the 2024/25 school year, over 700 schools participated in the Quality Education Fund e-Learning Funding Programme. The first year target has been achieved.
33	Enhance support for schools, teachers and students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrange for at least 40 Mainland expert teachers to Hong Kong every school year and introduce cross-curricular support initiatives;</li> </ul>	Task completed. In the 2024/25 school year, arrangements were made for 40 Mainland expert teachers to come to Hong Kong to participate in support work, and cross-curricular support initiatives were introduced, covering areas such as national education, patriotic education, Chinese culture and traditional virtues, and STEAM education.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement the Navigators for Excellence in Education Training Programme on a three-year pilot basis starting from the 2024/25 school year for 50 potential leading teachers and principals each year;</li> </ul>	Task on track. The training programmes in the first cohort of the Programme were successfully completed in the 2024/25 school year, with a total of 50 teacher and principal participants. The second cohort will take place in the 2025/26 school year.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up the Teacher Professional Development Fund in the 2024/25 school year to continuously enhance training and exchange programmes for teachers;</li> </ul>	<p>The Government announced the Budget in February 2025, proposing revisions to six larger seed capital funds and a review of the financial arrangements for 36 funds.</p> <p>Given the time required for the review and its potential knock-on effects on the Teacher Professional Development Fund, the EDB considered that existing resources could be deployed to support teacher professional development programmes until the 2027/28 school year. Therefore, the establishment of the Teacher Professional Development Fund was suspended. With the endorsement of the Chief Executive and the Financial Secretary, the decision was reported to the LegCo Panel on Financial Affairs in April 2025.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with the Teacher Training and Exchange Base at the South China Normal University in the 2024/25 school year to launch at least three structured training programmes throughout the year for about 1 500 participants;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The EDB collaborated with the South China Normal University to launch four structured training programmes in the 2024/25 school year, with approximately 10 770 participants.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up in the 2024/25 school year (i) a one-stop school-based management thematic website with estimated number of visits reaching 50 000; (ii) an online interactive learning courseware with estimated user sessions reaching 2 500; and (iii) an online school manager training record platform which is estimated to benefit about 850 schools; and</li> </ul>	<p>Tasks completed. The EDB set up in the 2024/25 school year (i) the “School-based Management Information Online” with the number of visits reaching 233 000, (ii) the “E-learning Courseware for School Managers” with user sessions reaching 5 000 and (iii) the “online school manager training record platform” for use by all Incorporated Management Committee Schools (around 850 schools). The EDB will continue to enrich the content of the website and enhance the platform to strengthen the training for school managers.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch the Parent Education Resource Booklet in the 2024/25 school year to help parents of non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students support their children’s whole-person development. (EDB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The EDB launched the Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of NCS Students in the 2024/25 school year, which was uploaded onto the EDB website.</p>



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34	<p>Strengthen support for students' language learning and in the 2024/25 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch enhanced support measures on English Language education for primary and secondary schools, including providing additional resources for publicly-funded primary and secondary schools (including special schools) to strengthen the English language learning environment, offering at least 5 000 professional development places for English teachers, and engaging at least 6 000 students from publicly-funded primary and secondary schools (including special schools) in related activities and competitions;</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The EDB provided the One-off Grant for Promotion of Self-directed Language Learning (English Language) with an amount of \$200,000 to all publicly-funded primary and secondary schools (including special schools) in Hong Kong in December 2024, and offered over 11 000 professional development places for English teachers. Over 70 000 primary and secondary students participated in relevant English learning activities and competitions.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide additional resources for publicly-funded primary and secondary schools (including special schools) to enrich the Putonghua language environment and enhance the Putonghua learning atmosphere; and</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The EDB provided the One-off Grant for Promotion of Self-directed Language Learning (Putonghua) with an amount of \$200,000 to all publicly-funded primary and secondary schools (including special schools) in Hong Kong in December 2024. A related briefing session was also held in January 2025.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a pilot scheme to encourage all publicly-funded secondary schools to apply for funding to provide opportunities for junior secondary students to learn "Other Languages". (EDB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. The EDB launched the "Pilot Scheme on Other Languages for Junior Secondary Students" in January 2025. The Pilot Scheme has been open for all publicly-funded secondary schools that offer local junior secondary curriculum to apply for the funding. In the 2025/26 school year, more than 170 publicly-funded secondary schools (including special schools) could use the funding to provide opportunities for junior secondary students to learn "Other Languages".</p>

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35	Support young people in purchasing subsidised sale flats (SSF): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting from the next White Form Secondary Market Scheme (WSM) exercise, increase the WSM quota by 1 500, all of which will be allocated to young family applicants and young one-person applicants aged below 40; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. Starting from the WSM 2024, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) has increased the quota by 1 500, all of which have been allocated to young family and one-person applicants aged below 40.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting from the next Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) sale exercise, allocate an extra ballot number to young family applicants and young one-person applicants aged below 40 with White Form status. (HB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HKHA endorsed the implementation details in January 2025, and they will be implemented starting from the next HOS sale exercise.
36	Enhance support for youth development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise or provide at least 20 youth development activities for members of the Youth Link within 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. More than 20 activities were organised for members of the Youth Link as at mid-September 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No less than 70% of responding schools to consider the activities under the new round of the Funding Scheme for Youth Life Planning Activities useful in assisting participants in life planning, deepen their understandings of the opportunities brought by national development. (HYAB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) JC Scheme for Youth Life Planning (2025-2028) has been implemented since the 2025/26 school year. The HYAB will review the feedback collected from partnering schools after the completion of the Scheme.
37	The Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency (CCIDA) to promote the development of the cultural and creative industries by the following initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support cultural IP creators and producers to propel no less than 34 cultural IP projects cumulatively within five years starting from 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The CCIDA is pursuing as planned in 2025 four cultural IP projects encompassing different cultural and creative sectors, and involving cross-sectoral collaboration.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive Hong Kong design industries to participate in around 20 design weeks/fashion weeks/expos/exhibitions every year in the Mainland and overseas. (CSTB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The CCIDA drove Hong Kong design industries to participate in around ten design weeks/fashion weeks/expos/exhibitions in the Mainland and overseas between 1 April and 17 September 2025.
38	<p>The West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority to strengthen the long-term industry development in the WKCD by the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise/curate at least two performing arts programmes or exhibitions for staging outside Hong Kong in 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The WKCD Authority took forward several projects, including launching the “I. M. Pei: Life Is Architecture” exhibition from April to August 2025 and “The Impossible Trial – a musical” in June 2025 during the “WestK Shanghai Week 2025” in Shanghai, and presenting “The Impossible Trial – a musical” in Beijing in July 2025, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise at least 1 200 programmes in 2024-25, including exhibitions and performing arts programmes, and different natures of activities in the Art Park; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The WKCD Authority arranged over 1 300 diverse programmes and activities in the WKCD in 2024-25.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence within 2025 the preparatory work for attracting more stakeholders of the art trading industry chain to establish presence in the WKCD. (CSTB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The WKCD Authority has commenced the preparatory work, including carrying out research and consulting stakeholders, for attracting more stakeholders of the art trading industry chain to establish presence in the WKCD.
39	<p>Promote sports development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hong Kong Sports Institute to complete the review of the mechanism of direct financial support for athletes (including athletes with disabilities) in the first half of 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Hong Kong Sports Institute has completed the review of the mechanism of direct financial support for athletes (including athletes with disabilities). The revised mechanism was implemented in April 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence within 2025 the preparatory work for the construction of a swimming pool suitable for hosting international competitions, as well as a sports arena with fencing training and competition facilities;</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has commenced the preparatory work for the swimming pool complex and sports arena for fencing training and competition, including identifying suitable sites.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regularise the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports within 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The LCSD launched the regularised “Subvention Scheme for New Sports” on 5 December 2024 to provide a platform for the long-term development of eligible organisations for new sports.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China to, by end-2024, conclude its review on the governance and operation of national sports associations (NSAs), and make recommendations to ensure their effective operation; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China promulgated the review report and the Code of Governance (the Code) on 20 November 2024, and has regularly reported to the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau the implementation progress of the Code by NSAs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence a fresh review of the redevelopment plan for the Hong Kong Stadium within 2025 to ensure its synergy with the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP). (CSTB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Hong Kong Stadium will continue to play its role in supporting sports development and as a major venue for large-scale events, thereby making effective use of its existing facilities for various purposes. This will ensure that before deciding on the long-term positioning and functions of the stadium, we can make good use of its current facilities, as well as host large-scale sports events with appropriate temporary modifications.
40	The Working Group on Developing Tourist Hotspots will commence work by end-2024 to co-ordinate with relevant bureaux to formulate and take forward key projects, with a view to fostering community participation, as well as identifying and developing tourist hotspots of high popularity and with strong appeal in various districts. (DCSO, CSTB)	Task completed. The Working Group on Developing Tourist Hotspots held its first meeting in November 2024, and announced the implementation of nine projects in May 2025. Seven of these projects will be launched gradually throughout 2025, while the remaining two projects will be launched in 2026. The Working Group is actively following up on the implementation of the projects, and preparing for the next phase of work to launch more attractive and feasible tourist hotspot projects to offer visitors with new experience.



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41	<p>Promote the safeguarding and passing on of intangible cultural heritage (ICH), as well as the integrated development of culture and tourism by undertaking the following measures each year starting from 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the bearers of the items on the Representative List of ICH of Hong Kong and organise no less than 30 activities focusing on passing on, training, promotion, and cultural exchange; and</li> <li>Organise the Hong Kong ICH Month to promote Hong Kong's ICH to locals and tourists.</li> </ul> <p>It is expected that at least 100 000 participants will join these activities each year. (CSTB)</p>	<p>Task on track. The LCSD is working on the mechanism for recognising the bearers of the items on the Representative List of the ICH of Hong Kong, and has organised over 30 activities focusing on passing on, training, promotion, and cultural exchange in 2025.</p> <p>Task completed. The LCSD launched the inaugural Hong Kong ICH Month in June 2025, with a series of rich and diversified activities presented, attracting an attendance of over 160 000.</p>
42	<p>Announce in the first half of 2025 the details of the provision of self-service immigration clearance to invited persons from 10 ASEAN countries and the one-stop handling of their applications for self-service immigration clearance and visa through a dedicated desk. (SB)</p>	<p>Task completed. The Immigration Facilitation Scheme for Invited Persons was launched on 18 March 2025.</p>
43	<p>The Working Group on Promoting Silver Economy will commence work by end-2024, and co-ordinate efforts of relevant bureaux to implement measures in five aspects, namely boosting “silver consumption”, developing the “silver industry”, promoting “quality assurance of silver products”, enhancing “silver financial and security arrangements” and unleashing “silver productivity”. (DCSO, CEDB, relevant bureaux)</p>	<p>Task completed. The Working Group on Promoting Silver Economy held its first meeting in November 2024 and announced 30 measures covering five key areas in May 2025. The Working Group will continue to review the work progress of various policy bureaux for the timely implementation of the relevant measures.</p>

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44	Take forward the development of the Northern Metropolis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite expression of interest on pilot sites identified for “large-scale land disposal” by end-2024; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. An expression of interest exercise was launched in end-December 2024 for the three pilot areas of “large-scale land disposal” and completed on 31 March 2025, with 22 submissions received.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announce specific suggestions in Q1 2025 on the formation of a company by the Government for operating a pilot industry park in a NDA. (DEVB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task in progress. During preparations for the Budget in February in 2025, the Government noted that the industrial park site in Hung Shui Kiu intended to be launched by the Development Bureau (DEVB) was bordering a site under tender. It was considered that disclosing the actual location of the industrial park and company details might compromise the fairness of the tender process. Therefore, with the Financial Secretary’s approval, it was decided to release details of the pilot industrial park company only after the tender process for the land had been completed.</p> <p>Subsequently, after thorough consideration, the Government considered that the tender site in Hung Shui Kiu which is outside the industrial park should be incorporated into the industrial park to achieve economies of scale. On 21 July 2025, the Government announced the suspension of the tender for the site and the new direction. The DEVB is currently re-planning the expanded industrial park and refining the details of the park company. It will report to the “Working Group on Design of Development and Operational Models” to be established as announced in the 2025 Policy Address, and release the proposals within 2025.</p>
45	Strengthen collaboration with the GBA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take forward the setting up of a dedicated platform for the GBA lawyers within 2025; (DoJ)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The specific platform for GBA lawyers will be established as scheduled within 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take forward the setting up of a GBA legal information platform within the first half of 2026; (DoJ)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The GBA legal information platform will be established as scheduled within the first half of 2026.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regularise the Professional Title assessment mechanism, and expand its coverage to other suitable construction-related professions by mid-2025; and (DEVB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The incorporation of professionals of Hong Kong's construction and engineering sectors into the "Professional Title" assessment mechanism was successfully regularised and extended to the quantity surveying and architectural disciplines in 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announce the GBA standards and take forward the "One Examination, Multiple Certification" arrangement for the first pilot trade by Q1 2025. (DEVB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. For skilled workers in the construction sector, we announced the GBA standards and took forward the "One Examination, Multiple Certification" arrangement for the first two pilot trades (i.e. painter and bricklayer) in March 2025. In addition, for technicians in the construction sector, we announced the GBA standards for the first pilot position (i.e. civil engineering works supervisor) in June 2025.
46	<p>Regarding the issue of subdivided units (SDUs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch a consultation by the Task Force on Tackling the Issue of SDUs by end-2024 for the regulatory regime on the renting of residential SDUs and collect views from the LegCo and stakeholders, with the aim of introducing the relevant bill into the LegCo for scrutiny as soon as possible. Upon the LegCo's passage of the bill, the Housing Bureau (HB) will carry out registration for pre-existing SDUs under rental in residential buildings as soon as possible and concurrently accept applications for recognition as Basic Housing Units (BHUs); and (DFSO, HB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HB conducted a stakeholder consultation on the proposed regulatory regime on BHUs from December 2024 to February 2025 and introduced the BHUs Bill into the LegCo in early July 2025, with the relevant Bills Committee completing scrutiny of the bill in early August 2025. The resumption of the Second Reading debate and Third Reading of the bill has been scheduled for 24 September 2025. After completing the legislative procedures, the HB plans to commence on 1 March 2026 the registration for pre-existing SDUs in residential buildings, while accepting applications for BHU recognition concurrently.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to step up enforcement of tenancy control on SDUs in 2025-26 by having the Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) to check landlords of no less than 1 000 SDU households on whether they have committed offences for regulated tenancies. (HB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at mid-September 2025, the RVD has completed checking of landlords of about 500 SDUs.

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47	Starting from the next Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) and HOS sale exercises, an extra ballot number will be allocated to applicants who have failed to purchase an SSF in the last two consecutive sale exercises. GSH and HOS sale exercises will be counted separately. (HB)	Task on track. The relevant arrangement has been implemented starting from GSH 2024 and will also be applicable starting from the next HOS sale exercise.
48	The ratio between Green Form and White Form will be revised from the existing 40:60 to 50:50 starting from the next HOS sale exercise to encourage more public rental housing (PRH) tenants to buy HOS flats. (HB)	Task on track. The revised quota allocation ratio of Green Form and White Form will be implemented starting from the next HOS sale exercise. The HKHA will also introduce different measures to encourage well-off tenants to purchase SSF.
49	Launch the “Cherish Public Housing Resources Award Scheme” in January 2025 to help identify more cases of tenancy abuse of PRH. (HB)	Task completed. The “Cherish Public Housing Resources Award Scheme” was renamed as the “Report Public Housing Abuse Award”, and was launched in mid-January 2025. The first batch of the award was presented on 9 July 2025.
50	Promote digitalisation of the construction and management of public housing projects and to facilitate I&T application, starting from 2025-26: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a centralised estate management platform for 10 selected estates, bringing digital technologies in their daily operation to enhance management efficiency and service quality;</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Centralised Estate Management and Analytics Platform will be officially launched by end-2025 for use in 10 pilot estates, and will be progressively extended to more estates.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply Project Information Management and Analytics Platform in the development and construction process of new public housing projects;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The HKHA has progressively applied the Project Information Management and Analytics Platform in the development and construction process of new public housing projects from 2025-26.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt the Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) 2.0 method in new MiC projects at the planning and design stage; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. Starting from 2025-26, the HKHA has officially adopted the MiC 2.0 method in the planning and design stages of new MiC projects.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specify in all new building (superstructure) tender documents the work processes that allow the application of construction robotics. (HB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. Starting from September 2025, the HKHA has specified in new building (superstructure) works tenders the permissible use of construction robotics for internal painting procedure.
51	Launch the Joint Property Management (JPM) Pilot Scheme within 2025. (HYAB)	Task on track. District Offices in Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan launched a one-year JPM Pilot Scheme on 1 June 2025. The community organisations engaged have been actively contacting target buildings in the districts. Initial responses from owners' corporations/ owners have been very positive, and some buildings have already agreed to participate in the Pilot Scheme. The community organisations engaged are assisting the relevant buildings in conducting joint tenders to jointly hire the same property management company to implement JPM.
52	Implement from 2025 onwards elderly-friendly building design requirements by phases through legislative amendments, guidelines and practice notes. (DEVB)	Task on track. The Government announced the finalised design proposals, updated the practice notes and guidelines, launched the Elderly-friendly Building Accreditation Scheme in July 2025, and will introduce relevant legislative amendments in the first half of 2026.
53	Complete the statutory environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedures for the reclamation works under the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands (KYCAI) project within 2025. (DEVB)	2024 Policy Address put forward to complete the statutory EIA procedures for the reclamation works under the KYCAI project within 2025. While the relevant EIA Report was made ready in end-2024, given the implementation programme of the KYCAI project has been slowed down and no specific arrangements have been made, the DEVB, after reviewing the situation, considers it inappropriate to proceed with the relevant statutory EIA procedures at this stage, but will complete the ongoing studies so that the analysis and information acquired may be retained for reference. The Chief Executive and the Financial Secretary accepted and agreed to it.

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54	Expedite urban redevelopment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon completion of technical assessments, the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to submit to the Government renewal master plans for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po in the second half of 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The URA will submit to the Government the renewal master plans for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po in the second half of 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formulate in the first half of 2025 policy proposals on the use of newly developed land to drive large-scale urban redevelopment projects. (DEVB)</li> </ul>	The Chief Executive reviewed the proposals submitted by the DEVB in mid-2025, and considered the details regarding the URA's "Flat-for-Flat" Scheme not specific enough. Furthermore, it was noted that incentives for areas with pressing redevelopment needs could be strengthened to enhance the effectiveness of the relevant measures in promoting private redevelopment projects. The Chief Executive instructed the DEVB to conduct further research and submit refined proposals within two months. The DEVB submitted its proposals in end-August 2025, which was approved by the Chief Executive and incorporated into 2025 Policy Address.
55	Implement from 2025 onwards improvement measures for lowering construction cost, such as increasing direct procurement of construction materials and products by the Government, reviewing the building design standards, and facilitating local application of cost-effective construction materials and technologies from the Mainland and overseas. (DEVB)	Task on track. The DEVB has adopted the approach of "implementation as and when ready" in implementing improvement measures for lowering construction cost starting from 2025.
56	Launch the MiC Manufacturer Certification Scheme by end-2024, in synergy with production bases in the Mainland, so as to leverage the complementary functions of the construction industries in Guangdong and Hong Kong. (DEVB)	Task completed. The MiC Manufacturer Certification Scheme was launched in mid-November 2024.

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57	Continue to take forward the investigation and design of the smart and green mass transit systems in East Kowloon and Kai Tak, with a view to inviting tenders for the projects in Kai Tak and East Kowloon in 2025 and 2026 respectively. (TLB)	Task on track. For the Kai Tak project, the CEDD will invite tenders within 2025 as planned. For the East Kowloon project, the Highways Department has completed the scheme gazettal procedure and will invite tenders within 2026 as scheduled.
58	Take forward health and medical innovation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend the “1+” mechanism to all new drugs by end-2024;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The applicability of the “1+” mechanism has been extended to all new drugs, including vaccines and advanced therapy products, since 1 November 2024. Since the implementation of the “1+” mechanism and up to end-August 2025, a total of 14 new drugs have been approved under the mechanism, bringing new hope for treatment to patients.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce consultation service for new drug applications under the “1+” mechanism in Q1 2025, so as to enhance the efficiency in processing relevant applications;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The consultation service for new drug applications under the “1+” mechanism has been introduced since March 2025 to improve the efficiency of processing related applications. These services include briefing seminars, workshops, and pre-new drug application meetings to be launched in Q4 2025 for providing one-on-one guidance to potential applicants.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put forward the timetable for establishing the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation and charting the roadmap towards “primary evaluation” in the first half of 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The timetable for the establishment of the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation and the roadmap towards “primary evaluation” were announced on 26 June 2025.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the collaboration mechanism within 2025 for different bureaux and departments, the Hospital Authority (HA) and relevant institutions such as the GBA International Clinical Trial Centre to provide support on all fronts to facilitate the conduct of research and development (R&amp;D), clinical trials and application of advanced medical technology in Hong Kong by research organisations and innovative medical enterprises;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Health Bureau (HHB) has established the Steering Committee on Health and Medical Innovation Development and formed thereunder the Advisory Committee on Health and Medical Innovation Development. This mechanism creates a collaborative platform connecting experts from the Government, public bodies and the private sector to provide all-round support in terms of steering, monitoring and offering strategic advice for medical R&D, clinical trials and applications, fostering Hong Kong's development as an international medical innovation hub.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the “Real-World Study and Application Centre” within 2025 to promote the conduct of real-world studies in accordance with related guiding principles; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. At the meeting of the Steering Committee on Health and Medical Innovation Development held by the HHB in June 2025, members endorsed the proposal to establish the Real-World Study and Application Centre. The Government aims to establish the Centre by end-2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the GBA Clinical Trial Collaboration Platform in collaboration with the Shenzhen Government within 2025 to provide services on consultation, matching, referral, etc. to medical research organisations conducting clinical trials in Hong Kong and the GBA. (HHB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. Following a meeting in July 2025, Hong Kong and Shenzhen plan to establish the GBA Clinical Trial Collaboration Platform by end-2025. It will offer services including consultation, matching and co-ordinated ethics review. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the clinical trial institutes in both parks, laying the foundation for the platform and solidifying co-operation.
59	<p>Advance primary healthcare development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the establishment of a community drug formulary in Q4 2025 and launch a community pharmacy programme by phases starting from Q4 2026;</li> </ul>	Task on track. Details of the Community Drug Formulary mechanism and the sub-directory for pharmacists under the Primary Care Directory will be announced by end-2025. The Community Pharmacy Programme will also launch open tender by end-2025. In addition, the “Guideline of Practice for Community Pharmacy” will be completed by end-2025.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support no less than 600 primary and secondary schools to participate in the Whole School Health Programme in the 2024/25 school year, and compile a health report for each participating school;</li> </ul>	Task completed. As of 1 September 2025, a total of 833 schools have joined the Whole School Health Programme, covering around 70% of all primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong. In August 2025, the Department of Health (DH) compiled and distributed the School Health Reports and Recommendations for each participating school, outlining students' health status and behaviour with targeted recommendations on school-based health promotion measures.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate the services of Woman Health Centres under the DH into District Health Centres (DHCs), and integrate relevant services into those of private healthcare service providers through strategic purchasing within 2025;</li> </ul>	Task on track. The three Women Wellness Satellites (in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories respectively) have commenced operation by phases in 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the Chronic Disease Co-Care (CDCC) Pilot Scheme to cover blood lipid tests within 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The CDCC Pilot Scheme has been expanded to cover blood lipid testing since 28 March 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence risk-based hepatitis B screening and management via DHCs and family doctors within 2025;</li> </ul>	Task on track. The hepatitis B screening programme will be launched by end-2025 as planned.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance the services of General Out-patient Clinics by including chronic disease screening services and strengthening nurse clinic services within 2025;</li> </ul>	Task on track. The CDCC Pilot Scheme has been expanded to 14 designated General Out-patient Clinics since end-June 2025, and will be extended to all 18 districts by end-2025 as planned.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide dental check-ups and preventive dental services for pre-school children within 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. Relevant services have been launched since April 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide dental services for elderly persons with financial difficulties through the Community Dental Support Programme within 2026, supplanting the dental service subsidy under the Community Care Fund. (HHB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. Relevant services will be enhanced within 2026 as scheduled.

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60	Strengthen public healthcare services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have no less than 250 non-locally trained doctors working in the HA by end-2024;</li> </ul>	Task completed. As at 28 July 2025, a total of 320 non-locally trained doctors were working in the HA.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch collaboration between the HA and the Hong Kong Genome Institute in more public hospitals within 2025 through expanding the current partnering centres and referral networks, with a view to promoting precision medicine;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Hong Kong Genome Institute and the HA have expanded the existing partnering centres and referral networks ahead of schedule in 2024, with the coverage increasing from seven to ten public hospitals.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start extending the scope of the HA's newborn screening programme to cover newborn babies delivered in private hospitals within 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. Starting from 15 July 2025, the HA provides newborn screening services for babies born in pilot private hospitals.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare to set up the second chest pain centre in accordance with national accreditation standards within 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. Prince of Wales Hospital commenced preparation actively for the establishment of the second chest pain centre in accordance with national accreditation standards.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up the first stroke centre in accordance with national accreditation standards and a "Green Channel" for acute stroke patients, and submit the application for the accreditation as a National Stroke Centre within 2025;</li> </ul>	Task on track. Tuen Mun Hospital and Queen Mary Hospital have set up their stroke centres and "Green Channels" for acute stroke patients, and will submit the applications for accreditation as a National Stroke Centre in 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish an electronic referral platform and develop clinical referral references in eight major specialties to enhance the triage system and ensure proper referrals in 2025-26; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. Pilot run of the electronic referral platform commenced in August 2025. The HA has also completed the compilation of the clinical referral references for eight major specialties.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the capacity of cataract surgeries by at least 5 000 in 2025-26. (HHB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HA has been increasing the service throughput of cataract surgeries through various measures. The number of surgeries is expected to increase by at least 5 000 in 2025-26.

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61	Enhance public and private healthcare services:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise a professional platform in the first half of 2025 to launch discussion on formulating clinical guidelines, and explore devising quality and efficiency indicators for healthcare services;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Institute for Medical Advancement and Clinical Excellence was established in May 2025, launching the work on developing clinical protocols as well as devising healthcare service quality and efficiency standards.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult relevant sectors within 2025 on developing quality indicators for public and private healthcare systems, and exploring the legislation for price transparency of private healthcare; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HHB briefed the LegCo on the ideas of enhancing price transparency of private healthcare services and long-term enhancement measures for the healthcare system in May 2025 and launched stakeholder engagement in June 2025, with a view to introducing legislative amendments in 2026 as scheduled.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce an amendment bill for the Electronic Health Record Sharing System Ordinance into the LegCo in the first half of 2025 to require healthcare providers to deposit essential health data into the personalised eHealth accounts of members of the public. (HHB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Electronic Health Record Sharing System (Amendment) Bill 2025 was passed by the LegCo after the third reading on 23 July 2025. The Amendment Ordinance was promulgated in the gazette on 1 August 2025 and will come into operation on 1 December 2025.
62	Promote the development of Chinese Medicine:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch two integrated Chinese-Western medicine pilot programmes for the treatment of respiratory diseases and knee osteoarthritis in 2024-25; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The integrated Chinese-Western medicine programmes on respiratory diseases and knee osteoarthritis care were successfully piloted in April and May 2024 respectively. The HA will continuously review and enhance the services.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise the first edition of the Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Cultural Festival by end-2024. (HHB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The HHB has conducted the first Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Culture Festival from December 2024 to February 2025.

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63	Extend and enhance the Three-Tier School-based Emergency Mechanism until end-December of 2025. (EDB, LWB, HHB)	Task completed. The Government will regularise the Three-Tier School-based Emergency Mechanism implemented in secondary schools and extend its coverage to upper primary schools on a trial basis starting from the 2025/26 school year, so as to help primary and secondary schools identify students with higher suicidal risk earlier and provide appropriate support as soon as possible.
64	For schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 600 publicly-funded primary and secondary schools to join the 4Rs Mental Health Charter in the 2024/25 school year;</li> </ul>	Task completed. More than 770 schools have joined the 4Rs Mental Health Charter.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch the Mental Health Literacy resource packages for senior secondary and lower primary levels in the 2024/25 school year;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Mental Health Literacy Resource Packages for senior secondary and lower primary levels were launched in August 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise about 20 additional thematic teacher training sessions in the 2024/25 school year to strengthen teachers' capacity in early identification and support for students with mental health needs; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The EDB organised over 40 thematic teacher training sessions in the 2024/25 school year to strengthen teachers' capacity in early identification and support for students with mental health needs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise thematic parent education programmes and district-based film gala presentation in the 2024/25 school year to promote positive parent education and enhance parents' awareness of children's mental health. (EDB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The EDB organised positive parent education film appreciation and sharing sessions, as well as the "Caring for Their Heart and Soul, Growing along with Your Children" Parent Education Talk Series for parents of primary and secondary school students in the 2024/25 school year.
65	Launch a pilot scheme with 1 000 quotas within 2025 to subsidise elderly persons receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who opt to retire in the Guangdong Province to reside in designated elderly residential care homes in the province. (LWB)	Task on track. The Government will launch the three-year Pilot Scheme for Elderly Recipients of CSSA to Reside in Residential Care Homes in Guangdong by end-2025.



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66	Prepare for the setting up of four Community Parents and Children Centres on a pilot basis within 2025 so as to commence service progressively from 2026. (LWB)	Task on track. The Social Welfare Department has selected the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate Community Parents and Children Centres, and they are currently carrying out preparatory work. The Centres are expected to commence service in phases from 2026.
67	Extend the District Services and Community Care Teams – Supporting Elderly and Carers Scheme to all 18 districts in Q2 2025. (LWB)	Task completed. The Scheme was extended to 18 districts in April 2025, with all 452 Care Teams across the territory participating.
68	Offer the Personal Care Enhancement Grant for Boarders to a total of 22 schools for children with physical disability, intellectual disability and visual impairment cum intellectual disability starting from the 2025/26 school year, benefitting about 1 200 boarders per year. (EDB)	Task completed. A total of 22 schools for children with physical disability, intellectual disability and visual impairment cum intellectual disability will be provided with the Personal Care Enhancement Grant for Boarders starting from the 2025/26 school year. The EDB has issued a circular accordingly.
69	Engage one more support service centre for ethnic minorities (EMs) to provide interpretation and translation services for EMs starting from 2025. (HYAB)	Task on track. The new interpretation and translation service centre for EMs is expected to commence service by December 2025.
70	Starting from Q1 2025, the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) will lift the restriction on educational attainment of trainees, increase the total number of annual training places by at least 15 000, strengthen collaboration with parties such as tertiary institutions and leading enterprises, offer more courses on skills-upgrading and in support of Hong Kong's innovation development, as well as enhance career planning, job matching and related services. By end-2025, the ERB will draw up the implementation plan for reforming its functions, organisational structure, operating mode and consolidation of training resources. (LWB)	Task on track. The ERB implemented short-term measures starting from 1 January 2025 to enhance its services. The ERB has also worked out an initial reform roadmap for the next three years, and will propose the full implementation plan by end-2025.

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71	Consult the public within 2025 on the detailed proposal of Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) “Full Portability” and amend the relevant legislation. (FSTB)	Task on track. The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority consulted the public on the detailed proposals of MPF “Full Portability” in early 2025, which received general support from the labour sector and employer representatives. The FSTB will have the relevant subsidiary legislation amended by September 2025 to provide the necessary legal basis for implementing the Phase One Proposal of MPF “Full Portability”.
72	Promote waste reduction and recycling: • Increase the number of public recyclable collection points to 800 in Q1 2025;	Task completed. The number of public recyclable collection points exceeded 800 in Q1 2025.
	• Double the number of food waste smart recycling bins or food waste collection facilities in public housing estates and major private housing estates across Hong Kong to about 1 600 by end-2025; and	Task on track. As at mid-September 2025, the number of food waste smart recycling bins or food waste collection facilities in residential premises across the territory reached about 1 470.
	• Organise at least 400 promotional activities on waste reduction and recycling for schools within 2025. (EEB)	Task completed. The EPD organised over 500 publicity and promotional activities on waste reduction and recycling for schools in the first half of 2025.

## (II) On-going and Valid Indicators for Specified Tasks Introduced in the 2023 Policy Address

No.	Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
1	Have a target attendance of no less than 100 000 in 2025 for the National Security Exhibition Gallery, and provide community courses on national security for no less than 2 600 trainees in 2025. Based on the sharing of the message on safeguarding national security with 30 persons by every trainee, the number of beneficiaries will be no fewer than 78 000. (Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, SB)	Task completed. Since its opening to the public in August 2024, the National Security Exhibition Gallery has attracted over one million visitors; and more than 3 300 national security tutors at the district level have completed training to promote the message on safeguarding national security in the community.
2	Continue to step up the promotion of the Constitution, the Basic Law and patriotism by organising no less than 730 promotional activities with no less than 940 000 participants and no less than 26 million views via online publicity in 2025. (CSO, CMAB, relevant bureaux)	Task on track. It is expected that the indicators will be achieved. The Government has organised around 530 promotional activities from January to mid-September 2025 with over 670 000 participants and around 18.6 million views via online publicity.
3	Continue to promote patriotic education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise no less than 50 activities to promote Chinese culture and history annually; and</li> <li>• Organise a major thematic exhibition to showcase the development and achievements of our country annually.</li> </ul> A total attendance of no less than 700 000 per year is expected for the above initiatives. (CSTB)	Task completed. As at 17 September 2025, the LCSD has launched over 50 activities to promote Chinese culture and history, including an exhibition under the National Development and Achievements Series held at the Hong Kong Science Museum, attracting an attendance of over 700 000.
4	Conduct textbook reviews, provide 4 000 training places for teachers, and continue to provide learning and teaching resources in the 2024/25 school year, as well as introduce the subject of humanities at primary level in the 2025/26 school year. (EDB)	Task completed. The EDB completed the review of Primary Humanities textbooks for P1 and P4, provided over 9 900 training places, and continued to provide learning and teaching resources in the 2024/25 school year. The Subject of Primary Humanities has been implemented starting from the 2025/26 school year.

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5	The Chief Secretary for Administration to have either meetings or telephone meetings with the House Committee (HC) Chairman and Deputy Chairman after each HC meeting to foster close liaison and collaboration. (Admin Wing of CSO)	Task on track. The relevant target was met in the 2024 legislative session. Since the commencement of the 2025 legislative session, the Chief Secretary for Administration has had either meetings or telephone meetings with the HC Chairman and Deputy Chairman after each HC meeting.
6	Starting from 2024, the automated car parks constructed by the AAHK on the Hong Kong Port Island of the HZMB will be completed by phases for use by transit passengers or inbound visitors from Guangdong and Macao. Together with the operation of newly completed government car parks and short-term tenancy car parks by 2026, a total of no less than 3 000 automated parking spaces will be provided. The Government strives to deliver no less than 2 500 automated parking spaces by 2025, including the first automated public car park constructed by the Government in the Joint-user Government Office Building in Tseung Kwan O. (TLB)	Task in progress. The construction of the Government's and the AAHK's automated car parks is being completed progressively. It is expected that no less than 3 000 automated parking spaces will be provided by end-2026 as scheduled.
7	Launch 110 new digital government and smart city initiatives from 2024 to 2025, with about 20 of them to be launched by end-2024, including the use of blockchain technology for issuing electronic certificates for designated civil service examinations and electronic licensing by the Fire Services Department, as well as the use of AI for handling public enquiries. (ITIB)	Task on track. More than 70 digital government and smart city initiatives have been launched as at mid-September 2025, and the remaining ones are expected to be rolled out progressively by end-2025.
8	Increase the annual usage of open data from 22 billion in 2021 to 58 billion in 2025. (ITIB)	Target completed in advance. The annual usage of open data exceeded 60 billion in 2024, meeting the target ahead of schedule.



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9	Achieve the adoption of “iAM Smart” by all government departments to provide members of the public with convenient and one-stop electronic services by 2025. (ITIB)	Task on track. Multiple enhancements for “iAM Smart” have been launched and other new features will be gradually released by end-2025, so as to provide members of the public with convenient and one-stop electronic services.
10	Organise about 20 professional anti-corruption training programmes for anti-corruption and related organisations worldwide and about 10 training programmes for local public and private sectors within 2025, benefitting around 2 000 members of these parties. (ICAC)	Task on track. As at end-August 2025, the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption organised 15 international and eight local training programmes for over 2 000 graft fighters. A number of these programmes were organised in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. It is expected that the relevant indicators for the task will be achieved as scheduled.
11	The Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises (OASES) will reach out to no less than 350 strategic enterprises within 2025 to negotiate for establishing their foothold or expanding their operations in Hong Kong. (FSO)	Target completed in advance. As at early August 2025, the OASES reached out to more than 400 strategic enterprises, encouraging them to establish a foothold or expand their operations in Hong Kong. Apart from keeping up its efforts to attract quality strategic enterprises from around the globe to Hong Kong, the OASES will continue to follow up on the development and needs of enterprises that have set up their business in Hong Kong, with a view to facilitating the smooth implementation of their investment plans and encouraging them to progressively increase their investments in Hong Kong.
12	Increase inward investment by attracting at least 1 130 companies to set up or expand their operations in Hong Kong from 2023 to 2025, an increase of 16% over the annual average number in 2020 and 2021, thereby bringing in direct investment of at least \$77 billion and creating at least 15 250 job opportunities. (CEDB)	Target completed in advance. During the period from 2023 to August 2025, the InvestHK attracted a total of 1 365 Mainland and overseas companies to set up or expand their operations in Hong Kong, bringing in direct investment of around \$175.4 billion and creating around 19 900 job opportunities.
13	Facilitate no less than 200 family offices to set up operations or expand their business in Hong Kong from 2022 to 2025. (FSTB)	Target completed in advance. The InvestHK’s dedicated FamilyOfficeHK team assisted 201 family offices in setting up operations or expanding their business in Hong Kong from 2022 to end-August 2025.

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14	Make preparation for the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster focusing on advanced manufacturing, materials, energy and sustainable development in the Hong Kong Science Park, and invite submissions from interested universities and research institutes in early 2025, providing support to no fewer than 50 research projects in the first phase. (ITIB)	Task on track. The Government is accelerating the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster which will focus on sustainable development, energy, as well as advanced manufacturing and materials, and is now vetting the proposals submitted by universities and research institutes. This new research cluster will support no fewer than 50 research projects in the first phase.
15	Promote 5G development by end-2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalise the specific arrangements of the Subsidy Scheme to Extend 5G Coverage in Rural and Remote Areas, taking into consideration the views collected from industry consultation conducted earlier; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The specific arrangements of the Scheme were finalised before end-2024 after industry consultation conducted in July-August 2024. The relevant District Councils and Rural Committees were consulted in end-2024 to early 2025, and the LegCo Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting was consulted in February 2025. The Subsidy Scheme to Extend 5G Coverage in Rural and Remote Areas was launched in July 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-ordinate with relevant organisations to enhance the 5G network capacity at major public event venues, such as the Central Harbourfront Event Space, the Hong Kong Coliseum and the KTSP. (CEDB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. Radio base stations have been installed and activated in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, the Asia World-Expo, the City Hall, the vicinity of the Victoria Park, the Hong Kong Coliseum and the KTSP to enhance 5G network coverage and capacity.
16	Nurture start-ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase under the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund the cumulative private investment attracted for local I&amp;T start-ups from \$1.7 billion in 2022 to no less than \$4 billion in 2027; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The cumulative private investment attracted under the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund for local I&T start-ups has amounted to about \$3.8 billion.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the cumulative number of very early stage start-ups to be subsidised under the Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities from 330 in 2022 to 600 in 2027. (ITIB)</li> </ul>	Target completed in advance. As of mid-September 2025, the cumulative number of start-ups subsidised under the Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities has reached 624, achieving the 2027 cumulative target ahead of schedule.

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17	Increase the cumulative number of applications approved for subsidising the recruitment of R&D talents under the Research Talent Hub Scheme from around 10 500 in 2022 to 18 500 in 2027. (ITIB)	Task on track. As at end-August 2025, the ITC approved a cumulative number of about 15 300 applications for subsidising the recruitment of R&D talents under the Research Talent Hub Scheme.
18	Expand under the STEM Internship Scheme the number of student interns from 3 000 in 2022 to 5 000 in 2027. (ITIB)	Task on track. Over 4 000 internship opportunities were offered under the STEM Internship Scheme in 2024-25.
19	Promote new industrialisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase under the New Industrialisation Funding Scheme the cumulative number of funded smart production lines in Hong Kong from about 30 in 2022 to no fewer than 130 in 2027, with the corresponding cumulative skilled employment opportunities increasing from about 260 to no fewer than 1 050, and the cumulative matching private investment rising from about \$340 million to no less than \$1.3 billion during the same period;</li> </ul>	Task on track. As of mid-September 2025, applications supported by the Vetting Committee of the New Industrialisation Funding Scheme involved over 100 production lines. Among the projects for which funding agreements have been signed, the number of corresponding cumulative skilled employment opportunities increased to about 400, and the cumulative matching private investment for the same period rose to about \$816 million.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Double the supply of floor area for advanced manufacturing in the InnoParks from no less than 100 000 square metres in 2022 to no less than 200 000 square metres in 2027; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. In addition to the newly-built Microelectronics Centre at the Yuen Long InnoPark, the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation is refurbishing some of the re-entered buildings for use as advanced manufacturing space so as to increase the supply of floor area for advanced manufacturing in the InnoParks to about 200 000 square metres.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attract 50 to 100 enterprises to set up new smart production facilities in Hong Kong with a corresponding direct investment of no less than \$20 billion from these enterprises under the New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme starting from 2024-25 over a period of five to eight years. (ITIB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. As of mid-September 2025, applications from three enterprises were supported by the Vetting Committee of the New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme, involving a corresponding direct investment of about \$1.2 billion by the enterprises concerned.

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20	<p>Promote the development of the arts and culture and creative industries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CCIDA to promote 60 industry mission trips, overseas exhibitions and showcases each year from 2024 onwards, so as to open up more business opportunities for Hong Kong's arts and cultural and creative industries by assisting them to conduct business negotiations and organise exhibitions and showcases in the Mainland and overseas markets;</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. Between 1 April and 17 September 2025, the CCIDA pursued about 40 industry mission trips, overseas exhibitions and showcases, thereby assisting Hong Kong's cultural and creative industries to conduct business negotiations, and participate in exhibitions and showcases in the Mainland and overseas markets.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsidise around 50 projects under the CreateSmart Initiative per year from 2024 onwards;</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. Over 30 projects were approved under the CreateSmart Initiative between 1 April and 17 September 2025.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll out the Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme by end-2024 with a view to approving four co-productions in Q1 2025, which include at least one production from Europe; and</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. For more cost-effective use of resources of the Film Development Fund, only two projects that best met the objectives of the Scheme were approved. Remaining funds will continue to be utilised to support exchange programmes on film productions.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise the Hong Kong Fashion Design Week each year from 2024 onwards to attract at least 40 000 participants and 500 000 online views. (CSTB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The inaugural Hong Kong Fashion Fest was held in end-2024, attracting around 160 000 participants and over 4.6 million online views. The second edition of the Hong Kong Fashion Fest is scheduled to be held at various locations in Hong Kong between end-November and early December 2025.</p>



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21	<p>Continue to implement the 10-year development blueprint for arts and cultural facilities for the improvement and development of culture facilities with the following proposals:</p> <p>Phase 1 (2022-2027)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total number of seats in performance venues is expected to increase from 30 000 to 34 000 (increase by 13%); and</li> <li>• The average annual attendance of performance venues is expected to increase from about 3 million to about 3.4 million (increase by 13%).</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The East Kowloon Cultural Centre is expected to be in full operation by end-2025.</p> <p>The main construction works of the New Territories East Cultural Centre are underway, targeted for completion in 2028.</p>
	<p>Phase 2 (2027-2032)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of museums (including those under planning) is expected to increase from 15 to no less than 20 (increase by more than 33%);</li> <li>• The average annual museum attendance is expected to increase from 5 million to 9 million (increase by 80%);</li> <li>• The total number of seats in performance venues (including those under planning) is expected to increase from 30 000 to about 50 000 (increase by 67%); and</li> <li>• The average annual attendance of performance venues is expected to increase from about 3 million to about 5 million (increase by 67%). (CSTB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task in progress. The Government continues to review the urgency and priority of these projects under planning and will appropriately update project timelines to utilise public resources more effectively.</p>
22	<p>The InvestHK and the HKTDC to further set up consultant offices along the Belt and Road (B&amp;R) within 2024-25. (CEDB)</p>	<p>Task completed. The InvestHK's two new consultant offices in Cairo, Egypt and Izmir, Türkiye commenced operation in July 2024 and January 2025 respectively as planned. The HKTDC also established a consultant office in Cambodia in early 2025.</p>

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23	Seek early accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) by holding or participating in 70 related events to liaise with RCEP members and stakeholders within 2025. (CEDB)	Task on track. The Trade and Industry Department and the overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices will continue to proactively liaise with RCEP members and stakeholders so as to rally support from all parties and sectors for Hong Kong's early accession to the RCEP. It is expected that the relevant target will be met by end-2025.
24	Continue to promote Hong Kong as the functional platform for the B&R Initiative in 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 7 500 persons in total;</li> <li>• Reach out to no less than 560 professional and business associations, chambers and community groups; and</li> <li>• Organise business missions to five B&amp;R countries with about 120 participants in total. (CEDB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The CEDB has organised and initiated preparation for a number of relevant promotional programmes and networking sessions. Efforts have been made to reach out to various professional and business associations, chambers and community groups. Business missions have also been organised.
25	Continue to promote the opportunities in the GBA within 2025 by organising and participating in promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 10 000 persons, reaching out to no less than 1 200 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms. (CMAB)	Task on track. It is expected that the indicators will be achieved. From January to mid-September 2025, promotional programmes and networking sessions to promote the opportunities in the GBA were attended by a total of around 9 300 persons, and around 910 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms have been reached out to.
26	Continue to promote Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities in the Mainland by the Mainland Offices in 2025 by organising no less than 3 300 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attending no less than 280 speaking occasions, conducting no less than 340 media interviews or briefings, and participating in no less than 850 business and trade meetings. (CMAB)	Task on track. It is expected that the indicators will be achieved. From January to mid-September 2025, the Mainland Offices organised around 2 430 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attended around 220 speaking occasions, conducted around 250 media interviews or briefings, and participated in around 640 business and trade meetings.

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27	<p>Foster the development of the patent system in Hong Kong:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to discuss with the patent agent sector and stakeholders in 2025 to plan for the establishment of regulatory arrangements for local patent agent services; and</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The Intellectual Property Department (IPD) will continue to conduct more extensive consultation on the establishment of regulatory arrangements for local patent agent services, with a view to deciding on the way forward.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to work towards the goal of acquiring institutional autonomy in conducting substantive patent examination in 2030. (CEDB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task in progress. The IPD will, having regard to the additional resources acquired, continue to enhance the substantive examination capability of patent examiners under the original grant patent system, with the target of acquiring institutional autonomy in conducting substantive patent examination in 2030.</p>
28	<p>Continue to forge ahead with the preparatory work for implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong in 2025. (CEDB)</p>	<p>Task on track. The CEDB and the IPD will continue to forge ahead with the preparatory work for implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong.</p>
29	<p>Promote IP public education, capacity building and professional services within the five years from 2022 to 2027 through the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the awareness of respecting and protecting IP rights among 200 000 students;</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The IPD has already reached out to over 170 000 students to promote the awareness of respecting and protecting IP rights, and encourage them to actively explore and innovate.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide IP training to 5 000 personnel across different industries; and</li> </ul>	<p>Target completed in advance. The IPD provided IP training for over 5 200 personnel across different industries within the first three years of the current term of the Government, achieving the relevant target as set out in the 2022 Policy Address ahead of schedule.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attract about 10 000 local, Mainland and overseas participants to attend the annual Business of IP Asia Forum. (CEDB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The 2024 Business of IP Asia Forum attracted the attendance of more than 3 200 local, Mainland and overseas participants. The 2025 Business of IP Asia Forum will be held on 4 to 5 December 2025.</p>

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30	Expand the Flight Token service to cover 80% of the departing passengers at the HKIA within 2026 to enable them to use facial recognition for passage through various checkpoints at the airport. (TLB)	Task on track. The Flight Token service covered around 75% of departing passengers at the airport in the 2024–25 fiscal year. The AAHK will continue to expand the service and expects to meet the project target as scheduled.
31	Promote the development of legal and dispute resolution services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strive for the implementation of the extension of the measures of “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law” to the trial cities in the GBA and “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose for arbitration to be seated in Hong Kong” to the nine GBA cities in the Mainland within 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The two measures were added to the amended Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement Agreement on Trade in Services as facilitation measures for Hong Kong investors. On 14 February 2025, the Supreme People’s Court promulgated a set of judicial interpretation and, together with the Ministry of Justice, issued a document detailing the implementation arrangements.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the review of the regulatory system on the accreditation and disciplinary matters of the mediation profession in Hong Kong by end-2024 to strengthen mediation professionalism; and propose measures to strengthen the regulatory system and commence related work within 2025. (DoJ)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The DoJ completed the review of the regulatory system on the accreditation and disciplinary matters of the mediation profession in Hong Kong in end-2024, and will finalise the measures for strengthening the regulatory system and commence related work by end-2025 after consulting the industry.
32	Continue to promote green transport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide about an additional 7 000 parking spaces with electric vehicle chargers in government premises by end-2025 (an increase in such parking spaces from 30% to 100% in government premises just completed or soon to be completed);</li> </ul>	Task on track. All parking spaces for private cars, motorcycles and light goods vehicles in newly-built government buildings will be equipped with medium chargers for electric vehicles. Chargers will also be installed in government buildings under construction or planning. It is expected that 7 000 additional parking spaces with chargers will be provided by end-2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct trials for at least 180 electric commercial vehicles (e-CVs), with a view to mapping out the way forward in around 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. Currently, trials of about 170 e-CVs have commenced/been completed, trials of about 20 e-CVs are being prepared. The target of conducting trials for at least 180 e-CVs is expected to be met by end-2025.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of public and private parking spaces with charging infrastructure in Hong Kong to about 200 000 by mid-2027. (EEB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at end-June 2025, about 118 100 parking spaces across the city were equipped with charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. The target of increasing the number of parking spaces with charging infrastructure to about 200 000 is expected to be met by mid-2027.
33	Increase the local mariculture production by 100% as compared to 2022 within 2027. (EEB)	Task on track. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has designated four new fish culture zones and is progressively issuing marine fish culture licences based on applications received. Starting from 2025, the Government will gradually rent out deep-sea cages in new fish culture zones for use by fishermen.
34	<p>Increase public housing supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase public housing (including traditional PRH, Light Public Housing (LPH), GSH and HOS flats) production in the five-year period from 2025-26 to 2029-30 to about 189 000 units, which is around 10% more than about 172 000 units in the previous five-year period from 2024-25 to 2028-29;</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at September 2025, more than 90% of the traditional public housing planned for completion during the period from 2025-26 to 2029-30 were completed or under construction.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first batch of about 2 100 LPH units will be completed in 2024-25, and a total of about 30 000 LPH units will be completed by 2027-28; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HB continues to take forward the LPH. Around 9 500 units will be completed for intake in 2025. About 20 300 units will be completed progressively in 2026, gradually moving towards the target of completing the construction of about 30 000 LPH units by 2027-28.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rationalise PRH resources by vetting no less than 450 000 Income and Assets Declaration Forms under the Well-off Tenants Policies within a two-year cycle, and no less than 800 000 Declaration Forms on Occupancy Status and Particulars of Domestic Property Ownership in Hong Kong/Declaration Forms on Occupancy Status (starting from the declaration cycle in October 2023); and conduct in-depth investigation of no less than 10 000 households involving cases related to income and asset declaration and occupancy position per year. (HB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The two-year cycle for 2024-26 commenced in April 2024. The targets in respect of vetting Income and Assets Declaration Forms and Declaration Forms on Occupancy Status and Particulars of Domestic Property Ownership in Hong Kong, as well as conducting in-depth investigation of cases for the first year (2024-25) have been met. Vetting and investigation for the second year (2025-26) are on track towards the targets.
35	Shorten the waiting time for PRH: reduce the Composite Waiting Time for Subsidised Rental Housing (CWT) to about 4.5 years in 2026-27, on the basis that the number of new PRH applications and the number of recovered PRH units available for allocation will remain at the current level. (HB)	Task on track. As at end-June 2025, the CWT for PRH general applicants was 5.1 years, the lowest in more than seven years. The target of reducing CWT to about 4.5 years in 2026-27 remains unchanged.
36	<p>Speed up housing construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to identify more suitable projects for adoption of the MiC approach, including MiC 2.0 currently under development, to meet the target of having no less than half of the projects scheduled for completion from 2028-29 to 2032-33 to adopt the MiC approach; and adopt the Design for Manufacture and Assembly approach for the remaining projects; and</li> </ul>	<p>Task completed. Among the public housing projects scheduled for completion between 2028-29 and 2032-33, the HKHA has confirmed that over half will adopt the MiC approach.</p> <p>In addition, since 2025-26, the HKHA has adopted the MiC 2.0 approach during the planning and design phases for all newly planned MiC projects, and has also required the use of the Design for Manufacture and Assembly approach for the remaining projects.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt the “Design and Build” procurement model in at least half of the total number of public housing flats scheduled for completion from 2028-29 to 2032-33. (HB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. Among the total public housing scheduled for completion from 2028-29 to 2032-33, at least half of the flats have been identified by the HKHA to adopt the “Design and Build” procurement model.
37	Improve PRH amenities and management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proceed with the phased study and implementation of various improvement measures in five PRH estates under a pilot scheme by 2027 in accordance with the completed “Well-Being” design guidelines; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HKHA has selected five PRH estates as pilot projects to apply the design concepts of the “Well-being” design guidelines in suitable spaces within the estates. Improvement works have commenced progressively and are expected to be completed by 2027.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select about 10 PRH estates for facade beautification and/or minor estate improvement works, and about 20 PRH estates for landscape improvement per year. (HB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. Starting from 2023, the HKHA selects 10 PRH estates for facade beautification and/or minor estate improvement works, and 20 PRH estates for landscape improvement projects per year, with an aim of enhancing residents’ sense of well-being.
38	Arrange PRH applicants to move in earlier-than-scheduled by advancing the completion of around 10 000 PRH units by phases from 2024-25 to 2027-28, ultimately reaching a total of about 14 000 PRH units from 2023-24 to 2032-33. (HB)	Task on track. To date, the HKHA has completed the construction of 2 147 PRH units ahead of schedule. Additionally, about 10 000 units are currently under construction and are expected for advance completion in phases by 2027-28. The ultimate target is to complete construction of a total of around 14 000 PRH units ahead of schedule by 2032-33.
39	Release the development potential of existing land: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put forward the development proposal and model for the ex-Lamma Quarry site by end-2024, and invite expression of interest from the market in Q1 2025;</li> </ul>	Task completed. Development proposals have been put forward, with expressions of interest received from the market. The target is to launch public tender in the second half of 2026 after completion of the statutory planning procedures in respect of the ex-Lamma Quarry site.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put forward preliminary restructuring proposals for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po by phases starting from Q4 2024 for further discussion and enhancement, and upon completion of technical assessments, submit renewal master plans in the second half of 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The URA will submit to the Government the renewal master plans for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po in the second half of 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press ahead with the development of an eco-recreation corridor in South Lantau by inviting the market to submit expression of interest in Q1 2025. (DEVB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The invitation of expression of interest was made on 2 April 2025 and concluded on 2 July 2025. The Government is analysing the submissions to refine and enhance the project proposal.
40	Promote the development of the construction industry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide funding for some 400 enterprises under the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund within 2025 to facilitate their adoption of various innovative technologies in construction projects, with a view to further enhancing productivity and built quality; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. As at end-July 2025, the Fund has already subsidised around 440 enterprises to adopt various innovative technologies in construction projects.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Construction Industry Council to utilise government funding and its own resources to increase the training quota for skilled construction workers from 10 000 places in the 2022/23 academic year to at least about 12 000 places in each of the academic years from 2023/24 to 2027/28. (DEVB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Construction Industry Council has provided over 12 000 training places for skilled construction workers in the 2025/26 academic year.



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41	<p>Ensure timely land supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the latest forecast, deliver about 3 000 hectares of newly formed land in the coming 10 years (2025-26 to 2034-35), including about 1 700 hectares from the Northern Metropolis and about 300 hectares from the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands; and</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The DEVB duly delivered about 180 hectares of spade-ready sites in 2024-25 through various land creation projects, and is expected to achieve the target of delivering around 150 hectares of spade-ready sites in 2025-26. The spade-ready sites in these two years are primarily in the Tung Chung New Town Extension and the Northern Metropolis. The DEVB has updated the next 10-year supply forecast to be published shortly.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make land available for the production of around 80 000 private housing units for disposal in the market through land sale or railway property developments in the next five years (2025-26 to 2029-30). (DEVB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. Land production for 80 000 private housing units in the next five years is in progress.</p>
42	<p>Increase land supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct feasibility studies for rezoning 255 hectares of “Green Belt” (GB) sites identified for housing development in the latest round of GB review, with a view to initiating the rezoning for the second batch of land in 2025-26, following completion of the rezoning of the first batch in 2024;</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. Rezoning of the first batch of land was completed in September 2024. Rezoning of the second batch of land will commence in 2025-26 as scheduled.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resume around 1 000 hectares of private land for government projects in five years from 2024-25 to 2028-29 (with the total area being around seven times of the 140 hectares of land resumed in the past five years), and further resume about 300 hectares of land in the ensuing three years; and</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. About 370 hectares of land were resumed from 2024-25 to mid-September 2025, and resumption of the remaining land will continue according to the progress of development projects.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence works in Tseung Kwan O Area 137 within 2025, with first resident intake in 2030. (DEVB)</li> </ul>	<p>Task on track. The DEVB is conducting town planning and other statutory procedures for the project, and the advance preparatory works is expected to commence by end-2025.</p>

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43	Propose amendments to the Buildings Ordinance by end-2024 and introduce an amendment bill into the LegCo in the first half of 2026 after public consultation. (DEVB)	Task on track. The Government has completed a two-month public consultation and is drafting the amendment bill. The target is to introduce the amendment bill into the LegCo in the first half of 2026.
44	Take forward the pilot schemes related to smart mobility progressively based on the initial recommendations under the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study, and promulgate the Transport Strategy Blueprint in 2025 for maintaining a reliable, safe, smart, environmentally friendly and highly efficient overall transport system for Hong Kong. (TLB)	Task on track. Multiple autonomous vehicle projects are underway, including trials on North Lantau that have expanded from the Airport Island to Tung Chung, with testing also being conducted at Cyberport in the Southern District. Moreover, the Smart Motorway Pilot Scheme at Ting Kau Bridge commenced in end-December 2024. The Transport Strategy Blueprint will be promulgated by end-2025 as scheduled.
45	Strengthen support for assisted reproductive services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within five years starting from 2024-25, the HA will gradually increase the annual service quota for in-vitro fertilisation treatment from 1 100 to 1 800 treatment cycles; and (HHB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HA has added 100 assisted reproductive service quotas for in-vitro fertilisation treatment in 2024-25 and will put in place 300 additional quotas in 2025-26.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting from the year of assessment 2024/25, the Government will provide a tax deduction for expenses on assisted reproductive services under salaries tax and personal assessment, subject to a deduction ceiling of \$100,000 per year. (HHB, FSTB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Deductions for Assisted Reproductive Service Expenses) Ordinance 2025 was passed by the LegCo after the third reading on 19 February 2025 and took effect upon gazettal on 28 February 2025. Taxpayers can now claim tax deductions for relevant expenses paid in the year of assessment 2024/25 and onwards.
46	Strengthen child care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the number of beneficiaries under the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme of the After School Care Programme for low income families to 4 600 by the end of the 2026/27 school year, an increase of no less than 60% over the 2021/22 school year;</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at end-June 2025, the number of beneficiaries under the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme of the After School Care Programme was increased to 3 946, an increase of around 38% over the 2021/22 school year.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of service places under the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children from 672 to 1 176 by end-2027; and</li> </ul>	Task completed in advance. The service was extended to cover all districts in Hong Kong ahead of schedule in September 2025, increasing the total number of service places to 1 176.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further increase the number of Aided Standalone Child Care Centre service places for parents who cannot take care of their young children temporarily to about 2 000 by end-2027, an increase of 94% over 2022-23. (LWB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at September 2025, the number of Aided Standalone Child Care Centre service places was increased to 1 476, an increase of around 43% over 2022-23.
47	<p>Improve elderly services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide around 15 000 learning places under the Elder Academy Scheme in 2024-25 to encourage more elderly persons to engage in lifelong learning and integrate into the community;</li> </ul>	Task completed. Around 15 000 learning places were provided under the Elder Academy Scheme in 2024-25.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 6 200 additional subsidised residential care service places for the elderly by end-2027; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The number of additional subsidised residential care service places for the elderly will progressively be increased to 6 200 by end-2027.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 900 additional subsidised day care service places for the elderly by end-2027. (LWB)</li> </ul>	Task completed in advance. The number of additional subsidised day care service places for the elderly has exceeded 900 ahead of schedule.
48	<p>Improve rehabilitation services and enhance the support for persons with disabilities :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of rehabilitation (including day care, residential care and respite care) service places from about 37 300 in 2023-24 to about 39 900 by 2028-29;</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at end-June 2025, the number of day rehabilitation, residential care and respite care service places for persons with disabilities has been increased to about 37 700. The total number of service places is expected to reach approximately 38 600 in 2026-27, and increase to about 39 900 by 2028-29.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gradually increase around 500 service places of the Extended Care Programme in Day Activity Centres and about 800 places of the Work Extension Programme within three years from 2024-25; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at end-July 2025, there was an increase of 510 service places of the Extended Care Programme in Day Activity Centres and around 580 places of the Work Extension Programme.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up four additional Parents/Relatives Resource Centres by Q3 2025. (LWB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. Four additional Parents/Relatives Resource Centres for Carers of Persons in Mental Recovery were set up in June 2025, strengthening the support to persons in mental recovery and their carers.
49	<p>Continue to take forward the strategy of targeted poverty alleviation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll out the third round of the Strive and Rise Programme by end-2024, enabling no less than 70% of mentees who have completed the one-year programme to achieve improvement in terms of personal development and positive thinking; (LWB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Government has rolled out the third cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme. Evaluation of the programme is underway and will be completed in 2025-26.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch three additional projects under the Pilot Programme on Community Living Room (CLR) within 2025, with the target of enabling no less than 70% of service users to experience an enhancement in their living space, sense of belonging to the community and interpersonal networks, and complete the evaluation within 2025-26; and (LWB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The Government launched five new CLRs in 2025, exceeding the original target of three CLRs. Evaluation of the scheme will be completed in 2025-26.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch the School-based After School Care Service Scheme in no less than 110 primary schools in the 2024/25 school year, with the target of having no less than 70% of student beneficiaries who have completed the scheme to indicate that they have received more appropriate care and learning support, and no less than 70% of parent/guardian beneficiaries to indicate that the scheme helps reduce their child care pressure and allows them to consider seeking/ taking up jobs, and complete the comprehensive evaluation in the 2025/26 school year. (LWB, EDB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. More than 120 primary schools participated in the School-based After School Care Service Scheme in the 2024/25 school year. Evaluation of the scheme will be completed in 2025-26.
50	Strengthen occupational safety and health: Reduce the five-year average industrial accident rate per 1 000 construction workers by at least 10% from 29.8 in 2021 to 26.8 in 2026. (LWB)	Task on track. There has been continuous improvement in the occupational safety and health performance of the construction industry, with the five-year average industrial accident rate per 1 000 construction workers standing at 27.4 in 2024, lower than 28.2 in 2023.
51	Enhance oral health of the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch the Primary Dental Co-Care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents within 2025 to motivate them to maintain a habit of having regular dental check-ups upon leaving the School Dental Care Service; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. Relevant services have been launched since March 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch the Community Dental Support Programme to enhance the General Public Session dental service for vulnerable groups within 2025 covering all 18 districts through collaboration with NGOs providing healthcare services. (HHB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. Relevant services have been launched since May 2025.
52	Publish the Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint within 2025. (HHB)	Task on track. The Government is formulating the Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint in collaboration with the Chinese Medicine sector. The blueprint will be released by end-2025.

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53	Continue to improve public hospital specialist out-patient clinic (SOPC) services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the 90th percentile waiting time of stable new case bookings for the specialties of Ear, Nose and Throat as well as Orthopaedics and Traumatology at the HA's SOPCs by 10% in 2024-25;</li> </ul>	Task completed. The waiting time of stable new case bookings for the specialties of Ear, Nose and Throat and Orthopaedics as well as Traumatology at the HA's SOPCs was reduced by more than 10% in 2024-25.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up Hong Kong's first chest pain centre in Queen Mary Hospital in accordance with national accreditation standards and a "Green Channel" for chest pain patients within 2025; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Chest Pain Centre of Queen Mary Hospital commenced operation in November 2024 and obtained national accreditation in May 2025, becoming the first accredited national chest pain centre in Hong Kong.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a breastmilk bank and a mechanism for breastmilk donation within 2025. (HHB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Hong Kong Breast Milk Bank commenced service on 6 January 2025 and a mechanism for breastmilk donation has been established. As of mid-July 2025, more than 1 200 litres of breastmilk were collected, benefitting about 200 infants with clinical needs.
54	Implement the next-phase tobacco control initiatives with a view to reducing smoking prevalence from the existing 9.1% to 7.8% within 2025. (HHB)	Task in progress. The LegCo passed the Tobacco Control Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2025 on 11 September 2025, with a view to implementing the new phase of tobacco control initiatives to further reduce smoking prevalence and minimise the impact of second-hand smoke on the public.
55	Continue to take forward the 10-year Development Blueprint on Sports and Recreation Facilities with the following targets: Phase 1 (2022-2027) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 projects with implementation launched; and</li> <li>• 15 projects with technical feasibility study launched.</li> </ul>	Task in progress. The Government continues to review the urgency and priority of these projects under planning and will appropriately update project timelines to utilise public resources more effectively.
	Phase 2 (2027-2032) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 projects (with technical feasibility established under Phase 1) with implementation launched. (CSTB)</li> </ul>	

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56	Continue to enhance energy efficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult the LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs by end-2024 on the proposal of amending the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance, including extending the scope of regulation to more types of buildings, mandating the disclosure of information in energy audit reports, and shortening the interval of energy audit; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. The Buildings Energy Efficiency (Amendment) Bill 2025 was passed by the LegCo in June 2025, and will be fully implemented in September 2026 to strengthen the buildings energy efficiency management regime of Hong Kong.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the overall energy performance of government buildings and infrastructure by no less than 6% in 2024-25, using 2018-19 as the baseline year. (EEB)</li> </ul>	Task completed in advance. As at 2023-24, the overall energy performance of government buildings and facilities improved by 6.4% (compared to the baseline year of 2018-19), achieving the target one year ahead of schedule.
57	Extend the total length of the promenade on both sides of the Victoria Harbour by no less than 30% from 25 kilometres as at 2022 to 34 kilometres by end-2028; and stage no less than 30 events/activities at harbourfront sites every year. (DEVB)	<p>Task on track. The total length of the promenade on both sides of the Victoria Harbour will be extended to around 31 kilometres by end-2025, and is expected to be further extended to 34 kilometres by 2028.</p> <p>In addition, between January and end-August 2025, over 30 events/activities organised by various government departments, NGOs and private parties were staged at harbourfront sites on both sides of the Victoria Harbour.</p>
58	Progressively commence works for improving some sections and providing missing links of a 60-kilometre long Round-the-Island Trail from 2023 onwards, with a view to connecting 90% of the trail by end-2027 and substantially completing the remaining larger scale works by end-2031. (DEVB)	Task on track. Continue to carry out works for the Round-the-Island Trail, with 90% of the trail expected to be connected by end-2027 and the remaining larger scale works targeted for substantial completion by end-2031.

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59	Starting from the 2024/25 academic year, provide training allowance for no less than 7 000 registered apprentices and subsidise graduated apprentices in undertaking upskilling courses of relevant trades, each for a period of three years. (LWB)	Task on track. From the launch of the initiative in April 2024 till end-August 2025, 4 800 registered apprentices were granted additional training allowances, achieving about 70% of the three-year target.
60	<p>Continue to enhance post-secondary education by encouraging UGC-funded universities to increase relevance of their programmes to future economic development such that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students in UGC-funded universities studying in STEAM disciplines will reach around 35% by the 2026/27 academic year; and</li> <li>Students in UGC-funded universities studying in disciplines relevant to “the eight centres” will reach around 60% by the 2026/27 academic year. (EDB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The UGC-funded universities will continue to meet the targets set for programmes related to STEAM and “the eight centres”, and offer new interdisciplinary programmes fusing technology and other areas in the 2025-2028 triennium to embrace the era of AI.
61	<p>Continue to step up promotion of STEAM education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete all tryout lessons under the pilot scheme on mathematical modelling at primary level by the end of the 2024/25 school year; and</li> </ul>	Task completed. All tryout lessons under the pilot scheme on mathematical modelling at primary level were completed in the 2024/25 school year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrange for at least one Mathematics teacher in each publicly-funded secondary school to undergo professional development training on mathematical modelling by the end of the 2025/26 school year. (EDB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at mid-September 2025, about 80% of the publicly-funded secondary schools have arranged for at least one Mathematics teacher to participate in the professional development training on mathematical modelling. It is expected that all the relevant training will be completed by the end of the 2025/26 school year.



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62	Provide opportunities of learning experience outside Hong Kong for around 50% of local undergraduate students of UGC-funded universities within the 2025/26 academic year. (EDB)	<p>Task on track. Starting from the 2023/24 academic year, the UGC has injected an additional funding of \$100 million into the Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience to enable the universities to provide more exchange and learning opportunities outside Hong Kong and promote cultural exchanges on campus so as to create a diversified and inclusive international learning environment. The universities are using the funding to implement over 200 initiatives to support local students' participation in learning experiences outside Hong Kong, and to organise activities for promoting a diversified campus culture.</p> <p>The additional funding can benefit more students of the UGC-funded universities, and is in line with the target set out in the 2022 Policy Address for about 50% of local undergraduates of the UGC-funded universities to have learning experience outside Hong Kong by the 2025/26 academic year.</p>
63	Continue to enhance youth participation in public affairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of participating advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) under the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY) from over 60 in 2022 to no less than 125 by end-2024 and no less than 180 by mid-2027; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The MSSY Phase 8 commenced in November 2024. It is expected that the total number of participating ASBs will be no less than 180 by mid-2027.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the total number of posts in ASBs directly offered through the MSSY from around 130 in 2022 to no less than 250 by end-2024 and no less than 360 by mid-2027. (HYAB)</li> </ul>	Task completed. The MSSY Phase 8 commenced in November 2024. The total number of posts in participating ASBs directly offered through the MSSY is more than 500.

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64	Continue to cultivate positive thinking of young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nurture positive thinking of young people through youth-led projects involving cross-sectoral efforts to benefit no less than 30 000 attendances, including about 6 000 attendances in the first round of the relevant initiative in mid-2025;</li> </ul>	Task on track. The first round of the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities was completed in June 2025 with about 14 000 youth attendances. Sponsored projects under the new round have started rolling out related activities in the summer of 2025 for a period of two years.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide systematic and quality adventure training activities to young people for no less than 50 000 attendances, including about 10 000 attendances in the first round of the relevant initiative in mid-2025; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. The first round of the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities was completed in August 2025 with about 15 000 youth attendances. Sponsored projects under the new round have started rolling out related activities in the summer of 2025 for a period of two years.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No less than 70% of responding participants to consider themselves having developed a positive outlook on life after joining either of the above schemes. (HYAB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. The HYAB is collecting and reviewing the feedback from the first round participants.
65	Continue to promote the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No less than 100 funded youth start-up teams in aggregate to have settled in Mainland cities of the GBA by 2026; and</li> </ul>	Task on track. As at August 2025, 71 funded youth start-up teams settled in Mainland cities of the GBA. The HYAB will continue to support more youth start-up teams in establishing a foothold in Mainland cities of the GBA under the new round of the funding scheme launched in 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No less than 80% of the participants surveyed to consider their understanding of business start-up to increase after joining the scheme. (HYAB)</li> </ul>	Task on track. Over 90% of responding participants in the first round of the funding scheme considered the scheme useful in enhancing their understanding of business start-up.

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66	Expand the Youth Hostel Scheme to hotels and guesthouses with a view to providing around 3 000 additional places between 2022 and 2027. (HYAB)	Task on track. Six projects approved under the Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels and two purpose-built youth hostels with construction fully funded by the Government provide a total of about 2 000 and 1 700 hostel places respectively.

