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Background

This year marks the opening year of the National 15th Five-Year Plan. Hong Kong has also published its first Five-Year Plan to align with overall national development, ensuring that the city's development will resonate in tandem with national strategies.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) is a key development strategy in our country's reform and opening up in the new era. With the full support of the Central Government, "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles" and "Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles" have been implemented, advancing the two-way flow of people between Guangdong and Hong Kong. The redeveloped Huanggang Port, which is expected to come into operation in the fourth quarter of this year, will implement the co-location arrangement and the novel "collaborative inspection and joint clearance" mode, making cross-boundary travel smoother and more convenient. We will continue to fostering the GBA's synergistic development, strengthening co-operation in technological innovation and promoting "hard connectivity" in infrastructure, fostering "soft connectivity" by deepening the alignment of rules and mechanisms, and achieving "connectivity of hearts" among residents of the three places within the GBA, and expediting the development of major co-operation platforms.

Hong Kong has signed free trade agreements with 14 Belt and Road (B&R) countries, investment agreements with 20 B&R economies and Comprehensive Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreements with 43 B&R tax jurisdictions. We will continue to participate in high-quality co-operation under the B&R Initiative, positioning ourselves as "Hong Kong - the B&R Superhub" and prioritising the "five areas of connectivity" – policy co-ordination, infrastructure connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration and people-to-people bonds as the focus of co-operation. We will promote diverse, comprehensive and pragmatic co-operation and support community organisations in expanding international exchange networks, to achieve extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits.

We will also continue to deepen international exchange and co-operation, sparing no effort in arranging and organising the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Finance Ministers' Meeting to be held in HKSAR this October. At the same time, we will continue to organise high-level events such as the Asian Financial Forum, the Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit, the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit, Hong Kong FinTech Week to establish Hong Kong as a global platform for high-quality financial dialogue, while attracting more international organisations to establish a presence in Hong Kong.

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Integrate into the Overall National Development

- The Steering Group on Integration into National Development, chaired by the Chief Executive, continues to holistically co-ordinate and supervise the various initiatives on integrating into and serving the overall national development from a high-level perspective, with a view to leading the Government and all sectors of the community in proactively aligning with major national strategies such as the National 15th Five-Year Plan, development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and high-quality co-operation under the Belt and Road (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)
- Proactively and continuously 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 new co-operation platforms to fully leverage Hong Kong's distinctive advantages and reinforce its connectivity with both the Mainland and the world. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)

Deepen the Development of the GBA

Support the high-quality development of major co-operation platforms in Qianhai and Nansha

- Support the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone in serving as a platform for early and pilot implementation, and encourage Hong Kong's modern service industry to establish a foothold in Qianhai to tap into Mainland markets. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Deepen Qianhai's role as a liaison point, supporting connection between Hong Kong's legal and other professional services and "go global" enterprises in GBA so as to leverage the strengths of Hong Kong's professional services in assisting enterprises to "go global". (DoJ)
- Further explore with the Qianhai Authority to select suitable pilot projects for the adoption of the smart site management system - "SmartEye" and the Project Integrity Management Framework, both being used in Hong Kong's public works projects, with the aim of introducing Hong Kong's advanced project management model into the GBA. (DEVB)
- Support the Qianhai Authority in implementing Hong Kong's Smart Site Safety System (4S) in selected pilot projects, and discuss with the Qianhai Authority and relevant Mainland authorities the strategic arrangements for promoting a wider use of 4S in due course, including exploring the formulation of an accreditation scheme suitable for the GBA, with Hong Kong's 4S Labelling Scheme as a blueprint. (DEVB)

- Support Nansha in serving as a high-standard gateway for opening up, and through participating in Nansha's infrastructure development, foster mutually beneficial industrial chain co-operation and the two-way flow and exchange of talents and innovative resources. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Press ahead with the Northern Link Project and the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu-Qianhai) to promote the co-ordinated development of rail transit in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, with target commissioning in 2034 and 2035 respectively to fully connect the rail transit networks of Hong Kong and Shenzhen. (TLB)
- Explore further enhancements to the existing registration systems of the Guangdong Province and Nansha, and discuss with relevant departments of Nansha to establish a regular mechanism for sharing information on projects to be open for tendering by Hong Kong enterprises. (DEVB)

Advance the development of Dongguan Logistics Park

- Permanent facilities of Phase 1 of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) Dongguan Logistics Park will be officially put into operation in June 2027, with its cargo handling capacity gradually reaching 1 million tonnes a year. (TLB)
- With a view to developing a cold chain hub, a designated supervision area was set up in the logistics park in 2026 for the import of overseas chilled aquatic products and fresh fruits to the GBA via Hong Kong, establishing a more efficient and convenient international, cold-chain, air-cargo passage. (TLB)

Jointly develop a sustainable aviation-fuel (SAF) value chain

- Take forward the construction of SAF blending facilities in Hong Kong to develop a complete SAF value chain and to reduce logistics costs, attaining more competitive SAF prices. (EEB, TLB)

- To achieve a SAF consumption ratio of 1%-3% for flights departing from the HKIA in 2030 as set out in Hong Kong's first Five-Year plan, complete the study on the establishment of a mechanism for mandatory SAF consumption ratio and launch publicity and education campaigns by 2028 to create conditions favourable for attaining the consumption ratio. (TLB)
- The HKEX's Core Climate is progressively exploring the possibility of offering green energy and other environmental equity products, including SAF and green hydrogen certificates, to the market, as well as looking into appropriate options with industry stakeholders to better meet the needs of enterprises in respect of carbon emission reduction. (FSTB)

Participate in the development of the GBA port cluster

- Capitalise on the vast GBA market to expand high value-added maritime services such as marine insurance, maritime law (particularly contract signing and governance), arbitration, ship management and maritime financing. This will enhance Hong Kong's pricing power, rule-exporting capacity and institutional discourse power in the international maritime services chain, thereby empowering the GBA world-class port cluster. (TLB)
- Strengthen port collaboration with Huizhou, Dongguan and other GBA cities, enabling transit from rivers to seas in the GBA, improve the feeder network and explore the application of smart feeders to improve transportation efficiency and reduce costs, encouraging export of GBA cargo through Hong Kong and the convergence of Central and South American shipping routes in Hong Kong. (TLB)

Foster financial development in the GBA

- The HKEX's Core Climate, in collaboration with the Guangzhou Power Exchange Centre, is working towards the pilot trading of national renewable-energy green electricity certificates (GECs) in Hong Kong within 2026 and encouraging Hong Kong institutions to use such GECs as the relevant compliant tool to offset electricity-related carbon emissions, with a view to supporting the country in expanding GEC application outside the Mainland. (FSTB)

- Actively discuss with relevant Mainland authorities further enhancements to the Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme in the GBA. (FSTB)
- Explore enhancements to cross-boundary credit referencing and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong cross-boundary data validation platforms, including their coverage and workflow, while establishing a new cross-boundary data validation platform with Chongqing to promote cross-boundary financing for enterprises and individuals. (FSTB)

Foster new industrialisation collaboration in the GBA

- Discuss with the Guangdong authorities specific action plans for promoting new industrialisation under the co-ordination of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, and sign a memorandum of understanding with the Shenzhen Municipality under the principle of “co-operation in research and development (R&D), collaboration and transformation, and sharing the benefits of development”, with the aim of promoting the development of industrial innovation platforms, and formulating mechanisms and models to achieve industrial chain synergy for emerging and future industries. (ITIB)

Co-ordinate the work of bureaux on fostering connectivity within the GBA

- Set up a “Task Force on Expediting the Alignment of Rules and Mechanisms in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao” under the Deputy Secretary for Justice to co-ordinate relevant bureaux to explore ways to advance the alignment of rules and mechanisms in the GBA. (DoJ)
- Continue to promote the facilitation measure of the Standard Contract for the Cross-boundary Flow of Personal Information within the GBA (Mainland, Hong Kong) to facilitate the cross-boundary flow of data in a safe manner, driving the development of digital economy in the GBA. (ITIB)

- Utilise mechanisms of the Guangdong-Hong Kong and Hong Kong-Shenzhen co-operation task forces to advance across the GBA “hard connectivity” in infrastructure, “soft connectivity” in rules and standards, and “connectivity of hearts” among residents, and enhance cross-boundary flow of elements. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Continue to step up overseas promotion of the opportunities brought about by the development of the GBA and the strengths of Hong Kong therein through duty visits of senior officials, international connections of overseas Economic and Trade Offices and other partner organisations, major international exhibitions held in Hong Kong, as well as joint overseas promotion with the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Macao SAR Government. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)

Deepen the construction of rule of law in the GBA

- Explore pathways to promote GBA model arbitration rules to further improve the competitiveness of arbitration services in the GBA, and deepen the alignment of rules and mechanisms among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. (DoJ)
- Support and complement the Mainland authorities’ implementation work in regularising the GBA Lawyers’ Scheme for GBA lawyers to realise their unique strengths. (DoJ)

Develop a Multi-trade integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing industry chain in the GBA

- Publish a Cross-boundary Trading Guidebook on Multi-trade integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MiMEP) in the first half of 2027 to consolidate information, including requirements pertaining to customs and excise, taxation and industry regulations to facilitate cross-boundary business development and promote the development of a MiMEP industry chain in the GBA. (DEVB)

Enhance GBA Standards for construction talent

- Plan to promulgate the GBA Standards on the skill levels for two new trades of skilled construction workers and one technician position, and take forward the “One Examination, Multiple Certification” arrangement in 2026. (DEVB)

Strengthen co-operation between higher education institutions in Hong Kong and other GBA cities

- Continue to enhance, on the 10th anniversary of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance, the mechanism for the establishment of alliances between higher education institutions in Hong Kong and the Mainland to deepen technological innovation and talent exchange among member institutions. (EDB)

GBA Standards going global

- Promote the application of the Construction Product Accreditation Scheme and the Modular Integrated Construction Manufacturer Accreditation Scheme in the GBA, and further promote the schemes to other Mainland provinces and municipalities as well as the B&R countries, assisting the country’s construction technologies, materials and products in going global. (DEVB)
- Collaborate with the Ministry of Water Resources to formulate GBA Standards for water-related affairs which are in line with the international standards, showcase the advanced science and technology through Hong Kong’s international infrastructure platform, and give full play to Hong Kong’s dual roles as a “super connector” and a “super value-adder”, with a view to helping the country’s water-related industry enhance its global competitiveness and go global. (DEVB)

Deepen Regional Co-operation with the Mainland

Improve and facilitate Hong Kong residents’ development and living in the Mainland

- Expand continuously the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong to more GBA cities, providing more care home choices for Hong Kong elderly. (LWB)
- The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) will foster the linkage between the Faster Payment System and UnionPay (which together with its partner payment networks, covers over 100 million merchants worldwide) within 2026 to encourage both local and cross-boundary retail payment by users. (FSTB)
- HKMA will consider expanding the user base of Payment Connect and develop use cases to promote cross-boundary living, working and retirement to residents of both sides. (FSTB)
- Since the third quarter of 2026, the HKMC Annuity Limited has introduced an additional option for HKMC Annuity Plan policy holders to receive annuity income directly through designated Mainland bank accounts. (FSTB)
- Review continuously the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance to Reside in Residential Care Homes in Guangdong. (LWB)

Facilitate cross-boundary transport development

- Continue to work with the Mainland authorities to review and enhance the travel booking and renewal arrangements of “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles”, thereby further facilitating efficient cross-boundary travel and making better use of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB). (TLB)
- Continue to work with the Mainland authorities to steadily expand “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles”, and strive to expand the scheme (including the automated car parks at the HZMB Hong Kong Port and the entry into urban area) to all cities in Guangdong Province by the first quarter of 2027, thereby further promoting integrated development of the GBA, as well as making better use of the HZMB. (TLB)

Enhance the cross-boundary service of judicial documents

- Actively implement a new service arrangement signed with the Supreme People's Court to enhance the modes and efficiency for cross-boundary service of judicial documents between the Mainland and Hong Kong for better protection of the rights and interests of parties involved. (DoJ)

Establish medical services centres in accordance with national standards

- Further establish Integrated Cardiovascular Diseases Centre in accordance with national standards, including the setting up of a heart failure centre and a cardiac rehabilitation centre under the Hong Kong Island Cluster, as well as optimising the treatment processes and service network for patients suffering from chest pain and other cardiovascular diseases. (HHB)

Hydrogen standards

- The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department has joined the National Standards expert groups to participate in the drafting of Guobiao (GB) standards for hydrogen. By aligning the standards of Hong Kong and the Mainland and promoting the co-ordinated development of hydrogen supply chains, technologies and safety standards, enable the application of GB standards in Hong Kong, through which to showcase our country's expertise in hydrogen to the international community. (EEB)
- Establish an internationally aligned "Green Hydrogen Standard Certification Scheme" to certify the greenhouse gas emission performance of hydrogen products, connecting hydrogen projects with global green financing. The second phase of the study has commenced, and pilot projects in collaboration with major hydrogen enterprises will be launched in Hong Kong and the Mainland within 2026, with the target to implement a certification scheme recognised by the Mainland and the international community in 2027. (EEB)

Deepen International Exchange and Co-operation

Build an international exchange platform

- Ensure the success of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Finance Ministers' Meeting to be held in the HKSAR in October 2026; and continue to build a global platform for high quality financial dialogue through hosting financial mega events such as the Asian Financial Forum, Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit, Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit and Hong Kong FinTech Week. (FSTB)
- Host the International Infrastructure and Projects Leaders Summit again in November 2026, with a view to showcasing Hong Kong and the Mainland's application of advanced construction technology, and assisting competitive construction industries in Hong Kong and the Mainland to go global. (DEVB)
- Step up efforts to actively promote Hong Kong's edge as an international financial centre and a Renminbi business hub in ASEAN and the Middle East region, and continue to deepen ties with major markets along the B&R in Southeast Asia and Central Asia. (FSTB)
- Ensure the successful delivery of the INTERPOL General Assembly 2026, which will be hosted by our country in Hong Kong, to showcase the achievements of "One Country, Two Systems" and tell the good stories of our country, Hong Kong and the Police. (SB)
- The Correctional Services Department will organise the "50th Anniversary Conference of Psychological Services of Correctional Services Department" in 2026 and the "Hong Kong International Correctional Services Tactical Skills Invitational Competition 2027" in 2027 to strengthen exchanges and co-operation. (SB)
- The Fire Services Department will hold the annual conference and seminar of the International Fire and Ambulance Training Institutes Association in Hong Kong in the first quarter of 2027 to foster international exchanges on issues such as disaster management and rescue operations. (SB)

- The Customs and Excise Department will continue to serve as the Vice-Chairperson for the Asia-Pacific Region of the World Customs Organization for the period from 2026 to 2028 so as to continuously strengthen customs co-operation and exchanges within the region and give fuller play to Hong Kong's role as a "super connector". (SB)

Attract more international organisations to establish a presence in Hong Kong

- The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) chose to establish its first centre of excellence on global advanced manufacturing in the Asia-Pacific region in Hong Kong and the centre is expected to begin operation in the second quarter of 2027. (ITIB)
- Deepen co-operation with the International Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest and most representative business organisation leading the formulation of global trade financing rules, with a view to further enhancing Hong Kong's status as a global financial rule-maker and persuading more international financial institutions to establish their presence in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Successfully facilitated the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to establish the GlobE Network Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau with the country's support to consolidate Hong Kong's position as an international anti-corruption hub, and preparatory work is currently underway at full steam. (ICAC)
- Fully support the setting up of an Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) office in Hong Kong to assist the AIIB in further promoting the sustainable development of infrastructure in Asia. (FSTB)

Establish the Hong Kong International Academy of Policing

- Establish the Hong Kong International Academy of Policing in November 2026, dedicated to organising international hallmark training programmes, police leadership forums and overseas outreach training programmes, to deepen international collaborative policing exchanges, and reinforce the Hong Kong Police Force's brand as "Asia's Finest". (SB)

Establish a World Health Organization-accredited emergency medical team

- Strive to apply for the World Health Organization's accreditation for the inter-departmental Emergency Medical Team in 2027, promoting Hong Kong's active participation in and contribution to major global emergency medical rescues. (HHB)

Boost the global influence of the innovation and technology (I&T) sector

- Plan and organise a large-scale international artificial intelligence (AI) conference in Hong Kong to promote open source and openness, as well as co-operation and sharing, fostering the synergistic development of AI innovation and application. (ITIB)
- Organise major international conferences and events, such as organising the World Internet Conference Asia-Pacific Summit and the InnoEX as well as supporting the hosting of the LEAP East again in 2027, enhancing Hong Kong's leading position as an international I&T centre. (ITIB)
- Launch the Special Call on Academic Journals to support local universities and professional organisations in publishing internationally influential academic journals, and encourage them to continue their efforts to host international academic and professional conferences. (ITIB)
- The R&D centres under the third InnoHK research cluster have commenced operation in phases, with the focus on sustainable development, energy, advanced manufacturing and materials, with a view to expanding I&T collaboration between Hong Kong and the rest of the world. (ITIB)

Attract Asian and international sports associations to establish a presence in Hong Kong

- Continue to provide financial support through a pilot scheme for local national sports associations to participate in the work of Asian and international sports associations and strive to attract Asian and international sports associations to establish a presence in Hong Kong, strengthening Hong Kong's influence in the international sports arena. (CSTB)

Consolidate Hong Kong's position as an Asia-Pacific broadcasting hub

- Review the Generic Codes of Practice for Television to ensure that the regulation keeps pace with the times, broadcasting diversified and quality programmes to the audience, and expanding the reach of the “Hong Kong Brand” to the Asia-Pacific region. (CEDB)
- The Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) will actively enhance its production capability, efficiency and quality for telling the good stories of the country and Hong Kong, as well as strengthening its international communication capacity. (CEDB)

Pursue Co-operation under the B&R Initiative

- Continue to organise business delegations to potential B&R markets to explore new opportunities for enterprises and the professional services sector. (CEDB)
- Step up promotion of the “Hong Kong-Overseas Project Platform” to help Hong Kong companies participate in signature and “small and beautiful” projects in B&R regions, and promote Hong Kong’s services and standards externally. (CEDB)
- Strengthen the functions of Hong Kong’s B&R Capacity Building Platforms to co-ordinate and promote the capacity building programmes of public organisations and institutions in Hong Kong. (CEDB)
- Continue to host the B&R Summit and elevate it to serve as an important economic and trade co-operation platform, facilitating more deliverables from co-operation. (CEDB)
- Launch the Green Technology Bridgehead Programme to bring together Mainland and overseas technology companies that use Hong Kong as a springboard for “going global” or “landing” in the Mainland. By showcasing the green solutions and technology applications through the EcoPark’s platform, and leveraging Hong Kong’s legal, financial and environmental expertise, these companies can export green solutions to B&R countries. It is targeted to have at least five companies to join the programme within 2027, and be provided with relevant training in “going global”. (EEB)
- Provide high-level training for personnel from B&R countries with the establishment of the B&R sustainable green development training centre. (EEB)
- Co-organise the B&R Green Innovation Conference with the Ministry of Ecology and Environment for the first time in Hong Kong in October 2026, where about 260 officials and experts from the Mainland and B&R countries will jointly explore green technological innovation and opportunities for collaboration. (EEB)
- HKEX’s Core Climate is deepening co-operation with Brazil, Malaysia and Kazakhstan and promoting the carbon markets of B&R countries/regions to make better use of Hong Kong’s professional strengths in finance and standards setting in aligning with the international carbon market. It is also working to generate successful cases of pilot implementation of cross-border carbon trading. (FSTB)
- Starting from the 2027/28 academic year, increase the annual quota of the B&R Scholarship to 200 places, so as to attract outstanding students from B&R countries to pursue their studies in Hong Kong. (EDB)
- Continue to deepen co-operation with broadcasters and the media in the B&R regions, to build the RTHK’s influence and role in policy dissemination. (CEDB)
- The Information Services Department will assist the local media to expand their network beyond Hong Kong, thereby telling the good stories of the city. (HYAB)
- The Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders (CoE) is a B&R capacity building platform and will further connect to the world, establish an international branding impact, and connect knowledge for shared prosperity with B&R countries. We will continuously strengthen the role of the CoE in the coming years, with the vision of upgrading the CoE and re-shaping it into a “Centre of Excellence for International Infrastructure Governance and Major Project Leaders”. (DEVB)

