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Enhance Social Well-being







Background

It has been the mission of the current-term Government to enhance people's well-being, with a focus on livelihood issues such as housing, transport, healthcare, education, welfare, and youth development. We strive to provide better living standards for the public, greater prospects for young people and enhanced care for the elderly, building an inclusive and caring community, one where everybody can enjoy social harmony and stability.

The Government continues to press ahead with policies that enhance the quantity, speed, efficiency and quality of public housing, addressing the “big, difficult and long-standing” housing problems that have plagued Hong Kong for years. We have expedited housing production through the application of new construction technologies. We have also introduced innovative Light Public Housing and stepped up measures to combat tenancy abuse in public rental housing. With our unrelenting efforts, the overall Composite Waiting Time for Subsidised Rental Housing dropped to 4.8 years as of end-June this year, a reduction of more than one year compared with the peak of 6.1 years before the current-term Government took office. Furthermore, the Basic Housing Units regime, in effect since March, signals the gradual eradication of substandard, subdivided units in Hong Kong. We will continue to increase public housing supply through a multi-pronged approach, enhancing the housing ladder on a continual basis to enable people of different income levels to realise home ownership, thereby fundamentally building a new paradigm of more sustainable, multi-strata housing supply in Hong Kong.

The Government is also pressing ahead with healthcare system reform and restructuring the functions and division of work among the Hospital Authority, the Department of Health and the Primary Healthcare Commission. The goal is to establish a new healthcare model that emphasises prevention and integrates prevention with treatment. We will continue to deepen reform and take active public health measures to ensure that the outcomes of the reform are widely shared. To strengthen protection of people's livelihoods, we will shift from the traditional mindset of “offering relief” towards a strategy of proactive identification and targeted support. This includes identifying specific groups and focusing resources on areas that help people who are most in need.

While pursuing a balanced strategy to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability, we will continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to improving systems and optimising services. This will foster a society with ready access to childcare, youth development opportunities, employment, medical services, elderly care, housing and social support.

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Advance Quality Education and Nurture a Diversified Pool of Talent

Promote digital and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) education

- Roll out a free digital education learning resource platform equipped with Artificial Intelligence (AI) Large Language Models, while progressively extending the “AI Teaching Assistant” to more subjects to provide teaching support. (EDB)
- Review technology education in primary schools with a view to optimising the interface of Information and Innovation Technology curricula between primary and secondary levels. (EDB)
- Revise the curricula and assessments of senior secondary Science subjects and the Extended Part of senior secondary Mathematics to encourage more students to further study mathematics and science at the senior secondary level. (EDB)
- Earmark funding under the Quality Education Fund to take forward digitalisation in kindergarten education administration, including enhancing digital equipment and AI tools of kindergartens, as well as to promote technological ethics and digital literacy to parents. (EDB)
- Provide training on innovative technology and AI to enhance digital literacy, understanding, and practical application among kindergarten teachers, principals, and administrative staff. (EDB)

Enhance the operating standards of schools

- Continue to refine the Code of Practice for Private Schools (the Code) and finalise the pilot version of the Code within the 2026/27 school year, and update the Private School List with a view to enhancing private schools’ operation standards and transparency. (EDB)
- Launch the “Confluence and Elevation – School Excellence Project” for publicly-funded schools within the 2026/27 school year to further encourage and facilitate mergers of suitable publicly-funded primary and secondary schools, consolidating resources and enhance education quality. (EDB)

Strengthen support for student development

- Develop a one-stop, self-directed learning portal for Chinese Language Education, and provide multimodal learning resources. (EDB)
- Organise a series of territory-wide English speaking activities for students. (EDB)
- Continue to provide opportunities for junior secondary students to learn other languages in the 2026/27 school year, and encourage schools to arrange diversified activities to use the languages. (EDB)
- Launch the new Campus-based Financial Education Scheme in collaboration with enterprises and higher education institutions in the 2026/27 school year to enhance students’ financial literacy. (EDB)

Expand teachers' professional development

- Amend the Education Ordinance to impose the requirement of holding a practising certificate a prerequisite for teaching, enhancing the teacher registration mechanism. (EDB)
- Enhance the teacher training framework by setting training requirements to raise the professional standards of teachers. (EDB)
- Continue to take forward the “Guangdong-Hong Kong Sister Kindergarten Exchange Programme”, increasing the number of beneficiary Hong Kong kindergartens to 200 in the 2026/27 school year, to deepen professional exchanges and collaboration among kindergarten teachers of the two places, enhancing the quality of kindergarten education. (EDB)
- Continue to foster the spirit of educators and support activities that promote teachers' professional ethics, in an effort to enhance the professionalism of the teaching force. (EDB)

Advance the development of universities of applied sciences

- In collaboration with the Alliance of Universities of Applied Sciences, conduct publicity work on vocational and professional education and training early in secondary schools, promoting diversified pathways for students. (EDB)
- Deepen collaboration with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) to explore, among others, the provision of joint programmes, cross-border internship and research collaboration. (EDB)

Training for local technical experts

- Extend the provision of an additional monthly training allowance of \$1,000 to registered apprentices for a period of two years, encouraging more young people to undergo apprenticeship training. (LWB)

Continuous training for construction technology talent

- The Construction Industry Council (CIC) will continue to provide systematic training courses to upgrade manpower capabilities (especially frontline staff on construction sites) in construction technologies. (DEVB)

- Continue to promote “multi-skilled” development and upskilling (including training on construction technologies) 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 construction sector in stepping up the training (including training on construction technologies) of local technicians and professionals in the sector. (DEVB)

Strengthen skills training for all and consolidate local training resources

- Upskill Hong Kong (upgrade of the former Employees Retraining Board), will promulgate the first phase of the skills-based training framework in the first quarter of 2027. It will focus on sectors related to city operations, guide training bodies in developing corresponding courses and build skills learning pathways. (LWB)
- Commence a review on the Continuing Education Fund with Upskill Hong Kong within the first year after the latter's establishment to consolidate local training resources and enhance efficiency. (LWB)

Foster the Development of Young People, Women, Families and a Harmonious Society

Create a bright future for young people

- 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)

Empower youth to go global

- Launch an International Young Talent Exchange Base in 2026 to promote international exchanges and invite Youth Link members to participate. (HYAB)
- Launch the new HYAB – United Nations Youth Leaders Internship Programme to offer internship placements in various United Nations agencies. (HYAB)
- Sign co-operation agreements and set up regular exchange platforms with international organisations and make arrangements for young people to participate in large-scale international conferences to be held in Hong Kong and the Mainland. (HYAB)
- Invite international experts and visiting guests to exchange views with young people who returned to Hong Kong after participating in international exchanges and internships. (HYAB)
- Continue to organise the Youth Development Summit, convening young people from around the world to exchange views with Hong Kong youths. (HYAB)
- Explore with the International Organization for Mediation opportunities for more youth participation in related affairs; and continue to organise mediation workshops to enhance youth understanding of mediation industry and services. (HYAB, DoJ)
- Continue to support exchanges outside Hong Kong and enhance cross-cultural exchanges on campus. Starting from the 2026/27 academic year, the University Grants Committee will, through an injection of \$100 million, expand the coverage of its Funding Scheme for Chinese Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience to Belt and Road countries/regions. (EDB)
- Allocate additional resources to support the Vocational Training Council in forming the Hong Kong, China delegation to participate in the WorldSkills Competition. (EDB)

- Strengthen the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the HYAB Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange, enabling young people to deepen their understanding of the country's history, culture, development and achievements, as well as promoting exchanges among young people of Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas as a way to tell good stories of Hong Kong. (HYAB)
- Deepen international and Mainland exchanges of the youth uniformed groups of the disciplined and auxiliary services under the Security Bureau (SB), and provide members with more opportunities to participate in international conferences and engage in exchanges with young people from the Mainland and overseas. (SB)

Open up new frontiers for youth development

- Introduce a new thematic finance internship programme in the Mainland to provide opportunities for young people to undertake internships in large financial institution(s) in the Mainland, allowing them to understand the mode of operation and latest developments in the Mainland financial market. (HYAB)
- Launch thematic aerospace training activities in the Mainland for young people to gain a deeper understanding of the latest developments of our country's aerospace technology and develop an interest in this field. (HYAB)
- Increase the thematic internship places relating to high-end scientific research at the Chinese Academy of Sciences to offer the opportunity to more young people to directly take part in our country's top-notch scientific research. (HYAB)
- Launch new AI experiential activities to enhance young people's understanding of AI application and the industry. (HYAB)
- Continue to strengthen the Youth Financial Education Programme launched in 2024 to provide young people with information on the financial sector and financial planning, enhancing their understanding of the financial market. (HYAB)
- Introduce a young researcher category under the Innovation and Technology Support Programme. (ITIB)

- The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation has expanded the Talent Foundry programme to provide training for local university students, researchers, career newcomers and professionals, focusing on AI+ and emerging technologies. Around 500 training opportunities are expected to be provided each year. (ITIB)
- Continue to provide funding support for the Hong Kong Productivity Council to organise the Hong Kong Future Aerospace Technology Talents Training Programme for secondary students. (ITIB)
- Cyberport will continue to support Innovation and Technology (I&T) for young people through relevant programmes. (ITIB)
- The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) will regularise the “Well-Being · Start-Up 2.0” Programme starting from 2026-27 whereby rental concessions are provided to encourage youth entrepreneurship. Referral efforts will also be stepped up to match promising projects with commercial partners. (HB)

30 000 Youth Employment and Internship Programme

- Mobilise the business sector, including major employer and trade associations, to provide an additional 10 000 full-time jobs lasting six months or more within a two-year period starting from the first quarter of 2027. These jobs will be open to young people newly entering the workforce, with part of the wages borne by the Government, amounting to \$6,000 per month or up to one-third of the monthly salary, for six months. (LWB)
- Expand the STEM Internship Scheme and enhance the HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme, providing more than 10 000 internship opportunities within two years, with each intern receiving a subsidy of no less than \$11,000. (ITIB, HYAB)
- The CIC alongside the Government will continue the on-the-job training subsidy scheme for professional graduates of relevant disciplines in 2027 and 2028. A monthly salary subsidy of \$5,000 will be provided for each graduate, offering a total of 10 000 training places over two years. (DEVB)
- The Financial Services Development Council will launch a two-year Financial Services Industry Youth Internship Programme, joining hands with the industry to provide 1 000 youth internship placements related to financial services. (FSTB)
- Launch a “one-stop” dedicated webpage to facilitate young people’s access to information about the programme and apply for vacancies. (LWB)
- Launch the “Youth Employment Link” online service portal to facilitate young people’s access to employment information and support services, and launch the Shanghai-Hong Kong Youth Employment Scheme. (LWB)

Strengthen youth training and support

- Continue to implement the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities and the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities, with no less than 6 000 and 10 000 attendances each round respectively, nurturing positive thinking and values among young people and enabling 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, promoting innovation and inspiring creativity. (HYAB)
- 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 GBA cities. (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)

- Continue to provide youth entrepreneurs with more comprehensive support through the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the GBA, assisting them to widen their networks and enhance competitiveness. (HYAB)
- Arrange for members of the youth uniformed groups of the disciplined and auxiliary services under the SB to participate in community volunteer services, and leverage their acquired knowledge and skills to become community guardians and enhance the positive impact of the groups. (SB)

Expand spaces and networks for youth

- Continue to provide a platform, through the new interactive space for young people at the Youth Square in Chai Wan officially opened in April 2026, for young people to gather for exchanges, develop personal potentials and participate in different activities, as well as continue to roll out the “Good Stories of Hong Kong Youth” Programme and provide relevant training on production and filming of video clippings. The second phase of the Youth Square renovation works will be completed by end-2026. (HYAB)
- Continue to provide an on-going interactive focal point, through the first and second phases of Youth Link · Nam Cheong officially opened in April 2026, strengthening the Government and the Youth Development Commission’s communication and collaboration with young people following their participation in various youth development projects. The third phase of the renovation works in the adjoining Tung Chau Street Temporary Market will be completed by end-2026. (HYAB)
- Continue to organise youth activities of different types encompassing culture, arts, sports and other elements through the “Youth Post” hostel at Kai Tak which has officially commenced operation in end-2025, promoting exchanges between local youth and those from the Mainland and overseas, and creating a place for young people to inspire creativity. (HYAB)
- Continue to enhance communication with young people through the Youth Link and the youth mobile application “HKYouth+”, presenting them with 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 for project handover and pre-operation preparation in end-2026. The brand new recreational and sports facilities, coupled 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. (DEVB)

Continue to implement the Youth Hostel Scheme

- 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, and subsidising NGOs to convert suitable hotels and guesthouses into youth hostels in co-operation with their owners. The number of hostel places launched under the scheme has increased significantly from 80 when the current-term Government took office to a maximum of about 3 700 at present. The three youth hostels currently under construction are expected to be completed progressively from end-2026 onwards, providing a total of approximately 1 000 hostel spaces. (HYAB)

Promote fertility

- The \$20,000 newborn baby bonus, which is due to expire on 24 October 2026, will be extended for three years. (DCSO)
- To encourage families to have more than one child, the newborn baby bonus for the second or subsequent child born on or after 16 September 2026 will be increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for three years. (DCSO)
- If a taxpayer’s second child and subsequent children are born on or after 16 September 2026, the tax allowance for those children will be increased from \$140,000 to \$160,000, and the allowance may be claimed until they reach the age of 25 following the established procedures. The relevant arrangement will take effect from the year of assessment 2026/27. (FSTB)
- The additional allowance for the first two years following childbirth for the aforesaid second and subsequent child will also be increased from \$140,000 to \$160,000. The arrangement will take effect from the year of assessment 2026/27. (FSTB)

- Eligible families (whose children are born on or after 16 September 2026 in Hong Kong, with either parent a Hong Kong permanent resident) having purchased a residential property from one year before to two years after the childbirth are entitled to a stamp duty waiver capped at \$20,000. The stamp duty concession will take effect upon passage of the amendment bill. (FSTB)
- Starting from the next Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) sale exercise, the maximum mortgage loan-to-value ratio for White Form family applicants with newborns will be raised to 95%, easing their down payment burden. All families with children aged three or below on the application form as at the application deadline of the relevant HOS sale exercise will benefit from this measure. (HB)
- Starting from 2026-27, the Hospital Authority (HA) will further increase the annual service quota for in-vitro fertilisation by 300 in phases over the next three years from 1 600 to 1 900 treatment cycles per year. (HHB)
- The Primary Healthcare Commission (PHC Commission) will gradually extend its free pre-pregnancy, antenatal and postnatal classes to all District Health Centres (DHCs) and DHC Expresses across the territory. (HHB)
- The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong will launch publicity within 2026 to promote healthy fertility. (HHB)
- Set up by end-2030 three new aided standalone child care centres, expecting to provide a total of approximately 1 800 additional day care service places. (LWB)
- Regularise School-based After School Care Service Scheme starting from the 2027/28 school year and no quota will be imposed to continuously support families of primary school students with caretaking needs. (LWB)
- Strengthen professional support for the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children and provide escort service, as well as step up service publicity.
- Provide family care leave for government employees, further enhancing the family-friendly employment measures for them. (CSB)

Support women's development

- Extend the “She Inspires” Mentorship Programme for three years to match local female university students with women leader mentors, promoting high-quality development of their career. (HYAB)
- Continue to make optimal use of the Women Empowerment Fund to subsidise women's organisations and NGOs for launching more projects that support women. (HYAB)
- Continue to host high-level forums, such as the Family and Women Development Summit, to gather relevant stakeholders' views on women's development and promotion of family education. (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 NGOs in providing mediation services on maintenance to resolve related disputes. (HYAB)

Support 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)
- Support Service Centres for EMs will set up an Elder Harmony Network from 2027 onwards to enhance support for EM elderly persons. (HYAB)
- Strengthen the collaboration between the existing EM Care Teams and the District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams), so that more EM elderly persons can be reached and referred for assistance as needed. (HYAB)
- Set up a new Success Counsel Programme under the Youth Network in the Support Service Centres for EM from 2027 onwards where outstanding EMs will be arranged to share their experience, and EM youngsters will be encouraged to join the District Youth Committees through the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth. (HYAB)

- Regularise the EM District Ambassador Pilot Scheme, which engages EMs or designated persons to provide support and publicise welfare services for EMs. In addition, EMs with higher education attainment or professional qualifications will be invited to serve as social welfare volunteers. (LWB)
- Adopt the learning materials tailored for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students, including the Youth Chinese Test and the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi Chinese Proficiency Test, and continue to provide after-school Chinese language courses to NCS students from primary 1 to secondary 3. (EDB)
- Provide suitable learning materials for NCS students through the one-stop student self-learning platform for Chinese Language Education. (EDB)

Eliminate discrimination

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

Strengthen training for Care Team services

- To enhance the service quality of Care Teams, the Government will deploy resources to enhance training for Care Teams covering practical skills such as emergency knowledge, communication skills and health support. (HYAB)

Deepen collaboration and exchange with the Mainland in social services

- Work together with the Connecting Hearts in the social welfare sector to foster in-depth exchange and collaboration between the social welfare sectors of Hong Kong and the Mainland. (LWB)

Promote family building

- Organise the Hong Kong Excellent Family Awards again to promote good family values to the general public. (HYAB)

Deepen Healthcare System Reform

Strengthen primary healthcare services

- Upgrade the DHC Expresses in Wan Chai and Kwun Tong to DHCs starting from 2027, and continue to upgrade other DHC Expresses. (HHB)
- Implement the phased integration of Elderly Health Centre services from end-2026 onwards. Measures include more than doubling the service capacity for elderly health assessments, reducing the maximum waiting time by two-thirds, and providing similar services for underprivileged elderly through designated HA Family Medicine Clinics (FMCs). (HHB)
- To meet local demand, the HA will provide around 220 000 additional Family Medicine Out-patient service quotas each year starting from 2027, including around 10 000 quotas for evening out-patient service. (HHB)
- Enhance the provision of preventive screening and care services targeting the “three highs”, hepatitis B and women’s health for underprivileged groups at designated FMCs, and strengthen synergy between primary and secondary healthcare. (HHB)
- Strengthen training for primary healthcare professionals to enhance service quality. (HHB)
- Set up a coordination platform for public and private primary healthcare services to pilot the unified release of evening and public holiday consultation information for public and private out-patient clinics. (HHB)
- Roll out the Community Pharmacy Programme from end-2026, with the first phase covering four districts and progressively extending across the territory. In parallel, launch the Community Drug Formulary and gradually increase the number of drugs covered. (HHB)
- Starting from 2027, provide preventive primary oral healthcare services for specified high-risk groups at designated DHCs/DHC Expresses, and expand the Healthy Teeth Collaboration to provide outreach preventive oral healthcare services for residents of designated residential care homes for persons with disabilities. (HHB)

- Promulgate the “Life-course Health Promotion Strategy” and monitor local health data, encouraging the public to take charge of the primary responsibility for their own health and promoting population-wide health management across different life stages. (HHB)
- Expand the Pre-hospital Stroke Diversion Scheme to cover all hospital clusters in Kowloon within 2026, and further extend it to the Hong Kong Island Cluster in 2027. (HHB, SB)
- Implement the first phase of the Pre-hospital Chest Pain Diversion Scheme in the Hong Kong Island Cluster in 2027 to convey patients suspected of suffering from ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction to designated hospitals for early treatment. (HHB, SB)

Enhance public healthcare system

- Leverage the King’s Park site vacated after the relocation of Queen Elizabeth Hospital to Kai Tak to develop Hong Kong’s first integrated ambulatory care hospital, the first phase of which will include: a high-capacity ambulatory cataract surgery centre, a high-capacity ambulatory radiology centre, and an ambulatory radiotherapy centre. (HHB)
- Promulgate the Second Hospital Development Plan within the current term of Government and take forward the projects in an orderly manner. (HHB)
- Continue to implement the Hong Kong Cancer Strategy: enhance diagnostic imaging capacity and apply AI to assist diagnosis and advanced laboratory testing; increase radiotherapy service capacity and expedite the introduction of new cancer drugs through the public healthcare fees and charges reform; refer stable and low-risk cancer survivors to continue follow-up in primary healthcare; and strengthen multi-disciplinary palliative care and end-of-life services. (HHB)
- The HA has set a target to shorten the 90th percentile waiting time for stable new cases first consultation in the specified specialist (Ear, Nose and Throat, Ophthalmology, Gynaecology, Medicine, Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Psychiatry, and Surgery) out-patient services by half in five years, with the waiting time of specified specialties to be reduced by 10% in 2027-28 in the first phase. (HHB)
- Through the strategy of “narrowing upstream, collaborating downstream, diverting midstream”, unnecessary referrals will be avoided and stable follow-up cases will be diverted to primary healthcare etc.. Expand also the multi-disciplinary integrated clinical services, optimise appointment arrangements, and continuously enhance service capacity. (HHB)
- The HA plans to extend some of the enhanced visiting arrangements to acute wards. (HHB)

Strengthen professional regulation of healthcare services

- Introduce a regulation to enhance the price transparency of private healthcare services into the Legislative Council (LegCo) by end-2026 and draw up codes of practice, setting out requirements on price information, budget estimates and billing statistics. (HHB)
- Actively advance the scrutiny of the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2026 by the LegCo, with a view to reforming the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK), and enhance the manpower and system support for the MCHK and other healthcare professional regulatory bodies. (HHB)
- The Institute for Medical Advancement and Clinical Excellence plans to publish clinical guidelines on the management of hyperlipidemia and percutaneous coronary intervention by end-2026. (HHB)

Continue to implement eHealth+

- Further facilitate the deposit of electronic health records by private healthcare providers, expand cross-boundary sharing of medical records, and enhance the nine core functions, including eMedication and eMedical Certificate. (HHB)

Press ahead with the establishment of the third medical school

- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) is pressing full steam ahead with the establishment of the third medical school. The Medical Education and Research Complex at the Clear Water Bay campus will be completed by mid-2028 to admit the first cohort of students. (HHB)

- On using Kai Tak Hospital as the interim teaching hospital, the Government is exploring with the HKUST and the HA the teaching arrangements. (HHB)
- Press ahead with the integrated design and coordinated construction of the medical school campus and the integrated teaching and research hospital in San Tin University Town Area. (HHB)

Promote the development of inheritance and innovation in Chinese medicine

- The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong (CMHHK), starting from end-2026, will launch 24-hour in-patient services, provide additional day beds, increase out-patient service capacity, introduce more special disease programmes and commence related research, and set up a clinical trial and research centre. (HHB)
- The CMHHK will provide clinical training opportunities for local students and more subsidised training posts for registered Chinese medicine practitioners. (HHB)
- Officially establish the International Consortium of Herb-Drug Interaction to promote research and clinical application of herb-drug interactions. (HHB)
- Roll out pilot out-patient services for special diseases at the Chinese Medicine Clinics cum Training and Research Centres based in all 18 districts. (HHB)
- Continue to develop HA's integrated Chinese-Western Medicine (ICWM) services, including regularising "knee osteoarthritis" pilot programme, expanding the ICWM services to day care services, and continuing to enhance the "cancer care" pilot programme. (HHB)
- Sponsor regional and international Chinese medicine conferences and exhibitions. (HHB)

Sustain tobacco control efforts

- Fully implement the duty stamp system by end-2027 to effectively distinguish duty-paid from duty-not-paid cigarettes, while introducing the plain packaging requirement on conventional smoking products at the same time. (HHB)

Promote mental health

- Continue to implement the Three-Tier School-based Emergency Mechanism in primary 4 to 6 on a trial basis in the 2026/27 school year and enhance the related support services, strengthening training for school professional to facilitate early identification of and support for students with higher suicidal risk. (EDB, LWB, HHB)
- Continue to provide teacher training on catering for students' mental health needs and organise programmes relating to teachers' physical and psychological well-being. (EDB)
- Set up an additional Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness in the Northern Metropolis (NM) to dovetail with population growth. (LWB)
- Enhance the functions of Cyber Youth Support Teams by strengthening their co-operation with schools and community networks to cater for the emotional and psychological needs of students, and conduct assessment and take follow-up actions immediately after receiving cases involving higher suicidal risk and students with emotional distress. (LWB)
- Extend the Healthy Mind Pilot Project to all existing DHCs before mid-2027, enhance frontline staff training, provide more timely assessments or referrals, organise more outreach activities, and step up promotion and publicity. (HHB)
- The PHC Commission will study various approaches, including public-private partnership, to encourage more cross-disciplinary professionals including family doctors to provide mental health services. (HHB)
- The Government has endorsed the framework for the Stepped Care Model on Mental Health submitted by the Advisory Committee on Mental Health. The next step is to carry out study for setting out competency standards and designing training courses for different mental health practitioners, coordinate distribution of duties among departments, and draw up details for full implementation. (HHB)
- The Advisory Committee on Mental Health will explore the possibility of setting up a mental health experience exhibition in urban area to step up promotion of mental health and eliminate social prejudice. (HHB)

- Fund a series of mental health support projects, through the Hong Kong Jockey Club “Chief Executive Community Project List”, to facilitate clear identification, early intervention and enhanced support. The projects are expected to benefit over 30 000 persons. (LWB)
- Launch a Mental Health Literacy Resource Package for Parents and organise parent education programmes relating to student mental health in the 2026/27 school year to further support schools in helping parents identify early and take care of students with mental health needs. (EDB)
- Attract more organisations and their staff to join the Mental Health Workplace Charter and encourage these organisations to optimise their staff training content. (HHB, LWB)

Enhance and Diversify the Housing System

Pursue land development

- Get ready around 2 500 hectares of “spade-ready sites” to build up the land reserve for meeting the demand for economic development and the community’s housing needs in the next decade (i.e. 2027-28 to 2036-37), with a view to retaining control over the supply of land. Of these sites, it is expected that some 1 400 hectares will be produced in the next five years, among which around 1 000 hectares will come from the NM. (DEVB)
- Continue to update annually the supply forecast of “spade-ready sites” to keep society informed of the land supply situation. (DEVB)

Supply of land for private housing development

- Continue to take account of the overall situation to determine the pace of land disposal, and co-ordinate other land supply sources to meet the housing demand according to the Long Term Housing Strategy in the next 10 years and other land requirements. (DEVB)

Release industrial land in urban areas

- Make reference to the Study on Utilisation of Existing Industrial Stock underway, to explore the release of more industrial land in the urban areas and to put forward recommendations by end-2026 including the way forward for the Revitalisation Scheme for Industrial Buildings. (DEVB)
- Continue to reinforce the advantages of Kowloon East as 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 policy review

- To enable the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to take forward redevelopment in a sustainable manner, the Development Bureau and the URA are conducting a policy review, with a view to putting forth specific recommendations for consultation within 2027. (DEVB)

Control construction costs

- Continue to streamline development control procedures, expedite construction processes and reduce costs for industries. (DEVB)
- Explore the extension of the central procurement model to cover other suitable and commonly-used construction materials such as water pipes, lowering construction costs for public works. (DEVB)
- The Building Technology Research Institute (BTRI) will review the second batch of construction standards and requirements, effectively improving the construction efficiency, shortening construction period and reducing project costs. (DEVB)
- Develop and pilot AI+Cost, an AI solution, to generate cost analyses and propose optimised designs by automatically extracting information from major cost data and design proposals of past related works projects, enhancing the efficiency of decision-making and cost-effectiveness of projects. It is planned for a roll-out within 2027 to further reduce construction costs. (DEVB)

- To enhance cost-effectiveness of public housing construction, the HKHA has completed the enhancement and expansion of its building materials database and will continue to update the database. Starting from December 2026, if contractors use building materials listed on the database, the vetting time will be shortened to one month. (HB)
- The HKHA is also conducting the benchmarking of Guobiao Standards with other international standards, and will incorporate comparable Guobiao Standards into the specifications of construction works for new works tenders starting from December 2026, enhancing efficiency and cost-effectiveness. (HB)
- For Occupation Permit (OP) application, the HKHA has conducted pre-OP inspections in at least half of the projects as planned to speed up the vetting process to within 10 working days, and will continue to implement such measure. (HB)

Increase public housing supply

- In the five years starting from 2027-28, public housing production will exceed 35 000 units per year on average, representing an increase of about 73% compared with the five-year period since the current-term Government took office. (HB)
- To complete 30 000 Light Public Housing (LPH) units before 2027-28, of which about 26 000 have largely been completed and intake has been progressively underway. The remaining some 4 000 units will be successively completed before end-March 2027. (HB)
- Continue to support NGOs in converting vacant residential buildings or non-residential buildings in urban areas into transitional housing. (HB)

Enhance subsidised sale flats

- The HKHA will continue to enhance the design of subsidised sale flats (SSF) to better meet the modern living style, including improving natural lighting, and adopting an open kitchen design in suitable units for two-to-three-person households. (HB)
- To encourage upward mobility along the housing ladder, we will shorten the alienation restriction period of SSF first put up for sale between 2022 and 2025 from 15 years to 10 years. (HB)

Eradicate substandard subdivided units and implement the Basic Housing Unit regime

- Starting from March 2027, conduct inspections and take enforcement and prosecution actions in an orderly manner against illegal letting of subdivided units (SDUs) with no registration and no recognition, and conduct joint operations with relevant departments to enhance deterrence. Rigorously combat illegal letting of substandard SDUs by owners or operators upon the expiry of the grace period in end-February 2030. (HB)
- Provide tenants in need with comprehensive and people-oriented support through District Service Teams in various districts, including assisting eligible tenants to apply for traditional public rental housing (PRH) and LPH, flexibly co-ordinating resources such as transitional housing and Hostels for Single Persons, providing them with temporary shelters, or helping them find alternative accommodations in the private market. (HB)

Improve building management

- Continue to implement the Scheme on Joint Property Management in districts with needs for two years starting from 2027-28, and continue to facilitate District Council (DC) members' relevant duties and exchanges through the newly formed Working Groups on Building Management under the DCs. (HYAB)
- Rolled out a pilot scheme to implement new inspection and testing procedures for handling water seepage problems in private buildings in mid-2026, enhancing investigation efficiency by leveraging technologies and promoting the resolution of related disputes among occupants through mediation. (EEB, DEVB)

Encourage the use of building technologies

- The HKHA will promote the use of Artificial Intelligence of Things System for logistics and transport in the tender exercises for new projects to enhance the efficiency and quality of modules. It will also adopt smart construction methods such as Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) and construction robotics to enhance construction efficiency and cost-effectiveness while effectively reducing water and electricity consumption and waste quantity of construction sites. (HB)

- The HKHA will identify more projects for applying the “Building Information Modelling-enabled Systematic Approach to Foundation Design”, saving about \$1 million for each domestic block on average. (HB)
- With the funding injection of \$1.4 billion in 2026 (comprising \$1 billion by the Government and \$400 million contribution by the CIC) to the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF), support wider adoption of innovative technologies by the construction industry especially among small and medium enterprises (SMEs). (DEVB)
- Multi-trade integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing was required to be adopted in suitable public works projects and repair and maintenance works in mid-2026. A one-stop integrated information platform was also launched to support the industry. (DEVB)
- Adopt an innovative framework policy of “progressive and agile implementation” to adopt various highly-effective AI technologies and construction robots in public works projects on a pilot basis, and having regard to the results as well as technological and market maturity, incorporate progressively such innovative technologies into the inventory for adoption in public works projects, accelerating the adoption of innovative construction technologies and driving a systematic transformation to “total smart construction”. (DEVB)
- The BTRi will formulate a series of technical requirements and guidelines on innovative technologies such as construction robots and MiC which, together with the introduction of national advanced technologies as well as the enhancement and application of local Research and Development (R&D), will facilitate the gradual establishment of a robust development ecosystem for innovative construction technologies. This will help Hong Kong secure a leading position in the global smart construction sector, and give full play to its role as a platform for the Mainland’s innovative construction technologies to go global. (DEVB)

- Continue to implement measures to strengthen the supply chain of MiC to foster the application of MiC technology in public and private sector projects, and consolidate existing MiC construction standards and requirements to help the industry effectively plan and smoothly implement MiC construction projects, consolidating Hong Kong’s leading position in the area of MiC and exploring new global opportunities for the MiC industry in Hong Kong and the GBA. (DEVB)
- The CIC will continue to provide no less than about 12 000 training places (including construction technology training) for skilled workers and about 4 000 construction technology training places for technicians and professionals in the academic years of 2026/27 and 2027/28 to enhance the training of local construction personnel. (DEVB)

Built heritage conservation

- Continue to implement diverse conservation initiatives with the additional allocation of \$1 billion to the Built Heritage Conservation Fund by the Government in 2026, of which \$700 million will be used to continue taking forward the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, consolidating the foundation of conserving historic buildings in Hong Kong. (DEVB)
- Continue to deepen collaboration and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, in particular other GBA cities and Shanghai, covering areas such as conservation and revitalisation of historic buildings, archaeology, palaeontology, public education and engagement, and talent training, including co-organising exhibitions and exchanging exhibits, conducting joint studies, sending staff to undergo professional training and jointly organising forums. (DEVB)

Enhance Transport and Commuting Convenience

Transport infrastructure

- The Central Kowloon Bypass (Kowloon Bay Section) project will be completed within 2026, marking the full commissioning of Route 6 (including the Central Kowloon Bypass and the Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel). (TLB)

- Continue to take forward various road infrastructure projects, including Trunk Road T4 in Sha Tin, So Kwun Po North-South Link Road and widening of Yuen Long Highway (section between Lam Tei and Tong Yan San Tsuen). (TLB)
- Award the contracts for the smart and green mass transit system in Kai Tak within 2026 and the systems in East Kowloon and Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (NDA) in 2027. The Kai Tak project and Phase 1 of the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA project are targeted to be completed in 2031, and the East Kowloon project on or before 2033. (TLB)

Regulatory regime for ride-hailing services

- Openly invite platforms to apply for a ride-hailing service licence and permits will be issued to drivers and vehicles starting from the fourth quarter of 2026, providing the public with safe and compliant ride-hailing service. (TLB)
- Press ahead at full steam with the development of a ride-hailing vehicle data management system to monitor the compliance of operation, and comprehensively safeguard the data security. (TLB)
- Keep in view market development and collect relevant data for conducting dynamic assessment of supply and demand. (TLB)

Promote the use of automated parking systems

- The Transport Department will establish a one-stop coordination office to coordinate relevant departments on expediting the approval for automated parking system applications submitted by operators of short-term tenancy car parks. (TLB)

Promote healthy mobility

- To foster a healthy, vibrant, safe and inclusive travel environment and to reduce carbon emission, we will formulate legislative proposal for regulating the safe use of electric mobility devices, and take forward the formulation of design standards of arterial cycle tracks and ancillary facilities to lay the framework and foundation of constructing a “people-centric” green commuting network for NDAs and new towns. (TLB)

Deepen the Integrated Development of Culture, Sports and Tourism

Support Hong Kong’s film industry and promote “Film + Tourism”

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the Film Development Fund to attract more private investments to ensure sustainable development. (CSTB)
- Explore the provision of venues for construction of film sets to encourage local filming. (CSTB)
- The Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency will set up the Support Unit for Non-local Film Productions to provide one-stop services for Mainland and overseas film crews filming in Hong Kong, attracting more quality movies to promote Hong Kong. (CSTB)
- The Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) will weave together classic Hong Kong films, district characteristics and local culture, including a route in Yau Ma Tei that integrates iconic scenes and location from classic Hong Kong police-and-crime films, complemented by authentic local night markets and dining experiences, to offer visitors an immersive experience of Hong Kong’s unique urban landscape and lifestyle. (CSTB)
- Develop the second phase of Yau Ma Tei Police Station: A Cinematic Journey to offer more immersive experiences of Hong Kong police-and-crime films, enabling both local and foreign visitors to savour more of Hong Kong’s cinematic creativity while further promoting film and district tourism. (CSTB)

Support the Kai Tak Sports Park and promote “Sports + Mega Events”

- Continue to leverage the strengths of the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) as an essential infrastructure for maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major sports events and developing sports as an industry, facilitating the KTSP to boost sports development and inject impetus into related industries such as recreation, entertainment and tourism, and also mega-event economy. (CSTB)
- Explore the redevelopment of the Victoria Park Centre Court and other ancillary facilities into an iconic all-weather multi-purpose venue for hosting larger-scale and higher-level sports event, as well as performance activities as required. (CSTB)

Training for sports executives

- Support the Hong Kong Sports Institute to introduce a new three-year Sports Executive Training Programme to provide transformation opportunities for and expand career ladder of retired athletes, at the same time helping to train professional management talents for the sports sector. (CSTB)

Promote Sports for All

- Enhance outdoor basketball facilities and the content of the Hong Kong Games to encourage members of the public to exercise regularly. (CSTB)

Participate in our country’s sports events and boost co-operation and exchanges

- Continue to actively send delegations or teams to participate in our country’s sports events and promote sports exchanges within the GBA, including supporting national sports associations (NSAs) in the organisation of GBA leagues. (CSTB)

Strengthen the governance of NSAs

- The Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China will, taking into account NSAs’ implementation of the Code of Governance promulgated earlier, issue certificates of compliance to NSAs meeting the governance standards. Future government funding will be linked to the compliance status so as to establish a fairer, more impartial and more transparent system for promoting sports development. (CSTB)

Support the work of the Hong Kong Tourism Board

- Regularise the additional funding provided for the Hong Kong Tourism Board’s (HKTb) hosting flagship events, enabling the HKTb to draw up and implement sustainable and forward-looking market promotion strategies in a more systematic manner. (CSTB)

Promote multi-destination tourism

- Continue to capitalise on various measures introduced by the Central Government to facilitate visits by foreign visitors to the Mainland, deepen collaboration with various Mainland provinces and municipalities, and continue to explore with the country additional immigration facilitations for international visitors. (CSTB)
- The HKTb will actively promote multi-destination travel itineraries to overseas visitors, partner with airlines to roll out relevant tourism products and promotional offers, and intensify publicity overseas. (CSTB)

Take forward “+ Tourism” Joint Initiatives

- “*Mega Events+Tourism*”: The HKTb will demarcate a year into the International Arts Season from February to May, the Chinese Arts Season from June to September, and the Festive Mega Events Season from October to February the following year, setting a mega event framework under these three themes to further promote “Mega Events + Tourism”. (CSTB)

- *“Finance+Tourism”*: The refurbishment of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) Connect Hall and the Museum of Finance, located in the hall of the HKEX, will be completed in 2027. The Government will link key financial landmarks around Central to create an urban landmark that showcases Hong Kong’s status as an international financial centre and its cultural appeal. (FSTB, CSTB)
- *“Industrial brand+Tourism”*: Continue to develop Hong Kong industrial brand tourism routes with different themes to promote more in-depth tour experiences. (CSTB)
- *“Ecological Conservation+Green Tourism”*: A trial online reservation system was launched for visitors going to the High Island Geo Trail-Po Pin Chau Section of the High Island Reservoir East Dam in Sai Kung during weekends, the Mid-Autumn Festival, and the National Day Golden Week from 5 September to 7 October 2026. A visitor cap is set to alleviate ecological carrying pressure while enhancing the visitor experience. We will review the trial outcome and formulate a long-term country park management strategy. (EEB)
- Implement the “Four Peaks” tourism project and continue to enhance the ancillary facilities in country parks. (EEB)
- Complete the remaining two sections of the Hing Chun Alliance Heritage Trail connecting Lai Chi Wo, Siu Tan, Sam A Tsuen, Ngau Shi Wu and So Lo Pun in 2027 to offer visitors an in-depth experience of rural culture. (EEB)
- Continue to promote countryside revitalisation through organising new in-depth cultural and eco-tour activities in the rural area around Yan Chau Tong under the Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme. (EEB)
- *“Heritage+Tourism”*: Upload more information on the Government’s website and step up publicity, enabling the trade to develop and promote signature tourism products. (DEVB, CSTB)

Ticket stub economy

- The HKTB will provide one-stop contact point services to connect event organisers, retail and catering associations and tourism-related organisations, fostering the development of a consumption chain that extends from the event venue to the community. (CSTB)

- The HKTB will enhance the digital platform of Discover Hong Kong, consolidate the ticket stub discounts of mega events hosted and promoted by the HKTB, and will also launch a new mobile application to facilitate both visitors’ access to, and merchants’ provision of, the said ticket stub offers. (CSTB)

Yacht economy

- Invite tenders in the first half of 2027 for the composite development project in Aberdeen comprising a marina, recreational facilities and residential development, and for the yacht bay project under the Airport City “SKYTOPIA”. (TLB, DEVB)
- The first northbound travel of yacht from Hong Kong set sail in June 2026, while efforts are being made to implement the southbound travel of Guangdong yachts to Hong Kong, giving impetus to cross-boundary leisure consumption. (TLB)
- Extend the online short-term training courses to overseas, enabling yacht masters of visiting yachts to obtain qualifications from abroad for navigating in Hong Kong waters. (TLB)
- Propose transforming the sites around Hung Hom Station and its waterfront areas into a new harbourfront landmark complemented by yacht berthing facilities, and commence the statutory planning procedures in end-2026. (DEVB)
- Commence the statutory planning procedures in end-2026 for the comprehensive development of the ex-Lamma Quarry site for tourism and recreation, low-density residential developments, and yacht berthing facilities. (DEVB)

Renewal of Central

- Phase 1 of the Lan Kwai Fong Streetscape Beautification Works will be gradually completed from October 2026 onwards. Consultancy study for Phase 2 will commence soon. (DEVB)
- Encourage private developers to participate in the renewal of Central, to give Hong Kong’s first-generation central business district an uplift while preserving its heritage. (DEVB)

Muslim tourism

- The HKTB will extend the Hong Kong Restaurants Halal Certification Funding Scheme to end-2027, encouraging the industry to provide more Muslim-friendly food options. (CSTB)

Facilitate the operation of home-stay lodgings on outlying islands

- To further facilitate the operation of home-stay lodgings on outlying islands, the Home Affairs Department, when processing guesthouse licence applications in relation to buildings of three storeys or less on outlying islands, will remove barriers by exempting consideration of use restrictions on guesthouse purposes in the deeds of mutual covenant of the buildings. (HYAB)

Enhance the professional standards of tourism practitioners

- To increase the supply of professional tourist guides, the Travel Industry Authority has launched the “specialised tourist guide licensing programme” in 2026 for Geopark guides and reception services. The programme will be expanded to cover other fields, such as in-depth tours focusing on history and culture, at the next stage. (CSTB)

Enhance passenger clearance and visitor experience in Hong Kong

- The Immigration Department (the ImmD) launched a new mobile application, “Go Hong Kong”, on 16 September 2026, for eligible frequent visitors to enrol for the e-Channel self-service immigration service in advance prior to their arrival in Hong Kong. (SB)
- The ImmD will launch the Automated Transportation On-board Clearance System (“AUTOS”) Pilot Scheme at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port in December 2026, utilising AI and facial recognition technology to automatically verify the identities of registered eligible cross-boundary private car drivers and passengers, enabling “contactless on-board clearance”. (SB)

- The redeveloped Huanggang Port is expected to come into operation in the fourth quarter of 2026, implementing the co-location arrangement and the novel “collaborative inspection and joint clearance” mode to significantly enhance passenger clearance experience and efficiency. (SB)
- The SB will launch the “Easy Boundary” 2.0 in the fourth quarter of 2026 by introducing real-time image function and utilising AI technology to assess the real-time situation of immigration clearance at land boundary control points. (SB)
- Arrange for members of the Immigration Department Youth Leaders Corps to introduce Hong Kong to incoming visitors and students, and tell the good stories of Hong Kong through the programme “HK Navigators: The Imm-sider’s Story” from 2026 to 2027. (SB)

Connect and enhance the Victoria Harbourfront

- Through the “Study on East Kowloon Harbourfront Trail” launched in March 2026, explore to further connect and enhance the Kowloon harbourfront with short, medium, and long-term measures for linking currently disconnected harbourfront areas. Roll out short-term enhancement projects once they are ready and in phases starting from Q4 2026. (DEVB)
- Explore carrying out minor enhancement works at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market in phases starting from 2027 in order to provide additional harbourfront space at the existing vacant pier and set up pedestrian facilities on the market’s podium, connecting the harbourfront sections from the West Kowloon Cultural District to Cheung Sha Wan. (DEVB)
- Apply, for the first time, the streamlined mechanism for harbour reclamation under the amended Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (Cap. 531) to construct an offshore boardwalk via small-scale reclamation along New Praya, Kennedy Town. Commence public consultation on the detailed design and the reclamation application process in the first half of 2027, striving to commence works in the second half of 2028 and complete by 2031. (DEVB)

- Organise more spectacular mega events at harbourfront sites, including the Central Harbourfront Event Space, to boost the vibrancy and international visibility of the Victoria Harbour. (DEVB)

Support the Local Economy

Support small and medium enterprises (SMEs)

- Expand the geographical scope of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales (BUD Fund) to cover Uzbekistan and Qatar, to encourage SMEs to tap into emerging markets. (CEDB)
- The Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation will extend the 20 free buyer credit checks for one year until September 2027 and continue to cover all of its insured markets. (CEDB)
- The Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) will strengthen the services of E-commerce Express to promote the awareness and expand the coverage of Hong Kong brands in the e-commerce markets outside Hong Kong. (CEDB)
- The Trade and Industry Department will coordinate with the “Four-in-One” Integrated Services of SME Centres to organise branding seminars and workshops to assist SMEs in formulating brand development strategies. (CEDB)
- Continue to encourage more government departments and organisations, including the Business Registration Office of Inland Revenue Department and the eMPF Platform, to connect to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's (HKMA) Commercial Data Interchange (CDI), and explore the feasibility of automated payment process, so as to enable banks to conduct business registration search through CDI, enhancing efficiency in credit approval. With CDI, enterprises' borrowing costs have been reduced by an average of 36 basis points. (FSTB)
- The HKMA in collaboration with the Shanghai Data Bureau, will launch a pilot project on trade data connectivity through CDI in 2026 to help Hong Kong SME traders exporting goods from the Mainland obtain financing. (FSTB)
- The CDI will be progressively connected to digital infrastructures such as the Transport and Logistics Bureau's Port Community System (PCS), the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau's Trade Single Window and the upcoming Digital Corporate Identity starting from 2026, to facilitate banks' access to relevant data for use as reference for trade financing, and to assist SMEs in lowering financing costs. (FSTB)
- The HKMA will combine SME trade flow and capital flow data for banks' multi-dimensional credit assessment, unlocking greater trade finance availability for SMEs. (FSTB)
- The HKMA will also explore connections between the CDI and ASEAN's electronic port systems, as well as means to facilitate banks' access to more ASEAN trade data, enabling banks to gain a fuller view of enterprises' supply chain network and reducing manual banking procedures in relation to transaction monitoring and trade finance applications, providing more convenient services for SMEs and stepping up trade finance approval process by banks. (FSTB)
- The HKMA will work closely with the banking industry to improve the overall governance framework and operational stability of the Commercial Credit Reference Agency, enhance its competitiveness in the market, and foster its sustainable development. (FSTB)
- To facilitate enterprises (especially SMEs) in improving their cash flows, the standard terms of government non-works contracts will be relaxed such that enterprises carrying out government contracts could leverage such to obtain financing from financial institutions. (FSTB)
- From 2026 onwards, the Hong Kong Technology and Innovation Support Centre will provide qualitative patent evaluation service and offer funding support to SMEs for conducting valuation of intellectual property assets to facilitate relevant financing. (CEDB)
- The funding ceiling of “Easy BUD” applications under the BUD Fund has been raised to \$150,000 since June 2026. (CEDB)
- The Future Innovative Logistics Acceleration Scheme will provide subsidies to SMEs for using innovative logistics technology solutions to interface with the PCS. (TLB)

- Continue to strengthen the e-commerce marketing capabilities of SMEs through the support services provided by the HKTDC, including organising the Hong Kong Shopping Festival in the Mainland and ASEAN countries. (CEDB)
- Adopted the new “joint-vetting” mechanism and streamlined procedures to process applications for outside seating accommodation of restaurants since April 2026, substantially shortening the approval time and facilitating business operations. (EEB)

Report on manpower projection

- Release a report on the mid-term update of the Manpower Projection within September 2026. (LWB)

Safeguard the environment for fair competition

- Consult the LegCo within 2026, on a legislative proposal for endowing the Competition Commission with compulsory information gathering powers for conducting market assessments. This will ensure that the Commission may, upon having reasonable cause to suspect that any feature in the market affects competition, require enterprises to submit information and identify potential issues, maintaining a fair competitive environment. (CEDB)

Promote textiles and fashion brands

- Continue to introduce new elements to the Hong Kong Fashion Fest, actively expand co-operation and exchanges with fashion exhibitions in the Mainland and overseas, and strengthen collaboration between the fashion design and textile industries to promote the development of Hong Kong’s fashion brands, developing Hong Kong into a fashion hub in Asia. (CSTB)
- The Hong Kong Design Centre, which has completed the re-structuring of its Board of Directors, will focus on assisting SMEs in the design sectors in enhancing their product and brand design services, facilitating collaboration and interface between the local industry and enterprises in the Mainland and overseas, and driving Hong Kong’s design industry to go global. (CSTB)

- The Hong Kong Design Centre will launch a new design incubation programme to provide start-up incubation and in-depth nurturing for design companies based on their developmental stages and potential, assisting them in opening up business opportunities and markets. (CSTB)
- Expand the Business of Design Week (BODW) and re-brand BODW in the City as DESIGN@HKG, leveraging the international design conference to host more design-themed district activities, fostering greater creative atmosphere. (CSTB)

Promote the development of the agriculture and fisheries industries

- Offer financial and technical support to the industry for developing deep-sea mariculture, with a target to increase local mariculture production to about 2 000 tonnes within five years; and set up a Fish Processing Centre in collaboration with the Fish Marketing Organization within 2027 to lead the industry in developing secondary production and to drive industrial upgrading. (EEB)
- Promote the modernisation and intensification of the livestock industry, by completing site formation works within 2026 for the construction of the first modernised and environmental-friendly multi-storey pig farm in Sheung Shui by the selected organisation; and assist the organisation in finalising the design and financial arrangements in 2027. (EEB)
- Continue to take forward the development of the First Stage of Agricultural Park Phase 2. The Modernised Techno-Agricultural Park, established through a public-private partnership, has been gradually leasing land to farmers. (EEB)
- Further promote the development of leisure farming and fisheries, including launching the “Fish enJoy” Scheme (fishing vessels), setting up an integrated website for leisure farming and fisheries as well as ecological resources, providing financial and technical support and stepping up publicity and promotion. (EEB)
- Continue to promote modernised urban farming, including plans to launch the second pilot project at Laguna Park in Kwun Tong, and reserve space in the Tin Shui Wai Public Market under construction for setting up modernised hydroponic farms-cum-stalls. (EEB).

- Launch the Smart Farms Navigation Scheme in 2027 to provide several smart greenhouses in phases at the Tai Lung Experimental Station, which will be leased to the sector for modernised crop production. (EEB)

Promote innovation in municipal services

- Lead an inter-departmental working group to explore alternative use of vacated market spaces (e.g. community facilities). (EEB)
- Continue to take forward the three new public market projects in Tin Shui Wai, Tseung Kwan O and Kwu Tung North NDA, which are expected to be completed progressively over the next two years; at the same time, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department also plans to try out the more agile single-operator model in individual new public markets, whereby operators enjoy greater flexibility in adjusting operating strategies to better meet public needs. (EEB)
- Stall enhancement will become priorities under the Market Modernisation Programme to enhance customer experience, including the Yue Wan Market Cooked Food Centre and Mong Kok Cooked Food Market where such enhancement works are under way. (EEB)
- Establish a Welfare Information Sharing E-platform in phases for integration of social welfare data from relevant government departments and NGOs and utilise AI to facilitate early identification of high-risk individuals or families for early intervention and targeted response. Initiate trial of data integration and analysis involving selected government departments and NGOs in the first half of 2027. (LWB)
- Run “Community Dining Hall” in Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres during non-peak hours to provide affordable and nutritious meals to elderly singletons and doubletons, persons with disabilities (PWDs), carers, children with special needs and their families, encouraging them to integrate into the community while giving social welfare organisations the opportunity to identify their needs and offer assistance. (LWB)
- Introduce “Wellness-on-Wheels” (WoW) to reach out to elderly persons and their carers residing in aged buildings (“three-nil” buildings in particular) via mobile service vehicles and offer neighbourhood services such as minor home repairs, basic check-ups and rehabilitation training. (LWB)
- Spearhead the establishment of a matching platform to institutionalise tripartite collaboration among the Government, the business sector and the community in supporting the disadvantaged. The platform will enable the matching of resources from family offices and the business sector with community social welfare projects. The first round of matching will be arranged within 2026. (LWB)
- Explore with HKEX to provide listed companies with further guidance on the preparation of environmental, social and governance reports, encouraging listed companies to actively engage in community and charitable activities. (LWB, FSTB)
- Continue to organise more experiential and training programmes on I&T and AI for children and young people from grassroots families to narrow the digital divide. (LWB)
- Launch the fifth cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme by end-2026. (CSO, LWB)

Food safety

- Conduct public consultation on amendments to the Sweeteners in Food Regulations, followed by preparation of the subsidiary legislation. (EEB)

Strengthen Protection of People’s Livelihoods

Targeted support

- Two more Community Living Rooms (CLRs) are anticipated to be launched by end-2026. Together with the existing 16 CLRs, collectively they are estimated to serve approximately 10 000 SDU households. Where feasible, more CLRs will be set up in districts in need through tripartite collaboration among the Government, the business sector and the community. (LWB)

- Launch a three-year Pilot Scheme for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Households Transitioning to Working Family Allowance Scheme in October 2026 with cash incentives to encourage Comprehensive Social Security Assistance households to migrate to the Working Family Allowance Scheme, promoting continuous employment and self-reliance. (LWB)

Support carers

- Increase the amount of allowance under the Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families and the Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities by 10% to \$3,300 per month. It is expected to benefit more than 10 000 low-income families. (LWB)
- Enhance the automated operation of the Carer Support Data Platform while continuously expand its coverage; strengthen medical-social collaboration to provide emergency support according to care recipients' needs when carers are hospitalised. (LWB, HHB)
- Optimise the system of the Designated Hotline for Carer Support and enhance its service efficacy. (LWB)
- Increase the manpower of District Support Centres for PWDs to enhance their functions in the early identification of and support for high-risk carers, and strengthen collaboration with stakeholders to establish a more robust community support network for high-risk households. (LWB)
- Starting from April 2027, regularise the Pilot Scheme on Training for Foreign Domestic Helpers (FDHs) in Elderly Care and the Pilot Scheme on Training FDHs in Care for PWDs to continue enhancing the basic caregiving skills and knowledge of FDHs in looking after frail elderly persons and PWDs through training, improving quality of life of elderly persons and PWDs at home, and alleviating carers' pressure. (LWB)

Support PWDs and persons in rehabilitation

- Provide about 460 additional places for day, residential and pre-school rehabilitation services. (LWB)

Protect children

- Closely monitor the implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance which took effect in January 2026 to ensure the adequate and effective provision of supportive measures, as well as to follow up relevant cases promptly. (LWB)
- Closely monitor service implementation across the four Community Parents and Children Centres to ensure that the families and children concerned receive suitable and effective services. (LWB)

Support students with special needs

- Strive to increase the quotas for pre-school rehabilitation services, and exempt kindergarten children with special needs from going through the Central Waiting List so that they can receive support earlier through personalised services co-designed by their kindergartens and multi-disciplinary service teams. (LWB)
- Launch the "Enhanced Support for Students with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder" Project in the 2026/27 school year and pilot the Project for three years starting from the 2027/28 school year, to provide small group training and other support services for students with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder studying in public sector ordinary primary and secondary schools, thereby enhancing their performance in behavioural, social and learning adaptation. (EDB)

Enhance Labour Protection

Combat illegal employment

- Strengthen the functions of the Inter-departmental Task Force against Illegal Employment and review the membership of the task force in a dynamic manner. (SB)
- Appoint industry representatives from specific sectors as "Anti-Illegal Employment Ambassadors" to assist in intelligence collection and stepping up publicity and education. (SB)
- Leverage technology to enhance the effectiveness of "cyber patrol" and intelligence collection. (SB)

- Review the penalty for illegal employment and strive for courts to impose sentences with greater deterrent effect. (SB)
- Enhance inter-departmental joint operations to combat illegal employment in a targeted manner. (SB, LWB)

Stringent vetting of applications for limited supplementary labour

- Closely and dynamically monitor the employment situation, and include more industries and posts in the Tier 2 vetting mechanism of the Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme (ESLS) as appropriate. (LWB)
- Actively investigate and follow up on cases of suspected violations of ESLS requirements, and impose administrative sanctions on non-compliant employers. (LWB)
- Develop a new digital application platform for ESLS with enhanced data collection and analysis, so as to strengthen the monitoring of applicant employers' compliance. (LWB)
- 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)

Formulate new legislation to strengthen protection for delivery workers

- Formulate a new legislation to provide digital platform workers engaging in food and goods delivery services with statutory compensation for injuries at work. (LWB)

Strengthen labour support and enhance occupational safety and health

- Continue to fund private works projects through the CITF on the use of innovative construction methods and new technologies, including the adoption of Smart Site Safety System. (DEVB)

- Adjust the levels of compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance and the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance in accordance with the established mechanism, thereby providing better protection for employees injured at work, those suffering from occupational diseases and families of deceased employees. The new levels of compensation are expected to take effect in mid-2027. (LWB)
- Implement the annual review mechanism of the Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW) by adopting the established formula, with the next SMW rate expected to take effect on 1 May 2027. (LWB)
- Continue to promote the Good Employer Charter to encourage and recognise employers' adoption of good human resource management and family-friendly employment practices, fostering harmonious labour relations. (LWB)
- Closely monitor occupational safety and health in the construction industry; continuously refine inspection and enforcement strategies, publicity and promotion as well as education and training; raise employers' and employees' safety and law-abiding awareness; and actively leverage innovative technologies and AI to improve work effectiveness. (LWB)

Enhance the Mandatory Provident Fund System

- Introduce an amendment bill into the LegCo by end-2026 to enhance the process of recovering default Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contributions from employers, and increase the flexibility for trustees and relevant service providers in relation to the investment and management of MPF funds. (FSTB)
- Implement Phase One of MPF "Full Portability" by end-2026 to benefit employees whose employment commences on or after 1 May 2025, and introduce an amendment bill into the LegCo in mid-2027 on the implementation of Phase Two Proposal of MPF "Full Portability" to benefit employees whose employment commenced before 1 May 2025. (FSTB)

- Complete the review of the Index-Tracking Collective Investment Schemes approved by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority by end-2026, and consult stakeholders on a legislative proposal to improve the regulatory framework. (FSTB)

Encourage re-employment

- Continue to implement the Re-employment Allowance Pilot Scheme and announce the results of the scheme's mid-term review by end-2026 to facilitate refinement of further measures to encourage re-employment. (LWB)

Concerted Efforts to Build a Thriving, Age-friendly Society

Foster a sense of security among the elderly

- Increase the number of Community Care Service Vouchers for the Elderly by 2 000 to 18 000. (LWB)
- Increase the number of Residential Care Service Vouchers for the Elderly by 1 000 to 8 000. (LWB)
- Set up five new subsidised day-care facilities for the elderly, providing about 200 service places in total. (LWB)
- Set up five new Neighbourhood Elderly Centres to support the elderly's integration into the community. These facilities are expected to serve some 5 000 persons annually. (LWB)
- Set up three new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), providing about 400 residential care places in total. (LWB)
- Provide newly built government RCHE premises for self-financed operation by the sector on a pilot basis, allowing operators greater flexibility in offering diversified residential care services for the elderly. (LWB)
- Continue to expand the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong by identifying more RCHEs in Mainland cities in the GBA to join the Scheme, providing more RCHE options for Hong Kong elderly persons. (LWB)
- Explore ways to further enhance the Incentive Scheme to Encourage Provision of RCHE Premises in New Private Developments, such as allowing developers to use part of the floor area exempted from gross floor area calculation to provide day care facilities for the elderly. (LWB)
- Provide newly built government day care facilities for the elderly for self-financed operation by the sector on a pilot basis, allowing operators greater flexibility in offering day care and support services for the elderly in response to market demand. The first project is located in Area 86, Tseung Kwan O. We plan to invite interested operators to submit proposals in the fourth quarter of 2026 for service commencement in the second half of 2027. (LWB)
- Provide additional resources for subvented RCHEs for three years for providing end-of-life care services. (LWB)
- Explore extending the service points to cover the "community health centres" operated by the medical institutions under the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme, and including additional pilot medical institutions. (HHB)
- With reference to the existing regime for admitting FDHs, admit foreign domestic carers with more advanced training and experience in elderly care on a pilot basis to meet the care needs of elderly persons living at home. (LWB)
- Since January 2026, pilot arrangements have been launched for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients to better identify high-risk discharged elderly persons and in need of social welfare service support, and refer them to social welfare service units for follow-up. Additional resources will be provided to subvented elderly centres from January 2027 to enhance the support for high-risk elderly persons and carers. (LWB)
- Since the launch of the Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes (RCHs) in June 2023, around 13 000 quotas had been approved as at end June 2026, including new quotas and contract renewal quotas, relieving the manpower shortage in RCHs and enhancing their service quality. (LWB)

- Amend relevant RCH regulations to establish a new professional rank of health and care practitioners (HCPs) for the social welfare sector. The first cohort of the professional diploma programme for HCPs will be launched in the fourth quarter of 2026. (LWB)

Promote a sense of worthiness among the elderly

- Launch a three-year “Young-Old Mentorship Programme”, with the establishment of a mutual support network for young-olds with vitality and skills to make the most of their abilities, share their experience, integrate into society, while enhancing their sense of self-worth and enjoying active ageing. (LWB)
- Collaborate with Octopus Cards Limited to launch the mobile version of JoyYou Card by end-2026, offering the elderly persons an option to enjoy the “\$2 flat rate or 80 per cent discount” concession without a physical card; and explore making better use of the mobile platform in disseminating useful information to the elderly persons via push notifications. (LWB)

Continuously build a gerontechnology ecosystem

- The HKHA will launch a pilot scheme to introduce suitable household gerontechnology equipment to singleton elderly persons and all-elderly households of advanced years in selected public housing estates with a higher elderly population, gradually extending the scheme to other public housing estates. (HB)
- Earmark \$100 million to launch the Gerontechnology Promotion Scheme for encouraging and supporting local technology enterprises to proactively develop elderly care products and solutions, accelerating product optimisation for the benefit of the people of Hong Kong. (ITIB)

- The Government injected an additional \$1 billion into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (the Fund) in 2024-25, and expanded its scope to cover technology products suitable for household use, allowing eligible organisations to apply for the procurement of suitable products for lending to elderly persons, PWDs and their carers for use at home. As at end July 2026, the Fund had allocated about \$1 billion to subsidise approximately 2 200 elderly and rehabilitation service units in procuring or renting over 30 000 technology products. (LWB)

Build a Green and Liveable City

Zero-carbon energy

- Press ahead with the reclamation project in Tseung Kwan O Area 132 for the accommodation of new strategic electricity facilities, and explore options of transmitting electricity to Hong Kong with relevant Mainland counterparts and the two power companies, aiming to increase the share of zero-carbon energy in the fuel mix for electricity generation from about 25% at present to between 60% to 70% by 2035 and achieving net-zero electricity generation by 2050. (EEB)

Development of hydrogen energy

- Plan to submit the relevant subsidiary legislation under the Gas Safety (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 to the LegCo in 2026 to set out the implementation details for regulating the hydrogen supply chain, bolstering investors’ confidence in developing related businesses. (EEB)

Enhance waste reduction and recycling

- The I · PARK2 project has commenced, with the target of being operational in the early 2030s, moving towards “Zero Landfill”. (EEB)
- Upgrade the Recycling Stores under GREEN@COMMUNITY into 24-hour smart self-service facilities in phases. The first facility will commence operation by end-2026 and the rest will be completed in 2027. (EEB)

- Gradually increase the number of smart recycling bins from about 140 sets to about 3 000 sets starting in mid-2027, and consolidate the GREEN@COMMUNITY facilities into a district-based recycling network. (EEB)
- Achieve “one bin per block” in PRH estates across the territory by end-2026 as scheduled, and increase the number of food waste smart recycling bins by 600 to approximately 2 500 in the first quarter of 2028. (EEB)
- Continue to support local development of green technology, promoting the transformation of R&D outcomes into commercially valuable technologies or products. This includes assisting two local start-ups in setting up production lines at EcoPark, Tuen Mun to upcycle recyclables into core materials for electricity-free cooling products and acoustic metamaterial products respectively. (EEB)

Promote the popularisation of electric vehicles

- Facilitate the application of innovative charging technologies, including megawatt-level flash charging and battery swapping to be adopted in Hong Kong. (EEB)
- Collaborate with the National Energy Administration to construct the first ChaoJi charging technology demonstration station in Hong Kong in 2027, showcasing its compatibility with the national (GB) and European (IEC) charging standards. (EEB)
- Promote the adoption of electric commercial vehicles (e-CVs) in a pragmatic manner. A working group has been set up to explore the introduction of suitable vehicle types for public light buses first, while at the same time promote the use of mobile charging robots to offer a more flexible quick charging solution for e-CVs. (EEB)

Promote animal care and control

- Consult the LegCo by end-2026 on legislative proposals to step up efforts to combat cruelty to animals and the illegal possession or use of hunting appliances, etc. and strive to complete the legislative amendments in 2027. (EEB)

- Review the provisions on pet ownership and control under the Dangerous Dogs Regulation, etc. to further optimise the regulatory framework. (EEB)
- Enhance publicity and education on proper care of animals by pet owners. (EEB)

Align with the national biodiversity strategy in a proactive manner

- Implement the priority actions outlined in the Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2035, continue to promote habitat conservation and establish cross-boundary collaboration on biodiversity infrastructure and data sharing etc.. (EEB)
- Encourage collaboration between different sectors in Hong Kong and their counterparts in the GBA to engage in the mainstreaming of biodiversity, and showcase Hong Kong’s practices and experience in ecological conservation on international information platforms within 2027. (EEB)
- Commence the first phase of construction for the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park in 2027 for promoting wetland conservation, eco-education and eco-recreation as well as the modernisation of aquaculture industry. The construction is expected to be completed in 2031. (EEB)
- Take forward the designation of Sharp Island Marine Park, strengthen the conservation of coral communities and conserve biodiversity and overall fisheries resources. (EEB)
- Commence legislative amendments to the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170) to strengthen the protection of cetaceans appearing in Hong Kong waters. (EEB)
- Jointly establish an ecological corridor with the Guangdong Province and the Shenzhen Municipality to protect ecosystems and enhance their ecological functions, while supporting the conservation of relevant and migratory species. (EEB)

Continue to promote the development of “Beautiful Bays”

- Continue to improve the quality of marine ecological environment, striving to include Hong Kong’s Port Shelter in the list of national “Beautiful Bays” in 2027 and further promoting the development of “Beautiful Bays”. (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 review the relevant internal circulars and guidelines to assist and encourage government departments to conduct 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. (EEB)

Underground common utility tunnels

- Select suitable major roads in NDAs on a pilot basis for the design and construction of underground common utility tunnels to accommodate appropriate utilities, enabling inspection and maintenance to be carried out therein without the need for excavation and road works in the future. Real-time sensor monitoring systems and AI technologies will also facilitate the detection and identification of abnormal conditions, issuance of alerts, so as to enable early inspection and maintenance. (DEVB)

