

Part 4

Deepen the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and Create an International Collaboration Network

Chapter 14 Advance the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

4.1 The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area serves as a strategic fulcrum of the country's new development paradigm, a demonstration zone of high-quality development, and a pioneer of Chinese modernisation. Hong Kong will participate in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area into an international first-class bay area and a world-class city cluster with global influence.

4.2 Hong Kong will continue to deepen and strengthen collaboration with Guangdong Province to take forward key areas of the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area such as I&T cooperation, industry chain development, wider application of medical products, as well as the establishment of an international hub for high-calibre talent and a quality living circle ideal for living and travel. Hong Kong will fully leverage the major cooperation platforms in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and collaborate with other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities to jointly promote synergised development, mutual benefits, and policy innovation.

Section 1 Strengthen Cooperation in Innovation and Technology

4.3 To develop an I&T industry chain in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to foster the transformation of R&D outcomes, we will actively participate in the technological and industry innovation of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We will encourage Hong Kong's scientific research institutions to participate in the establishment of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Joint Laboratories and expedite the enhancement of the overall layout of the I&T ecosystem, so as to provide an environment ideal for the development of scientific research institutions and Mainland enterprises. With the Loop Hong Kong Park as the focal point, Hong Kong will further strengthen the strategic alignment with other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities, particularly the strategic emerging industry clusters in Shenzhen, and facilitate the cross-boundary flow of I&T factors, with a view to fostering the transformation, large-scale production, and industry application of R&D outcomes in other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities. We will work with Shenzhen to achieve "cooperation in R&D, collaborative transformation, and sharing the benefits of development", to formulate mechanisms and models to achieve industry chain synergy for emerging and future industries, consolidating and enhancing the position of Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou as a leading global innovation cluster.

4.4 Seizing the strategic opportunities presented by collaboration in technological and industry innovation within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, we will deepen the two-way integration of innovation chain and industry chain. By aligning with the industries in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, we will foster the high-end R&D-advanced manufacturing-modern services in-depth collaboration model, jointly developing a modernised industry ecosystem with a global edge. We will advance the cooperation and exchange on hydrogen development between Hong Kong and Guangdong by commencing extensive collaboration in the areas of information sharing, demonstration and application, promotion of standards, industry technology development, capacity building, financial services and professional services, etc. Cooperation between Hong Kong and Guangdong in areas such as satellite technology, deep space exploration, satellite data applications, aerospace popular science education, and aerospace cultural tourism will also be explored. Leveraging the industrial output of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and its module production capacity, we will strengthen our aggregate capability in achieving technological breakthroughs for the development of construction supply chain, including technologies such as Modular Integrated Construction and Multi-trade Integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing, etc., so as to develop the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area into a hub for building technology and construction, while enhancing the stability of the supply of technologies and materials needed by Hong Kong's construction industry, which will further drive down construction costs.

4.5 We will strive to attract high-quality I&T leadership talent from the Mainland and overseas to establish presence in Hong Kong, bringing in their businesses, investment, or R&D outcomes. We will also facilitate the effective transformation and application of the IP rights arising from R&D outcomes, with a view to promoting the vibrancy of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area I&T ecosystem.

Section 2 Promote “Hard Connectivity” of Infrastructure

4.6 We will contribute to the development of the “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area on the Rail” by advancing the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link and the Northern Link Spur Line, so as to enhance the capacity and quality of cross-boundary passenger services in the western and middle parts of the boundary between Hong Kong and Shenzhen. A feasibility study on the southward extension of the Hong Kong section of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link in future will be undertaken to enhance the connectivity between the Northern Metropolis and the Hong Kong International Airport.

4.7 We will strengthen the development of new infrastructure in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. We will promote the interconnectivity of computing infrastructure with other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities, and expedite the formation of enormous intelligent computing clusters, with a view to supporting the development of a cooperation hub for the computing power of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to go global.

Table 28 Enhancing the Infrastructural Interconnectivity within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

1. Striving to extend the operating hours of the clearance services at land boundary control points

- Strive to extend the operating hours of the clearance services at land boundary control points, so as to facilitate the transport of passengers and goods in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to and from all parts of the world via Hong Kong, enhancing the flow of people and goods.

2. Stepping up the planning and cooperation for 6G

- Promote the development of 6G network in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the construction and upgrading of new communications infrastructure in support of the innovative application of advanced mobile communications technologies.

Section 3 Foster “Soft Connectivity” by Deepening the Alignment of Rules and Mechanisms

Expedite the Alignment of Rules and Enhance the Level of Market Integration in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

4.8 We will facilitate the mutual recognition of professional qualifications in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. On a pilot basis, we will advance the development of common standards for the skill levels of skilled workers and technicians of the construction industry in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and introduce Hong Kong’s engineering standards and project management models to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We will make wider use of the advanced construction technologies and new materials of our country, so as to showcase the edge of Chinese standards to our international counterparts.

4.9 We will promote the nurturing and flow of legal talent in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We will encourage more legal talent from Hong Kong to participate in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination and practise in other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities. We will promote complementary development among the arbitration regimes of the three places, establish a platform for promotion of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area standards on arbitration and mediation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and explore the pathway for formulating model arbitration rules for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

4.10 We will proactively align with the development of the “Healthy Bay Area” and strengthen collaboration of medical talent between the Mainland and Hong Kong. We will enhance the medical cooperation with other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities, as well as other Mainland cities, to promote the alignment of healthcare services and regulatory frameworks, enhance the overall medical professional standards between the two places, and promote the integrated development of healthcare across the region. Leveraging the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Medical Specialist Training Centre as a starting point, we will create a new paradigm of specialist training focusing on Shenzhen-Hong Kong cooperation and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area integration, with a view to further expanding the scope of training to cover Mainland physicians from more disciplines.

4.11 We will establish an international hub for high-quality development of the country's water sector. We will develop advanced standards for water-related affairs which are applicable to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Pilot testing, transformation, and application of the advanced technologies involved in the Mainland's water-related affairs will be conducted in Hong Kong, capitalising on Hong Kong as a platform to showcase these water-related technologies to our international counterparts, so as to assist technologies and enterprises of the Mainland and Hong Kong in going global.

4.12 We will actively develop and promote Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Standards and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Certification to encompass a broader spectrum of products and services, for which technical specifications will be established to enhance quality, facilitating Hong Kong enterprises to tap into markets in other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities.

Enhance the Level of Facilitation for Cross-boundary Flow of Factors

4.13 To facilitate the cross-boundary flow of people, we will enhance the clearance capacity of boundary control points. We will step up facilitation measures for cross-boundary passenger flow, enhance the layout of boundary control points, and boost clearance efficiency. We will also leverage the advantages of the redeveloped Huanggang Port by implementing the co-location arrangement and adopting the novel "collaborative inspection and joint clearance" mode. Under this new clearance mode, cross-boundary passengers can verify their identity and complete immigration procedures of both places in one go by undergoing the "document reading" or "face scan" clearance at the automated channels. Meanwhile, cross-boundary drivers can complete clearance procedures of both places by undergoing "five-party inspection" arrangement at the "joint one-stop" vehicle lanes. We will adopt a "cross-river construction" approach for the redevelopment of the Sha Tau Kok Control Point, with the aforementioned novel and convenient clearance mode also adopted. We will consider introducing the said clearance mode in existing boundary control points if conditions permit. We will also strengthen the coordination mechanism for boundary control points in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and promote information exchange among multiple boundary control points, so as to enhance their predictive and management capabilities, and thus the operational efficacy.

4.14 We will promote the development of cross-boundary logistics, facilitating the clearance and circulation of goods between Hong Kong and the Mainland. We will make good use of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to drive the establishment of a Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge new trade corridor, so as to facilitate the smooth operation of inter-city logistics within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We will also increase investment for capacity expansion, upgrading, and digitalisation of cross-boundary freight ports to expedite customs clearance and reduce the logistics costs of enterprises. We will promote the digitalisation of cross-boundary trade, enhance connectivity between the Single Windows of the Mainland and Hong Kong and progressively extend the “Single Submission for Dual Declaration” Scheme to cover more trade documents and modes of transport. These measures will reduce duplicate data entry for enterprises and further facilitate cross-boundary trade.

4.15 We will consolidate Hong Kong’s role as a food import and export trade hub. We will promote the export of a wider spectrum of Hong Kong food products to the Mainland and enable them to enjoy customs clearance facilitation, while leveraging modernised technologies to help establish Hong Kong’s agricultural and fisheries products as one of the exemplary brands of safety, premium quality, and carbon reduction in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We will facilitate import of premium-quality agricultural and food products from different provinces and municipalities to Hong Kong, developing our city into a base for Mainland food enterprises to expand their business and a window to tap into overseas markets.

4.16 We will facilitate cross-boundary vehicle transport and promote the development of cross-boundary autonomous driving. We will continue to enhance the facilitation measures for cross-boundary vehicle transport (including “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles” and “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles”) and promote the interconnectivity of charging infrastructure, so as to better address the ever-increasing demand for cross-boundary travel and commuting. We will proactively develop and implement cross-boundary autonomous driving demonstration projects of strategic significance to advance the scaling up and commercialisation of autonomous driving.

4.17 We will promote cross-boundary capital flow and advance pilot initiatives to drive financial policy innovation. We will strengthen collaboration with financial markets in cities such as Shenzhen and Guangzhou, etc., so as to facilitate the application of cross-boundary data validation platform, and foster the high-quality development of fintech in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We will fully leverage the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as a testing ground for policy innovation to provide a wider range of cross-boundary insurance products for residents therein, explore the implementation of facilitation services for settlement of cross-boundary insurance funds in banking institutions’ current accounts, and deepen the interconnectivity of insurance markets of the two places. We will also enhance the cross-boundary gold processing trade, while exploring green finance and sustainable investment as well as fintech cooperation, with a view to promoting the development of carbon markets and green finance ecosystem in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and fostering the development of international carbon markets.

4.18 We will facilitate the convenient flow of data in order to enhance government services. We will establish a sound cross-boundary data management mechanism, promote collaboration on cross-boundary data governance, and enhance cross-boundary data flow facilitation, with a view to promoting data flow, usage, and secure data sharing in areas such as fintech, e-commerce, and electronic health records, etc. We will also deepen the interconnectivity and standardisation of information infrastructure in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, while exploring electronic identities mutual recognition and digital government services integration.

Table 29 Enhancing the Level of Facilitation for Cross-boundary Flow of Factors

1. Exploring enhancement of the mutual capital market access mechanism

- Closely monitor market development, and continuously explore further enhancement of the “Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area” to jointly promote with the Mainland the steady and smooth implementation of the scheme, while deepening the mechanisms of Bond Connect, Stock Connect, etc.

2. Enhancing cross-boundary financial services for people’s livelihood

- Further enhance cross-boundary financial services relevant to people’s livelihood, including cross-boundary credit referencing, cross-boundary data validation, account opening by attestation, Payment Connect, and facilitative payment arrangements for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area residents purchasing properties, making efforts to enhance the convenience, access, and efficiency of cross-boundary financial services to better meet people’s livelihood needs.

3. Enhancing the after-sales services for Hong Kong insurance policies held by residents of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

- Through improving the alignment mechanism and operational guidelines, steadily enhance the level of convenience for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area residents who are holders of Hong Kong insurance policies to enjoy insurance after-sales services, where risks are controllable.

Table 29 Enhancing the Level of Facilitation for Cross-boundary Flow of Factors (Cont'd.)

4. Expanding the cross-boundary medical record sharing

- Anchor eHealth as the core platform to drive the orderly alignment of healthcare data standards and data security protection mechanisms between Hong Kong and other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities. On the premise of strictly safeguarding data security and patient privacy, and in compliance with the laws and regulations of both places, we will build a secure and efficient cross-boundary data sharing network and expand cross-boundary medical record sharing to more effectively support citizens' cross-boundary medical needs, and enhance the quality and safety of cross-boundary healthcare services.
- Leverage data as a key factor to catalyse the synergised development of "Healthy Bay Area", and establish a "Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area model" for the cross-boundary data governance for our country.

Section 4 Achieve "Connectivity of Hearts" among Residents in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao

4.19 We will strengthen cooperation between Hong Kong's higher education institutions and those in other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities by establishing cross-disciplinary partnerships, facilitating scientific research, knowledge transfer, and commercialisation, with a view to promoting high-level research. We will continue to support Hong Kong's higher education institutions in forming alliances with their counterparts in the Mainland, and enhance the level of joint talent cultivation and exchanges between Guangdong and Hong Kong, fostering effective industry-academia-research collaboration between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

4.20 We will broaden the horizons for young people to develop their careers in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and encourage them to seize the opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Through the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area, we strive to spark innovation and entrepreneurial spirit among young people and support them in pursuing their dreams. We will continue to implement the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme, and facilitate the employment, internship, and entrepreneurship for young people of Hong Kong who wish to pursue opportunities in other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities. Enterprises which employ young people of Hong Kong can also arrange for young people from the Mainland to work in Hong Kong, so as to promote talent exchange within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

4.21 We will establish a cross-boundary medical network and strengthen cross-boundary healthcare collaboration to develop the “Healthy Bay Area” model. In addition to facilitating the flow of cross-boundary medical data as a key factor, we will explore further expanding the “Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme” to offer eligible Hong Kong elderly persons greater convenience and flexibility. We will dovetail with the national policy of “the measure of using Hong Kong registered drugs and medical devices used in Hong Kong public hospital in the Greater Bay Area”, and facilitate cross-boundary medical consultations as well as sharing of medical resources. We will also continue to promote the Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme, under which the designated basic benefit items of certified plans are applicable worldwide, including in various cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, thereby facilitating Hong Kong people’s access to cross-boundary healthcare services.

4.22 To enhance the interface of cross-boundary elderly services, we will continue to expand the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong, and further improve the cross-boundary cash assistance arrangements. We will also extend the “Pilot Scheme for Direct Cross-boundary Ambulance Transfer in the Greater Bay Area” to facilitate more point-to-point two-way ambulance transfers.

4.23 To jointly develop an international, first-class beautiful bay area, we will cooperate with Guangdong and Macao to promote ecological civilisation and enhance the biodiversity of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We will participate in the development of “Beautiful Bays” by implementing water quality management, marine refuse prevention and control, as well as blue carbon restoration¹⁷, so as to enhance marine carrying capacity. Through data sharing and collaborative governance under a smart environmental monitoring platform, we will jointly develop a worldclass beautiful bay area. We will deepen collaboration in resources circulation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and continue to maintain close cooperation with Guangdong in taking forward Zero Waste Bay Area. We will also deepen ecological cooperation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, providing links for collaborative public participation in biodiversity conservation between both places, and commence cooperation in ecological monitoring and observation along the Shenzhen-Hong Kong ecological corridor.

17 “Blue carbon restoration” refers to the conservation and restoration of ecosystems such as coastal areas and wetlands, thereby enhancing their capacity to absorb and sequester carbon dioxide.

4.24 We will strengthen the training and protection of the Pearl River Estuary and the rivers along the Guangdong-Hong Kong boundary, and promote cooperation in disaster prevention and mitigation, water security, planning, implementation, and management of projects, information sharing, water-related technology, mutual recognition of standards, etc., so as to provide support and safeguards on the front of water resources for the high-quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

4.25 We will promote the integrated development of culture, sports, and tourism, to develop the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area into a cultured bay area. We will strengthen cooperation with other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities and the tourism industry to introduce multi-destination travel itineraries, thereby fully leveraging Hong Kong's role as a core demonstration zone for multi-destination. We will leverage the sports venue resources of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities to enhance the efficacy of training and event organisation, and co-organise major sports leagues such as the Guangdong-Hong Kong Cup, so as to promote sports tourism. Under the strategic framework of the Agreement on Strengthening of Sports Cooperation and Promotion of Integrated Development, we will deepen cooperation, and strive to co-organise important regional and international single-sport events. We will strengthen cultural exchanges, pass on Cantonese opera and the characteristics of Lingnan culture, and promote the sales and cross-boundary exhibition of Hong Kong publications.

Section 5 Advance the Development of Major Cooperation Platforms within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

4.26 Hong Kong will continue to actively participate in the development of the various major cooperation platforms, including Qianhai of Shenzhen, Nansha of Guangzhou, Hengqin of Zhuhai, and the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Co-operation Zone. We will collaborate to share infrastructural and industry resources, deepen strategic alignment to promote mutual benefits, and fully leverage the pilot and demonstration role of major cooperation platforms in the country's deepening of reforms, expansion of opening-up, and fostering of cooperation.

4.27 We will support the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone as a platform for early and pilot implementation. We will support the exploration of the integrated development of technology and finance in both places, attracting more foreign capital to the Mainland private capital market. We will support Hong Kong's modern service industry, including international professional services and resources such as architectural design, taxation and accounting, advisory, etc., in establishing presence in Qianhai so as to tap into the Mainland market. We will advance Shenzhen-Hong Kong cross-boundary IP cooperation, and widen the collaboration to position Qianhai as the pilot platform of Hong Kong's construction project management regime. In the meantime, we will continue to deepen the precise alignment and institutionalised cooperation in professions such as legal services, arbitration, and mediation between the two places, so as to contribute to the diversification of mechanisms for international commercial dispute resolution. We will support young people of Hong Kong in seizing opportunities brought by various initiatives such as the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub, thereby incubating more innovative Hong Kong entrepreneurial teams with global vision as well as competitive entrepreneurial projects. We will continue to develop the offshore soybean spot market through the Qianhai Mercantile Exchange, and jointly adopt cross-border RMB settlement and the use of digital RMB with relevant institutions, reinforcing Hong Kong's function as a global offshore RMB business hub. We will also support the development of a safe and convenient Shenzhen-Hong Kong cross-boundary data channel in Qianhai to expand data collaboration in areas such as healthcare, finance, and education, etc. between Shenzhen and Hong Kong.

4.28 We will support Nansha in playing its role as a high-standard gateway for opening up. By facilitating mutually beneficial cooperation in maritime transport, enhancing existing routes, and promoting differentiated development of ports in both places, we will strengthen the overall competitiveness of ports in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area for a win-win collaboration. We will support Hong Kong's maritime service sector in providing professional maritime services to Nansha, such as ship management, inspection and testing, finance, international ship broking, and maritime legal services, etc., with a view to upgrading the maritime industry of the Mainland through Hong Kong's internationalised maritime ecosystem. We will explore innovative mode of cooperation, and participate in the construction and operation of key projects, such as infrastructure and industry chain cooperation, in Nansha. We will coordinate for the enhancement of the prevailing qualification recognition registration system in Nansha and the establishment of a communication mechanism for regular sharing of project information to facilitate Hong Kong enterprises to participate in the tendering exercises. We will leverage Hong Kong's I&T strengths to promote the development of marine biological resources and ecological monitoring, and foster the two-way flow of talent and innovative resources through collaboration within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and I&T parks as well as platforms of scientific research institutes. We will also promote mutual recognition of cross-boundary vocational qualifications, facilitate the mobility of professional talent, and encourage young people to work or become entrepreneurs in Nansha.

4.29 We shall develop a high-level I&T demonstration zone in Hetao by coordinating and advancing the development of “one river, two banks” and “one zone, two parks” at the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone. The Loop Hong Kong Park will join forces with the Shenzhen Park in developing the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone into an important focal point of the international technology and innovation centre in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, as well as the key impetus for high-quality development.

4.30 We will deepen our collaboration with Macao in areas such as economic development, culture, tourism, talent attraction, law, airspace management, boundary control point coordination, and emergency response, etc., with a view to seizing the opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area together by leveraging our respective strengths. We encourage different sectors of society to proactively participate in the development of the Hengqin Guangdong-Macao Intensive Co-operation Zone, so that the business community and professional services providers of Hong Kong may capitalise on the opportunities presented by the integrated development of Hengqin and Macao to further expand their business.

Chapter 15 Deepen Regional Cooperation with the Mainland

4.31 We will further strengthen collaboration with other areas in the Mainland. Through multi-layered cooperation, we will align with the development needs and industry distribution of different places to strengthen professional collaboration, market connectivity, and talent exchange, so as to leverage our respective strengths and achieve mutual benefits. A mechanism for regular exchanges among government departments will be established to promote policy alignment and experience sharing. We will support Hong Kong enterprises in participating in regional development strategies of the country, and foster two-way investments and market expansion by organising investment promotion activities and through business matching platforms.

4.32 We will actively deepen cultural, youth, and professional exchanges with the Mainland. We will encourage higher education institutions and scientific research institutes to launch joint research projects and student exchange programmes, and continue to implement the Sister School Scheme to foster interactions among principals, teachers, and students of both Hong Kong and the Mainland, so as to promote professional collaboration and enhance teaching quality. We will promote interactions in the creative industries by co-organising exhibitions, cultural festivals, and residency exchange programmes. We will also support young people in better developing their careers through a wide array of programmes, such as internship, employment, entrepreneurship support, as well as exchange visits, etc.

Chapter 16 Deepen International Cooperation and Exchanges

4.33 Hong Kong will continue to give full play to its advantages under “One Country, Two Systems” and its unique role as a world city. We will deepen international exchanges and expand our global cooperation network. As a “super connector” between the Mainland and the rest of the world, Hong Kong will continue to develop diversified platforms as an open, inclusive, and professional city, with a view to promoting mutual trust and benefits between our country and the rest of the world, contributing to the development of “a community with a shared future for mankind”.

4.34 We will leverage our strengths as a world city and actively participate in the work of international organisations. We will further integrate our institutional advantages and internationalisation attributes into the system of coordinated regional development to reinforce free trade, regional cooperation, and the rules-based multilateral trading system. We will further support our country in strengthening its voice and work in international organisations, and attract more international organisations and multilateral institutions to establish offices or regional headquarters in Hong Kong.

Table 30 Active Participation in the Work of International Organisations

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| 1. Active participation in the work of international economic and trade organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Actively participate in international organisations such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the World Trade Organization, etc. |
| 2. Attracting international organisations to establish presence in Hong Kong <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attract more international organisations and multilateral institutions to establish offices or regional headquarters in Hong Kong. |
| 3. Consolidating Hong Kong’s status as a Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre for Nowcasting <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Hong Kong Observatory will continue to consolidate its status as the Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre for Nowcasting, providing training and technical support in nowcasting for Southeast Asian region. |

Table 30 Active Participation in the Work of International Organisations (Cont'd.)

4. Strengthening Hong Kong's status as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre

- Through the establishment of the headquarters of the International Organization for Mediation in Hong Kong, showcase our edge as the only Chinese-English bilingual jurisdiction in the world practising common law and our status as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre, with a view to enhancing the influence of our country in global governance, and positioning Hong Kong as the global capital of mediation.
- Provide practical legal training and promote exchanges among international legal talent through the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy, so as to develop Hong Kong into a national as well as an international hub for high-calibre legal talent.

4.35 We will organise high-level international conferences and forums to strengthen our global influence. More regional and global conferences and forums will be held, bringing together political and business leaders, experts, and scholars from different countries with a view to fostering exchanges and telling good stories of China and Hong Kong. The Belt and Road Summit has been hosted successfully in Hong Kong for many years, and has become an important platform for economic and trade cooperation connecting the Belt and Road Initiative partner countries. We will strive to regularise or host more international mega events in various fields such as finance, I&T, green development, and healthcare, etc., so as to attract global representatives to visit Hong Kong and better understand the development achievements, policy opportunities, and business environments of our country and our city. Meanwhile, we will support Mainland enterprises in tapping into international markets through these international conferences and forums held in Hong Kong.

4.36 We will leverage Hong Kong's international arts exhibitions, cultural festivals, theatre performances, as well as films and music platforms to systematically facilitate Chinese culture to go global, and promote the core values of Chinese culture through high-quality arts and cultural works.

4.37 We will serve as a bridge for the promotion of Chinese standards. Through technology empowerment, cross-boundary collaboration, and institutional innovation, we will contribute in the areas of R&D, formulation of standards, product certification, overseas expansion of enterprises, and export facilitation. We will support the showcasing, transformation, and worldwide promotion of the technological achievements of our country using Hong Kong's international platform, thereby facilitating the internationalisation of Chinese standards.

Table 31 Promoting Chinese Standards**1. Railway Standards**

- With the benefit of the newly-formulated Hong Kong Railway Standards, integrate the advanced railway specifications of our country and recognised international standards, and take full advantage of Mainland experience in railway construction and world-leading technologies for application in relevant railway projects.

2. LAE Standards

- Facilitate the alignment of Mainland and international standards for the LAE industry, and promote compatibility of LAE-related standards in the Mainland and Hong Kong.

3. Chinese Medicine Standards

- Strive to become a bridgehead for the global expansion of Chinese medicine by facilitating participation of the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute in developing international Chinese medicine standards through platforms such as the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine to promote Chinese medicine products in overseas markets.
- By establishing The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong and the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute, promote pure Chinese medicine and integrated Chinese-Western medicine services as the “Hong Kong model” in the modern healthcare system, so as to provide a high-standard reference model for the world. Develop Chinese medicine standards aligned with international standards, on the basis of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Chinese medicine, with a view to extending the benefits of Chinese medicine services and products to more countries.

4. National Hospital Accreditation Standards

- Facilitate the internationalisation of national hospital accreditation standards by encouraging more hospitals in Hong Kong to attain accreditation under China’s International Hospital Accreditation Standards and serve as demonstration platforms, so as to enhance the understanding and recognition of national standards among international healthcare institutions. Improve treatment effectiveness through establishing, by phase, Chest Pain Centres, Stroke Centres, and Integrated Cardiovascular Diseases Centres in accordance with national standards, thus providing Hong Kong empirical evidence and exemplars in facilitating the internationalisation of national standards.

5. Green and low-carbon hydrogen standards and certification framework

- Establish a set of green and low-carbon hydrogen standards and a certification system that connect with the Mainland and the rest of world to enhance mutual recognition and competitiveness in the global market. Develop Hong Kong into an international demonstration platform for green and low-carbon hydrogen technologies to promote the internationalisation of China’s green hydrogen standards, technologies, and products.

Chapter 17 Pursue Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative

4.38 We will deeply participate in the high-quality Belt and Road cooperation. We will make full use of our diverse and internationally-recognised professional service resources and experiences, attracting and allocating capital, enterprises, projects, talent, technologies, rules and standards, so as to solidify Hong Kong's status as the premier partner and a hub for multilateral cooperation for the Belt and Road Initiative partner countries. We will provide financing, project management, and risk management services for areas such as urban development, transport network, ports, airports, and energy, etc. for the Belt and Road Initiative partner countries, and will support the implementation of green infrastructure and sustainable development projects. Riding on actual projects, we will facilitate the participation by Hong Kong enterprises and professionals in relevant collaboration projects with the Belt and Road Initiative partner countries, with a view to achieving more pragmatic and sustainable outcomes.

4.39 We will actively participate in the development of the Silk Road Maritime and Air Silk Road by stepping up cooperation with the Belt and Road Initiative partner countries in respect of port operation, maritime services, as well as air passenger and cargo services, so as to enhance logistics efficiency and improve the intermodal network.

4.40 We will support high-quality green Belt and Road development by establishing an international green cooperation hub to pool resources and foster green innovation, supporting all parties to participate in the high-quality green development under the Belt and Road Initiative. We will actively take part in the Belt and Road Conference on Science and Technology Exchange, and the Belt and Road Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation, and participate in the implementation of the Belt and Road Science, Technology and Innovation Co-operation Action Plan.

4.41 We will expand channels for cultural exchanges with the Belt and Road Initiative partner countries in areas such as culture, education, sports, legal, as well as among young people and entrepreneurs, etc. We will actively promote the application of the rules, standards and best practices of Hong Kong among the Belt and Road Initiative partner countries, and advance the development of a "clean Silk Road", strengthening cooperation in fighting corruption and maintaining a clean business environment.