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During the meeting, the two sides discussed the exchange and cooperation between them on cross-border e-commerce (CBEC), particularly on strengthening the cooperation with Nansha, Guangzhou in respect of bonded warehouse and

livestream e-commerce with a view to helping Macao's products to develop the Mainland market through CBEC. In addition, to assist small and medium enterprises to enhance competitiveness, facilitate industrial transformation and upgrade and enhance operation and management efficiency, the two sides discussed the exchange and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao on food and beverage industry for enhancing the service quality and brand image of the food and beverage industry.



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Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the Terminal

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In the afternoon of the same day, there was already a first batch of cargo delivered from Hong Kong to Macao through the Terminal successfully. A total of 180 vehicle trips from Hong Kong or Macao have already been served in the first month of opening. It is believed that more Hong Kong and Macao cargo will be transferred through the Terminal in the future. The opening of the Terminal enables logistics between Hong Kong and Macao to be carried out both by sea and by land and thereby creates a complementary synergy that will further facilitate trade activities between the two places.



A first batch of cargo from Hong Kong is successfully delivered to Macao through the Terminal

3. Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High Value Patent Portfolio Contest 2023 launched on 14 August

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High Value Patent Portfolio Contest 2023 ("the Contest") was officially launched at Nansha, Guangzhou on 14 August. Chan Tze Wai, Deputy Director of the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED), attended the launch ceremony and gave an opening speech.

This edition of the Contest is jointly held by the Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation (Intellectual Property Office), Guangzhou Municipal People's Government, Intellectual Property Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the DSED. Themed "Strengthening High-Value Patent Portfolio to Enable High-Quality Development of the Manufacturing Industry", the Contest focuses on innovation resources and industrial transformation system to enhance technology and innovation cooperation and facilitate high-quality development in the manufacturing industry. The target participants



Deputy Director of the DSED Chan Tze Wai gives a speech

are high-value intellectual properties in strategic industry clusters with advanced technology, high market potential, and high chance of realization and commercialization. Participants will be divided into the Startup Group and Growth Group to compete for 10 Gold Awards, 15 Silver Awards and 25 Outstanding Awards.



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4. Hengqin Cooperation Zone Guangdong and Macao Intellectual Property Talent Elite Class holds its first-phase training on 15 August



First-phase training of the Hengqin Cooperation Zone Guangdong and Macao Intellectual Property Talent Elite Class

Jointly organized by Hengqin International Intellectual Property Exchange Center Co., Ltd., Zhuhai UM Science & Technology Research Institute and Zhuhai Court of International Arbitration, the first-phase training of the Hengqin Cooperation Zone Guangdong and Macao Intellectual Property Talent Elite Class was held in the Hengqin Cooperation Zone on 15 August 2023. It was attended by delegates from its advisory units, which were the Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation, Economic and Technological Development Bureau of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government, Economic Development Bureau of the Hengqin Intensive Cooperation Zone, Commercial Service Bureau of the Hengqin Intensive Cooperation Zone and Zhuhai Administration for Market Regulation.

The event was conducted by means of a combination of on-site teaching and moot arbitration court practical training, covering patent big data analysis, trade secret protection, patent fast pre-examination and moot arbitration court practical training, among others.

5. Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition (Macao) for Technology Enterprises from Brazil and Portugal 2023 held on 27 September



The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition (Macao) for Technology Enterprises from Brazil and Portugal 2023 is held

To promote technology exchange and cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries (PSCs), and to attract outstanding technology and innovation projects from Portugal and Brazil to settle in Macao, Hengqin Intensive Cooperation Zone, and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), the Economic and Technological Development Bureau of Macao (DSED) held the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition (Macao) for Technology Enterprises from Brazil and Portugal 2023 on 27 September 2023. A total of 24 technology and innovation teams from Portugal and Brazil participated in the Contest, and 7 awardees were selected by the judging panel from the 15 finalist teams. The awarded teams will be invited to visit the GBA and other Mainland provinces and municipalities for exchange, negotiation and matchmaking, among others. The project teams that reached the final were arranged a meeting with investment institutions, enterprises, tertiary institutions and incubators from Jiangsu in the afternoon for exploring the feasibility of industry-academia-research collaboration and settling in of project.



The DSED's Director Tai Kin Ip gives a speech

The DSED's Director Tai Kin Ip says in his speech that the Government has been actively bringing the advantages of Macao as a platform between China and PSCs into play and committed to promoting exchange and cooperation between technology and innovation entities of the Mainland and PSCs. The Competition, which has been held since 2021, is one of the major items of work of the Centre for Science and Technology Exchange and Cooperation between China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries, of which the development is supported by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China. The series of promotion activities in the past has successfully attracted Brazilian and Portuguese enterprises to set foot in Macao.



A judge of the Contest asks questions