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**Editor’s Notes:**

“The 5<sup>th</sup> International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum” was successfully convened in Macao. The forum this year invited 37 officials, at ministerial and vice-ministerial levels from 23 countries and regions, with attendance of over 1,000, including experts and elites of the industry, to initiate a number of high-level of international dialogues on innovative financing, international mergers and acquisitions. As regards Guangdong-Macao cooperation, working meetings of 3 taskforces on standardisation, services sector cooperation and intellectual property rights, were held to discuss the cooperation content of the two places. As for CEPA Trade in Goods, 1 edible product was added into the Schedule on Rules of Origin for Macao Goods Benefiting from Zero Tariff starting from 1 July. It was eligible for zero tariff treatment when exporting to the Mainland. Since then, the total number of Macao products eligible for the zero-tariff treatment under CEPA has reached 1,313.

***1. 5<sup>th</sup> International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum, held in Macao***

Macao Economic Services and China International Contractors Association, jointly organized “The 5<sup>th</sup> International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum”, was successfully held on 8-9 May in Macao. With full support of the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC, this internationally influential infrastructure forum was held in Macao for three

consecutive years, playing a more and more important role as the platform to promote cooperation in the area of international



The officiating guests attended the opening ceremony of the Forum

infrastructure leveraging on the unique regional advantage of Macao. The theme of this forum is “Infrastructure Connectivity Provides New Impetuses for International Cooperation”. 37 officials at ministerial and vice-ministerial levels from 23 countries and regions, as well as over 1,000 experts and elites of the industry were invited to take part in the forum, drawing attention to the international cooperation business development in the area of infrastructure among construction connectivity programs, and initiating high-level international dialogues on innovative financing, international mergers and acquisitions.

The officiating guests of the opening ceremony of this forum included Chief Executive of Macao SAR Government, Mr. Chui Sai On, Secretary for Transport and Public Works of Macao SAR Government, Mr. Lau Si Io, Deputy Director of Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR Government, Ms. Qiu Hong and Deputy Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China in the Macao SAR Government, Mr. Cai Siping. During the forum, 25 events with designated topics such as keynote forums, parallel forums, breakfast meetings, roundtable for chairmen and press conference were held, total of 10 cooperation agreements were signed, and 3 more members became signatory to “Joint Action Plan for International Infrastructure Cooperation”, contributing to the fruitful results of the forum.

## ***2. Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair, held in Hangzhou and Chengdu respectively***

The large-scale integrated exhibition for business and trade promotion, “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair”, was held in Hangzhou of Zhejiang Province from 11 to 13 April and Chengdu of Sichuan Province from 20 to 22 June respectively as the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> road show of the event since its inception in 2009.

As previously, there were “Made-in-Macao” products exhibit area, small and medium sized enterprises exhibit area, the Pavilion of products of Portuguese-speaking countries, bringing to the local people the special products of Macao, including products of Portuguese-speaking countries (red wine of Portugal, coffee, food products, etc.), special souvenirs (biscuits, jerky, candies, etc.),



made-in-Macao products (food,

Officiating guests participated the opening ceremony of “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair – Sichuan Chengdu”

garments, accessories, handicrafts, etc.) and Macao electronic products. A number of business matching activities were also held, including business matching sessions, seminars on investment and business environment in Macao and Portuguese-speaking countries, seminar on promotion of business tourism of Macao and networking dinner, demonstrating the role of Macao as a world tourism and leisure centre, and a platform for regional business and trade services to the public and enterprises of Zhejiang and Sichuan Provinces.

Having regard to the special advantages of the industrial development of Hangzhou and Chengdu, in order to strengthen the advantage of “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair” as a business matching platform, industrial elements of the two places were introduced respectively. Hangzhou is the City of Animation and Comics, as well as the base of animation games and digital entertaining products. As such, a group of the Macau Animation & Comic Alliance was organized to participate in the Hangzhou road show. An animation and comic exhibit area was set up in the venue to show the development of the animation and comic industry of Macao, fostering exchange and cooperation of the industry of the two sides. Chengdu is nationally well-known for manufacture of traditional Chinese medicine and its specialty cuisine. The Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park Company Limited was first led to the Chengdu road show to set up a booth to introduce the development of traditional Chinese medicine in Macao. A delegation of the United Association of Food and Beverage Merchants of Macao was also organized to participate in the Chengdu road show, to discuss with the Sichuan Chengdu Gourmet Association to explore the scope for cooperation in business development of the two sides.

Secretary for Economy and Finance of Macao, Mr. Tam Pak Yuen led a delegation of over

100 Macao entrepreneurs to participate in the Hangzhou and Chengdu road shows of “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair” respectively. There were around 200 well-known Macao enterprises showcasing special souvenirs, made-in-Macao products, handicrafts, red wine and coffee from Portuguese speaking countries and so on in the exhibit area of the two road shows. Both road shows received warm welcome and strong sales response on-site from the public of the two places.

### **3. Third Working Meeting of Guangdong-Macao Standardisation Taskforce, convened in Zhuhai**

Established under the “Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, the Guangdong-Macao Standardisation Taskforce held the third working meeting at Administration of Quality and Technology Supervision of Zhuhai on 5 June. The



Representatives from Guangdong and Macao participated the Third Working Meeting

Deputy-Director General of Administration of Quality and Technology Supervision of Guangdong Province, Mr. Zhang Yan Fei, Deputy Director of Macao Economic Services, Ms. Chan Tze Wai and members of the taskforce from Guangdong and Macao attended the meeting. The two sides reviewed the working progress after the second working meeting of Guangdong-Macao Standardisation Taskforce last year: 4 Macao funded enterprises in Guangdong successfully declared 4 Guangdong branded (industrial) products 2013 last year; “Zhuhai-Macao public testing services platform for precious metal, jewelry and jade” was registered as limited company to operate in Macao in the second half of the year according to planning; the Macao side actively participated in building the platform for barcode information services of Mainland products, and had started the technical work for linking up; on promoting training of personnel of quality, measurement of quantities and standardisation between the two places, Macao continued to hold the “Course on knowledge of stoves and its installation” which was successfully held last year, and extended the “Course on application of measuring instruments” to new area, with positive feedback received from both courses.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged their views, studied and discussed about the

direction of future work: to continue to strengthen the training and exchanges of personnel of quality, measurement of quantities and standardisation between the two places, and to strive for exchanges and training work in more areas. To expedite the construction of certification and accreditation mechanism, and to enhance the standard of testing with objectives, certain products will be selected for pioneer study, after which the product list for collaborative testing will be drafted for further consultation and study. Studies and discussions are conducted on the public testing services platform for sharing of resources between the two places and establishment of certification and accreditation system, as well as on the opportunities for cooperation in developing standards for certain sectors.

After the meeting, the participating representatives visited Zhuhai Supervision Testing Institute of Quality and Metrology and National Quality Supervising Test Center for Consumables of Printing and Office Automation.

#### ***4. Working Meeting of Guangdong-Macao Cooperation on Services Sector Taskforce 2014, held in Guangzhou***

The working meeting of Guangdong-Macao Cooperation on Services Sector Taskforce 2014 was held in Guangzhou on 13 June. Participants from the Guangdong side included the Deputy Director-General of Department of



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Commerce of Guangdong Province, Mr. Ma Hua and representatives from divisions. The Macao delegation was led by Deputy Director of Macao Economic Services, Ms. Chan Tze Wai, and officers from the External Economic Relations Department attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed mainly on the direction and content of work of Guangdong-Macao cooperation on service sectors in 2014, and exchanged views on strengthening future cooperation on the basis of past cooperation. After the meeting, the two sides reached preliminary consensus on cooperation in the following four areas, which include: (1) jointly organizing promotion on Guangdong economic and trade policies in Macao after implementation of liberalization of trade in services in the Mainland; (2)



establishing bilateral communication and liaison mechanism between Guangdong and Macao, with designated officers to facilitate communication; both sides agreeing on the interconnection of websites of the Macao Economic Services and the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province; (3) cooperation in e-commerce; as well as (4) training on CEPA policy and cooperation among small and medium sized enterprises.

Guangdong-Macao Cooperation on Services Sector Taskforce is an integral part of Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Agreement, and the working meetings are held annually in Guangzhou or Macao respectively to discuss matters related to cooperation in the services sector between Guangdong and Macao.

#### ***5. Consultation on the rules of origin of CEPA products and Meeting of Implementation Work in 2013, held in Shenzhen***

The consultation on the rules of origins of CEPA products for the first half of 2014 and meeting of implementation work in 2013 was held in Shenzhen on 7 May. The meeting was hosted by the Inspector of Department of Duty Collection of the General Administration of



Representatives from the two sides participated in the meeting on consultation on the rules of origin.

Customs of the PRC and Director of Office of Rules of Origin, Mr. Kang Qiang and Deputy Director of Macao Economic Services, Ms. Chan Tze Wai. Ministries and commissions from the Mainland who attended the meeting included representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Gongbei Customs.

During the meeting, the two sides reported on the implementation of CEPA in Trade in Goods of 2013. In 2013, total export value of CEPA products reached MOP110 million, with an increase of 6.9% as compared with the same period of 2012, involving an estimate tariff saving amounting to MOP10.53 million, representing a steady growth in the development of Trade in Goods of CEPA. Furthermore, the two sides consulted on the rules of origin for the products that the Macao side had petitioned for zero-tariff treatment for the first half of this year. Both sides reached consensus on the rules of origin for 1 product proposed by local business enterprises. Starting from 1 July, preparations with a basis of extracts, essences or concentrates or with a basis of coffee fulfilling the rules of

origin stipulated under CEPA can enjoy zero tariff treatment when exporting to the Mainland. By then, the total number of Macao products eligible for the zero-tariff treatment has reached 1,313 under Trade in Goods of CEPA. The rules of origin of the added product and respective tariff code are available for reference, on the website of Macao Economic Services ([www.economia.gov.mo](http://www.economia.gov.mo)) and the CEPA exclusive website ([www.cepa.gov.mo](http://www.cepa.gov.mo)) for reference.

#### ***6. Second Meeting of Guangdong-Macao Intellectual Property Rights Taskforce, convened in Guangzhou***

The second meeting of Guangdong-Macao Intellectual Property Rights Taskforce was convened in Guangzhou on 27 June 2014. During the meeting, representative from Guangdong and Macao exchanged on the development status of intellectual property of the two sides, and summarizes the results of cooperation in the previous phase.



Representatives from Guangdong and Macao participated in the Taskforce meeting.

To continue to deepen and promote cooperation in intellectual property between Guangdong and Macao, the taskforce discussed and confirmed the next phase of cooperation project in intellectual property rights between Guangdong and Macao, which include: further improving the cooperation mechanism in intellectual property rights between Guangdong and Macao; promoting exchanges, visits and cooperation in intellectual property between Guangdong and Macao; launching exchange activities among copyright industries of the two places; strengthening Guangdong-Macao cooperation on protection of intellectual property; extending cooperation in intellectual property services in Guangdong and Macao; promoting research cooperation on protection of intellectual property in the field of Chinese medicine among University of Macau, institutes of Guangdong and science and research institutions; launching training cooperation on promotion of Guangdong-Macao intellectual property rights; as well as strengthening sharing of information and resources of intellectual property between the two places.

Guangdong-Macao Intellectual Property Rights Taskforce has been established since its

first meeting in Guangzhou on 10 May 2012, with the aim to strengthen exchanges and cooperation on protection in different areas of intellectual property between Guangdong and Macao. The taskforce comprised of departments responsible for administration and protection of intellectual property from the two places, with Guangdong Intellectual Property Office, Guangdong Province Administration for Industry and Commerce, Guangdong Press, Publication, Radio, Film & Television Bureau, Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department, Guangdong Sub-Administration of China Customs from the Guangdong side, and Macao Economic Services and Macao Customs from the Macao side.

***7. Guangdong and Macao jointly organized the first “Measuring Instruments Application Course” in Macao***

To foster cooperation and exchange in Guangdong-Macao standardization and promote Macao personnel training, the “Course on Application of Measuring Instruments” was organized by Guangdong-Macao Standardization Taskforce in Macao on 15 to 16 May, inviting Engineer of Guangdong Institute of Metrology, Mr. Huang Zhi Ming as instructor of the course. Course content includes: professional knowledge in metrology calibration, design scientific theories and techniques of various measuring instruments, as well as relevant mainland and international measurement standards.

The “Course on Application of Measuring Instruments” was a specialized training activity for workers of government departments and professional institutions, in particular for laboratory operator in the area of precise calibration. Nearly thirty participants from Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, Consumer Council, Health Bureau, Civil Engineering Laboratory of Macao and Macao Economic Services attended the course. The course yielded good results, in enhancing participants’ professional knowledge and strengthening techniques in application of measuring instruments, while providing a communication platform for exchange of technology and experience between the instructor and participants.