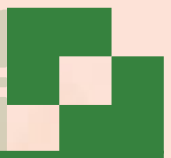


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On 29 November 2016, Macao Economic Services signed a cooperation agreement on joint promotion of youth entrepreneurship incubation with Macao Affairs Bureau of Administrative Committee of Hengqin New Area and Hengqin Financial Investment Entrepreneurship Valley Incubator Management Co Ltd. during the “Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation Conference” held in Zhuhai. Meanwhile, during the “Shenzhen-Macao Cooperation Conference” held in Macao on 30 November 2016, Macao Economic Services and the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone of Shenzhen signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement on promoting youth entrepreneurship incubation, in order to jointly intensify their cooperation on young start-up businesses.

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During the Conference, the Chief Executive, Mr. Chui Sai On, and the Mayor of Shenzhen, Mr. Xu Qin delivered their statements respectively. The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Mr. Leong Vai Tac and the Vice Mayor of Shenzhen, Mr. Ai Xuefeng reported, respectively, on the key work progress of Shenzhen-Macao cooperation over the past year.

The Conference put forward new cooperation priorities, including: seizing the period of strategic opportunities to



The Shenzhen-Macao Cooperation Conference 2016

pragmatically promote the development of “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Big Bay Area”; jointly exerting Macao’s role as a trade and economic services cooperation platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and actively participating in the establishment of “The Belt and Road Initiative”; consolidating its foundation to deepen the youth entrepreneurship, tourism and other areas of cooperation; intensifying and promoting cultural cooperation between the two places; and deepening the exchange and cooperation mechanisms.

After the Conference, Shenzhen and Macao signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement on joint promotion of youth start-up incubation between Qianhai of Shenzhen and Macao; a cooperation memorandum on universal reading; as well as a memorandum on tourism cooperation.

2. The Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation Conference 2016 was held in Zhuhai



The Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation Conference 2016

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Mr. Leong Vai Tac, and the Mayor of Zhuhai, Mr. Zheng Renhao led respective government delegations to participate in the Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation Conference 2016, which was held in Zhuhai on 29 November. Both sides affirmed that their cooperation in various fields proceeded in a pragmatic and orderly manner, and notable results were achieved. It was mentioned that the cooperation between Zhuhai and Macao has demonstrated the advantages of the “One Country, Two System” policy. Under the cooperation framework of Guangdong and Macao, both sides gave impetus to continuous cooperation, leveraged the level and quality of complementary win-win situation in advancing the joint development of the two places. After the Conference, Zhuhai and Macao signed a cooperation agreement on joint promotion of youth start-up incubation cooperation between Hengqin and Macao, as well as, an agreement on education cooperation and exchanges.

In his speech at the conference, Mr. Leong Vai Tac, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, proposed that both sides should continue to reinforce their works in three areas. First, the planning work of collaboration should be jointly conducted by both sides, so as to orderly carry out the cooperation in various fields as well as to intensify mutual openness and bilateral investment. Second, the cooperation mechanism should be fortified

continuously. Along with the deepening and innovative cooperation between the two places, there was a need to further enhance the roles of each working groups and strengthen the regular or irregular communications and exchanges among the counterparts. Third, the role of the industries and associations should be fully utilized by encouraging the participation of enterprises and citizens of both places, congregating the social resources and gathering the collective wisdoms, in order to provide suggestions for sustainable development growth for both Zhuhai and Macao.

Secretary Leong Vai Tac proposed that Macao and Zhuhai should jointly seize the opportunities brought up by the supportive measures of the Central Government, grasping the key points, strengthening the foundation and promoting the complementary cooperation between the two places in an active and pragmatic manner. Under the supportive policies of the Central Government, both sides would advance the cooperation in the areas of tourism, finance, MICE, e-commerce, environmental protection, custom clearance, youth entrepreneurship and innovation and so forth. Meanwhile, the role of Zhuhai-Macao cooperation mechanism established under the Hengqin New Area of the Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone would bring into full play, expediting the establishment of Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Industrial Park, supporting the upgrade and transformation of the Cross-border Industrial Zone, etc, to jointly advance the further cooperation of Macao and Zhuhai.

The Mayor of Zhuhai, Mr. Zheng Renhao stated in his speech that the implementation of “One Country, Two System” was a success in Macao and the promotion of Macao’s economic diversification was a key task of

Guangdong-Macao cooperation, and was also a historical mission of Zhuhai, given by the Central Government. He pointed out that Zhuhai and Macao have been adhering to the initial stance in the past year, seizing the opportunities, mutual trust and benefit, and obtaining notable results in various areas of cooperation. Both sides have been expediting the construction of free trade area in Hengqin, the innovative pilot mechanism on

Zhuhai-Macao border inspection, the upgrade and transformation of Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone, the construction of cross-border key projects and so forth, in order to implement the national strategy and concrete deployment of the Central Government, as well as to accelerate the realization of synergy development and mutual benefits of the two places.

3. Macao Economic Services signed cooperation agreements on promoting youth entrepreneurship with Hengqin and Qianhai of Shenzhen

Following the signing of two cooperation agreements on promoting youth entrepreneurship with Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Fok Ying Tung Research Institute and Nansha Youth Association in Guangzhou in June 2016, Macao Economic Services signed a cooperation agreement on promoting youth entrepreneurship incubation with Macao Affairs Bureau of Administrative Committee of Hengqin New Area and Hengqin Financial Investment Entrepreneurship Valley Incubator Management Co Ltd., during the “Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation Conference” held in Zhuhai on 29 November 2016. Meanwhile, during the “Shenzhen-Macao Cooperation Conference” held in Macao on 30 November 2016, Macao Economic Services and the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone of Shenzhen signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement on promoting youth entrepreneurship incubation.

Through the close collaboration with the Mainland’s responsible authorities for young entrepreneurs, both sides jointly promote the deepening of young business cooperation, recognizing young start-up projects, introducing new business into the incubation park, by providing diversified start-up supports and professional consulting services to young entrepreneurs as well as providing all-round

supporting facilities within the park, including office and business matching services, etc. It also facilitated the cooperation and exchanges among young people in the Mainland and Macao, expanding the scope of development for Macao youth in the Guangdong Free Trade Zone.

At present, Macao young entrepreneurs can apply to enter the following incubation centres:

- “Guangdong, Hong Kong & Macao (International) Youth Entrepreneur Hub” in Nansha, Guangzhou
- “The Park of Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Cultural and Creative Community for Young People of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao” in Nansha, Guangzhou
- “Hengqin-Maca Youth Entrepreneurship Valley” in Hengqin, Zhuhai
- “Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub” in Qianhai, Shenzhen

For further details, please refer to the below link or contact Macao Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre at 87989607 /87989614.

http://www.economia.gov.mo/zh_TW/web/public/pg_ead_ciye_eciyec?_refresh=true

4. The Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2016 held in Macao

With an effort to foster exchanges on intellectual property (IP) among Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR, to provide the Macao enterprises, IP professionals and legal sector with the information on the latest development of IP and understand the functions of IP for innovation in start-up business, the State Intellectual Property Office, the Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department and the Macao Economic Services jointly held the “The Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2016” on 26 October 2016 in Macao. About 140 government officials, professionals, scholars, IP agents, representatives of other sectors from the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao participated in this event.

The symposium invited IP professionals, scholars and enterprises from the three places as guest speakers to discuss three theme topics, namely, “The Latest Development of Intellectual Property in the Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR”, “Promoting the Use of Intellectual Property Rights · Leading Economic Innovation and Development” and “Intellectual Property Dimensions in Innovation and Start-up”. The presentation began with updates of the IP development trend in the three places with special focus on the current social and economic situation, industrial development and analysis on the dynamics between IP and business start-up, and further on to discuss the effective use of IP in promoting the growth of enterprises through case studies. By means of the systematic explanation and experience sharing of the guest speakers as well as interaction with the participants, the symposium encouraged enterprises to protect and make good use of their IP and contributed visionary

and constructive comments on the IP development in the three places.

This has been the 17th session of the IP symposium, of which the first session was dated back to 2000 and since then, the three places take turn to host this annual event. The symposium has, by all means, constructed a platform to strengthen exchange, communication and promote cooperation for the IP professionals and agents among the three places.



The Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2016

5. Guangdong - Macao Task Force Meeting on Promoting Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone held in Macao

In respect of the signing of the “Cooperation Agreement on the Joint Promotion of the Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone” between Guangdong and Macao and under the umbrella of the Guangdong - Macao Task Force, the two sides have established a cooperation mechanism to jointly promote the construction of the Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone (PFTZ). The mechanism sets to step up and deepen the trade, investment and financial cooperation and exchanges within the Guangdong PFTZ. The Task Force also attempts to turn the Guangdong PFTZ to be a demonstration zone to disseminate their effect onto the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region. The contents of the Cooperation Agreement include: deepening the promotion of the innovation in the PFTZ system; encouraging Macao enterprises to participate in the construction of the Guangdong PFTZ; elevating the trade cooperation level between Guangdong PFTZ and the Portuguese-speaking countries by capitalizing the unique privileges of Macao; and boosting the connectivity between the youth of Guangdong and Macao.



Guangdong - Macao Task Force Meeting on Promoting Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone

on trade and investment statistics. In addition, the two sides decided to initiate cooperation directly by the responsible government departments on four areas, namely, building an information port in Hengqin area by the Guangdong PFTZ and Macao; constructing the Hengqin-Macao Youth Entrepreneurship Valley in a pragmatic manner; establishing an integrated demonstration and sales platform for products from the Portuguese-speaking countries in Hengqin area; and promoting the development of Macao’s featured financial services by Guangdong PFTZ and Macao.

In pursuance with the institutional set-up of the Cooperation Agreement, the two sides established the “Guangdong - Macao Task Force on Promoting Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone”. The Guangdong side is led by the Office of the Guangdong PFTZ and the Macao side comprises representatives from the Macao Economic Services, the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute and the Macao Monetary Authority.

The first meeting of the “Guangdong - Macao Task Force on Promoting Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone” was held in Macao on 30 September 2016. During the meeting, the two sides agreed to launch a notification mechanism

6. Guangdong - Macao Task Force Meeting on the Work of Quality Testing and Certification held in Zhuhai



Guangdong - Macao Task Force Meeting on the Work of Quality Testing and Certification

To implement the relevant work under the “Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao”, the Guangdong - Macao Task Force on the work of Quality Testing and Certification held a meeting in Zhuhai Quality Metrology Supervision Testing and Inspection Institute on 18 October 2016. The meeting was convened by the Deputy Director of Guangdong Province Administration of Quality and Technology Supervision, Mr. Gao Guo Sheng, and attended by the delegation of Macao that was led by the Deputy Director of Macao Economic Services, Ms. Chan Tze Wai and composed of representatives from the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau as well as Macao Productivity and Technology Transfer Centre. During the meeting, the two sides exchanged opinions on issues regarding testing certification, standardization, product quality management, and realized the sharing of resources under the cooperation mechanism of the Task Force by utilizing the privileges of testing technology of Guangdong side to step up testing cooperation between the two sides, on daily life products in particular.

The two sides also discussed on the future working direction of the Task Force; exchanged opinions on the establishment of brand in the two places; agreed to further deepen cooperation and communication on matters related to testing certification and standardization; examined the possibility of certification and mutual recognition on testing related business within Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao; considered organizing training and field trip activities; strengthened the professional knowledge and skills of the Macao business sector in respect of testing certification and standardization so as to elevate their service standard.

During the meeting, members of the Task Force visited the National Printing and Office Automation Consumable Materials Quality Supervision and Inspection Centre to learn about the technology and standards on testing the parts and materials of the printing machine.

7. Macao Economic Services held a Special Session on Regulating Cosmetics

To implement the relevant contents of the “Closer Economic Partnership Arrangements between Mainland and Macao”, the Macao Economic Services held a special session on “Regulating System Related to Cosmetics” on 29 November 2016. The session has invited Ms. Gao Lan, who is an expert from the Import-Export Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of Hangzhou in the Zhejiang province, to be the principal speaker.

This Special Session on Regulating Cosmetics attracted the participation of many local businesses and associations. The speaker talked about the knowledge of cosmetic safety and shared her working experience in the government bureau on regulating the import and export of cosmetics in the Mainland. Through this session, participants generally increased their knowledge on cosmetic safety and learnt about the latest international and Mainland regulation trend in the import and export of cosmetics, as well as, issues to take note of in the import and export process.

In the wake of continuous economic development of Mainland and Macao, the interaction of the two areas in respect of people and trade has been increasing with the livelihood gradually improved. The types and quantities of products available in the market also rise in parallel and thus lead to the public

concern of product safety. The Macao Economic Services shall keep track of the market situation to organize special session on product safety from time to time, in order to educate the general public with knowledge in due respect, and will, as usual, do the best on the related work in regulating the market.



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