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**Editor’s Notes:**

The signing and implementation of the Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao represents a new historic stage in the Guangdong-Macao cooperation. Macao SAR Government and Guangdong Province will closely cooperate to push forward the implementation of the Agreement with a view to ensure the future development of Macao, including to establish Macao as a world-class travel and leisure center, and to expedite the development of moderate economic diversification. The Agreement provides more favourable conditions for the first and pilot implementation of Guangdong Province and the sustainable development of Macao SAR. It also creates prosperous opportunities on working, studying and living for local residents, as well as on the advancement and development for enterprises. Furthermore, for the sake of in depth understanding of the practical circumstance of inspection and quarantine system on imported food in Mainland China, Macao Economic Services held a seminar and invited technical consultants from the Mainland officials and related enterprises to present the current status on inspection and quarantine system and labeling of importing food in the Mainland. It would greater benefit our local enterprises further enter into Mainland market, so to provide consumers more detailed labeling standards of food products that are imported into the Mainland.

- 1. The Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao was signed to strengthen the partnership of two regions***

Witnessed by the State Vice President, Xi Jinping and state leaders, the Governor of Guangdong Province,

Mr. Huang Huahua and the Chief Executive of Macao, Mr. Chui Sai On, representing the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Macao SAR Government respectively, signed the Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao (hereinafter “Agreement”) in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 6 March 2011, which symbolizes a milestone in the Guangdong-Macao cooperation.

The Agreement consists of eight chapters and covers different fields for cooperation including economic, social, welfare and cultural. It defines clearly the orientations, principles, objectives, the priorities for cooperation that including joint development of Hengqin Island, synergistic development of industries, infrastructure and convenient border crossing, social and public



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services, and regional cooperation plans, as well as the proposing measures on the cooperation of Guangdong-Macao industrial zone. Under the Agreement, the positioning of cooperation is defined as establishing a world famous travel and leisure destination, creating a new platform for upgrading industries in Guangdong and Macao, establishing a pilot area for a new approach to cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, as well as expanding the scope of moderate diversification of Macao’s economy. The signing of the Agreement facilitates the cooperation in creating a world-class new economic area and quality living area in the two regions, so as to push forward with Macao’s moderate economic diversification, Macao’s world-class travel and leisure center and sustainable development. For the full text of the Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao, please refer to the following website: [http://portal.gov.mo/web/guest/info\\_detail?inford=109902](http://portal.gov.mo/web/guest/info_detail?inford=109902).

## ***2. Implementation of Supplement 7 to the CEPA regarding the facilitation measures of the processing of “Applications made by Mainland participants in their exhibitions for travel documents and endorsements required for visiting Macao”***

According to the content of Supplement 7 to the CEPA, the Mainland and Macao agreed to strengthen cooperation in the area of convention and exhibition sector as to support the mutual developments of both regions. Meanwhile, in order to promote the development of convention and exhibition sector of Macao, upon request of the Macao SAR Government and subject to the agreement of relevant authorities of the Central Government, the relevant Mainland departments will facilitate the processing of applications made by Mainland enterprises and individuals for travel documents and endorsements required for visiting Macao to participate in conventions and exhibitions held in Macao. The aforementioned facilitation measures have

been implementing. For specific content please visit the website of Macao Economic Services: [www.economia.gov.mo](http://www.economia.gov.mo) or the CEPA exclusive website: [www.cepa.gov.mo](http://www.cepa.gov.mo).

### ***3. The Ministry of Health of the PRC promulgated Interim Administrative Measures on Setting up Wholly-owned Hospitals by Hong Kong and Macao Service Suppliers in the Mainland***

For the implementation of “Supplement VII to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement” and “Supplement VII to the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement”, the Ministry of Health of the PRC promulgated “Interim Administrative Measures on Setting up Wholly-owned Hospitals by Hong Kong and Macao Service Suppliers in the Mainland”. Starting from Jan 1, 2011, after obtaining the approval of the Mainland authority in accordance with the law, Hong Kong and Macao Service Suppliers can set up wholly-owned hospitals in the Mainland. Before these measures come into effect, Hong Kong and Macao Service Suppliers are restricted to set up wholly-owned hospitals in Shanghai Municipality, Fujian Province, Guangdong Province, Hainan Province and Chongqing Municipality only. Moreover, Hong Kong and Macao Service Suppliers which set up elderly service agencies in Guangdong Province to provide medical services also have to refer to these administrative measures. For related content please enter the link:

<http://www.moh.gov.cn/publicfiles/business/htmlfiles/mohyzs/s3577/201012/50194.htm>

### ***4. Officials from the Mainland explained to Macao industry related knowledge of food imported into the Mainland***



Guest speakers introduced related knowledge of inspection and quarantine system for food imported into the Mainland.

In order to promote understanding of the actual operation of the inspection and quarantine system for imported food of the Mainland to the local industry, as well as to enhance the development of related industries, Macao Economic Services held a “Presentation on the Inspection and Quarantine System for Food Imported into the Mainland” on February 22. The Chief of Division of Safety Supervision of Food of Zhuhai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of PRC, Ms. Huan Ping and Technical Consultant of China

Inspection (Macau) Company Limited (CCIC), Mr. Lau Kuok Tong were invited as the speakers to introduce aspects of the inspection and quarantine system for imported food of the Mainland and labeling requirements to the local industry.

According to the regulations of the Mainland, when importing pre-packaged food to the Mainland, the port inspection and quarantine departments must comply with the requirements of the regulations to tag check

and carry out quality and health inspection on the food. Only after passing all the related inspection and obtaining the health certificates issued by the inspection and quarantine departments, could the imported food be sold in the Mainland.

### 5. *“Jiangsu Macao Week and Dynamic Macao Business & Trade Fair” was held in Nanjing*

“Jiangsu Macao Week and Dynamic Macao Business & Trade Fair” was held in Nanjing on March 18 for three consecutive days. This event was the first time ever to integrate “Dynamic Macao Business & Trade Fair” of Macao Economic Services and “Macao Week” of Macau Government Tourist Office to form a mega promotional project. The series of activities included senior forum, tourism promotion, economic



Officiating guests participated in the opening ceremony of “Jiangsu Macao Week and Dynamic Macao Business & Trade Fair”

and trade information and a product fair, etc., which promoted and strengthened Macao's characteristics as a "global center of tourism and leisure" and as the service platform for commercial and trade exchange. The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Mr. Tam Pak Yuen, expressed in his speech during the event that after the return of the sovereignty of Macao, the exchange and cooperation between Jiangsu and Macao was further developed and strengthened, and gradually developed in a multi-sector and multi-level direction. Macao will continue to serve as a platform to assist Nanjing “going out, bringing in” and exploiting International markets, especially for economic and trade exchange as well as cooperation with Portuguese speaking countries.

For the series of activities of Dynamic Macao Business & Trade Fair, aside from inviting the officials of the government of the two places to give speeches on special topics, for the part of exhibition, it covered an area of over 10,000 square meters, which was the largest among those of the previous fairs. The exhibition venue was divided into 2 areas: theme exhibition and product exhibition. More than 60 well-known enterprises showcased souvenirs with distinguishing features, made-in-Macao products and renowned products of Portuguese speaking countries such as red wine, coffee, canned fish in the product exhibition area. The content was rich and diverse and the field sales were responded enthusiastically. At the same time, featuring booths showcasing the economic development, tourism and culture, World Heritage, Grand Prix, etc. of Macao were set up in the theme exhibition area to promote the city image of Macao, aiming to expedite the cooperation and exchange between Jiangsu and Macao on areas such as economics, trade and tourism.

***6. The petition to include two more made-in-Macao products in CEPA was submitted to Macao Economic Services***

In the first half of this year, a petition to include 2 more Macao products in the list of goods of Macao origin under CEPA and to enjoy zero tariff treatment when exported to the Mainland was submitted by exporters to Macao Economic Services. The products concerned were glass fiber plain weave cloth as well as plants and animals fertilizer. In accordance with the stipulations, Macao Economic Services will enter into consultations with the Customs General Administration on the rules of origin for those products upon confirmation by the Ministry of Commerce. Upon consensus between both sides, the relevant rules of origin shall be promulgated before June 1 and no later than July 1 in that year. The relevant products will then be included in the list of goods of Macao origin eligible for zero tariff treatment when exported to the Mainland.

According to CEPA provisions, Macao manufacturers may submit to Macao Economic Services petitions for products to enjoy zero tariff treatment before February 15 and August 15 each year. Macao Economic Services will enter into consultations with the Customs General Administration on the rules of origin for the products upon confirmation by the Ministry of Commerce. The two sides shall promulgate the results of consultations before June 1 and December 1 of each year and the Mainland shall, no later than July 1 of the same year and 1 January of the following year respectively, apply zero tariff treatment to the relevant exported products. Related application form can be downloaded from the official website of Macao Economic Services: [www.economia.gov.mo](http://www.economia.gov.mo)