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Editor’s Notes:

The 2014 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference was held in Macao. The two sides recognized the results achieved through cooperation during the last year, and should continue to perfect their cooperation mechanism, while further implement the “Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Framework”. Special attention should be paid to the different work in the key areas for cooperation such as Hengqin, Zhongshan Cuiheng and Nansha, exploring broader room for cooperation between the two places. Moreover, Vice-Governor of Guangdong Province, Zhao Yufang led a delegation to visit Macao twice in July, exchanged and explored with the business sector in Macao on topics such as liberalization of trade in services in Guangdong and Macao, cooperation in logistics and facilitation of customs clearance, giving the impetus to step forward to achieving the goal of further liberalization of trade in services between the two places, and create more favourable conditions for the business sector to operate.

1. The 2014 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference was held in Macao

The 2014 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference was held in Macao on 16 July. The Chief Executive of Macao, Mr. Chui Sai On and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr. Zhu Xiaodan led their delegations to participate, and they both delivered speech in the conference. The two sides concluded and recognized the result achieved

through cooperation during the last year. Looking forward to the future, both sides should continue to perfect their cooperation mechanism, promote the implementation of the “Guangdong-Macao



The 2014 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference
(Courtesy photo from the Government Information Bureau)

Cooperation Framework”
in a more orderly and

effective way, push forward the different works in the key areas for cooperation such as Hengqin, Zhongshan Cuiheng and Nansha, exploiting broader room for cooperation between the two places.

During the joint conference, Guangdong and Macao got a breakthrough in the cooperation of building Cuiheng New District of Zhongshan. Macao and Zhongshan formally decided to jointly build a “Demonstration Zone of Guangdong-Macao Co-operation”. The demonstration zone will not only be a zone for industrial cooperation, but also a zone to demonstrate “overall cooperation”. There will be more innovative modes on different areas such as theme development and regional cooperation.

At the end of the conference, the two sides signed a number of agreements and memorandums, including “Framework Agreement on Cooperation in Construction of Cuiheng New District of Zhongshan”, “Memorandum on Strengthening Guangdong-Macao Tertiary Education Exchange and Co-operation”, “Pearl River Estuary Region VTS Data Sharing and Co-operation Programme”, “Development Plan for Guangdong-Macao Cultural Exchanges and Co-operation”2014-2018”, “Co-operation Agreement on Individual Visit Scheme for Sailing Tourism” and “Memorandum of Co-operation in Expediting Transformation and Upgrading of the Zhuhai Park of the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone”.

2. Vice-Governor of Guangdong Province, Zhao Yufang led a delegation to visit Macao twice in July to exchange with the business community

Vice-Governor of the People’s Government of Guangdong Province, Ms. Zhao Yufang led a delegation of the heads of different departments of the provincial government to participate in “Seminar on Liberalization of Trade in Services in Guangdong and Macao” held in Macao on 1 July. Secretary for Economy and Finance of Macao, Mr. Tam Pak Yuen, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in Macao SAR, Ms. Chou Hong, representatives of different departments of the SAR Government,

as well as the persons in charge of the major chambers of commerce and professional associations of different service sectors attended the seminar.

Mr. Tam Pak Yuen expressed in his speech that the SAR Government paid high attention to the liberalization of trade in services in Guangdong and Macao, and would



“Seminar on Liberalization of Trade in Services in Guangdong and Macao” was held in Macao.

join hands with the Government of Guangdong Province to expedite the liberalization of more service sectors, creating more favourable business conditions for development of the industry. Vice-Governor of Guangdong Province, Ms. Zhao Yufang introduced the development status of the liberalization of trade in services in Guangdong and Macao, and hoped that the business community of Macao would provide valuable opinion and suggestions. During the seminar, the business community of Macao actively reflected the problems and difficulties currently encountered when they were doing business in the Mainland, and also brought out related suggestions and appeals. Meanwhile the delegation of Guangdong Province gave feedback on the different opinion and suggestions.

Vice-Governor of the People’s Government of Guangdong Province, Ms. Zhao Yufang led a delegation to visit Macao again on 30 July to host the “Seminar on Special Topics of Guangdong-Macao Logistics and Facilitation of Customs Clearance” for the business community of Macao. This seminar was co-hosted by Secretary for Economy and Finance of Macao, Mr. Tam Pak Yuen and Vice-Governor, Ms. Zhao Yufang. Representatives of the major chambers of commerce and the logistics industry, as well as department heads in charge of customs supervision in Guangdong Province participated and engaged in practical exchange.

Secretary Tam Pak Yuen stated that this seminar had built a platform for the departments in charge of customs supervision in the two places and the business community to communicate directly, and created more favourable conditions for facilitation of customs clearance in Guangdong and Macao. Vice-Governor Zhao Yufang pointed out that giving the impetus to Guangdong-Macao co-operation in logistics industry and facilitation of customs clearance was the major content to step forward to achieving the goal of further liberalization of trade in services between the two places. Therefore, Guangdong Province paid high attention to this, and seminars were especially hosted to focus on studying how to solve the problems of customs clearance in the logistics between Guangdong and Macao, as well as those of trade in goods. Representatives of the business community of Macao appreciated the effort of the governments of the two places on driving

Guangdong-Macao logistics industry and facilitation of customs clearance. At the same time, specific comment and suggestions were made on problems such as extending the time for customs clearance in Hengqin Port, shortening the time for inspecting goods, implementing the policy of pre-inspection and pre-reporting.

3. Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair, held in Liaoning of Shenyang

The large-scale integrated exhibition for business and trade promotion, “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair”, was held in Liaoning of Shenyang Province from 19 to 21 September, the 17th road show of the event since its inception in 2009. Secretary for Economy and Finance of Macao, Mr. Tam Pak Yuen, Vice-Governor of Liaoning Province, Mr. Bing Zhigang and Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in Macao SAR, Mr. Yao Jian officiated the opening ceremony. The road show received warm welcome with a large number of visitors. The 3 days of road show attracted around 107 thousand people to visit on-site.

The road show was held in Shenyang International Exhibition Center, with an exhibition area of over 13,000 square meters and 275 booths. Different theme exhibition areas were set, including “Made-in-Macao” products exhibit area, Macao special souvenirs exhibit area, Macao small and medium sized



The officiating guests participated in the opening ceremony of “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair · Liaoning Shenyang”

enterprises exhibit area and exhibit area of products of Portuguese-speaking countries. The content of the different exhibit areas was rich, bringing to the local people the special products of Macao. There were also the pavilions of different official departments in Macao, showing to the local people the achievements of promoting the development of a moderately diverse economy, and introducing the business environment, tourism information, culture as well as the local customs and practices of Macao.

This road show also included a series of business promotion activities such as seminar on tourism between Liaoning and Macao, business matching sessions, seminar on Liaoning-Macao-Portuguese speaking Co-operation and seminar on diversified economic cooperation between Liaoning and Macao, providing a matching platform for the

exchange between Liaoning and Macao as well as cooperation among the enterprises.

4. The Administrative Committee of Hengqin New Area led a delegation to Macao to study customs clearance for Macao special food products

Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee of Hengqin New Area, Mr. Ye Zhen led a delegation to Macao Economic Services on 7 August to hold “Seminar on studying how to drive the Macao special food products to enter Hengqin Port under facilitated customs supervision”. Representatives of the Macao food enterprises discussed with the delegation, enabling the latter understand the wants of the Macao enterprises to enter Hengqin, the measures to facilitate customs clearance which need to be resolved with assistance, as well as the difficulties and problems encountered for customs clearance of food products. The two sides jointly explored how to drive the Macao special food products to enter Hengqin Port under facilitated customs supervision, and how to set an impetus for the special food products of Portugal to enter the Mainland market.

Furthermore, the delegation had a meeting with the representatives of Food Safety Centre of Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau. Representative of the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau introduced the overall measures and system of the SAR government to supervise the special food products. After that, both sides exchanged experience on driving the Macao special food products to enter Hengqin Port under facilitated customs supervision, such as discussing about the policy of Two Places One Inspection, and considering to strengthen the information communication mechanism, building a perfect system for tracing food safety.

5. Training Course on Guangdong-Macao Cooperation in Exhibition and Convention Industry, held in Guangzhou, the Province of Guangdong

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Group photo of officiating guests and students from the convention and exhibition sector in Guangdong and Macao.

convention and exhibition sector of the two places to hold the training course for related personnel from 7 to 9 July at Guangzhou. The theme of this activity was “Workshop on Competitive Bidding and Managing Cross-Region Convention and Exhibition”. Around 100 middle to high level employees from Guangdong and Macao participated. During the 3 days of interactive workshop, combining the theories and case analysis provided by the teachers of professional convention and exhibition training from the Mainland, Australia and Malaysia respectively, through the topics of situational analysis and development policies of the convention and exhibition sector in Guangdong, differentiation competitiveness and co-operation development between the convention and exhibition sectors of Guangdong and Macao, International competition and co-operation, setting policies of competitive bidding, development trend of the exhibition sector as well as development plan of related associations, students had a better understanding on the development status and differences of the convention and exhibition in different regions, developing cross-region policy alliance and learning the skills to successfully bid international convention and exhibition projects.

This training was the major promotion project of Guangdong-Macao co-operation in convention and exhibition, deepening the exchange and regional development of this sector in the two places, while strengthening the skills of sales and distribution, market promotion and operational management of the sector when bidding for international conventions, thus enhancing the development standard of the convention and exhibition sector of the two places.

6. Launching of the Zhuhai and Macao Precious Metals and Gems Public Inspection Service Platform

To strengthen the exchange and cooperation in standardisation between Guangdong and Macao, promote the training of local personnel, Guangdong-Macao Standardisation Taskforce strived to push forward the work of standardizing the industries of the two places. Recently the jewellery sector in Macao developed prosperously, the Standardisation Taskforce planned and organized the cooperation platform for inspecting precious metals and gems so as to enhance related standards and techniques. The “Zhuhai and Macao Precious Metals and Gems Public Inspection Service Platform”,



The launching ceremony of the “Zhuhai and Macao Precious Metals and Gems Public Inspection Service Platform”

with under which, the “Guangdong and Macao Precious Metals and Gems Inspection Company Limited”, were successfully established in Macao on 9 August. Deputy-Director General of Administration of Quality and Technology Supervision of Guangdong Province, Mr. Zhang Yan Fei, and Deputy Director of Macao Economic Services, Ms. Chan Tze Wai participated the launching ceremony and seminar.

The construction of the “Zhuhai and Macao Precious Metals and Gems Public Inspection Service Platform” could deepen the work of cooperation in standardisation between the two places, bring into the advanced inspection techniques, strengthen the exchange and training of personnel in the jewellery sector, thus enhancing the overall quality of the sector. At the same time, the platform was the first to bring about brand new way and mode of thinking for cooperation in standardization between Zhuhai and Macao, which had supportive effect for promoting the cross-border economic cooperation and fusion, and set a successful model for driving the standardisation work of the other sectors

7. “Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2014”, convened in Hong Kong

Jointly organized by State Intellectual Property Office of the PRC, Intellectual Property Department of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR and Macao Economic Services, the “Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2014” was held in Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 11 September.



Group photo of the guests participated in the symposium from China, Hong Kong and Macao

11 experts and scholars guests delivered speech on three main themes, namely “The Latest Development of Intellectual Property in the Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR”, “The Role and Capabilities of Intellectual Property in Research and Development Industries” and “Intellectual Property Management, Commercialization and Trading”. The speakers explored deeply on how to enhance the capabilities of creating, managing, protecting and applying intellectual property, promote the application and industrialization of commercializing technological achievements, as well as pointing out incisive aspects. Around 300 guests including officials, experts, scholars, agents in the field of intellectual property and representatives from different sectors participated in this symposium.

This was the 15th Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium since its launch in 2000. The exchange among State Intellectual Property Office of the PRC, Intellectual Property Department of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR and Macao Economic Services of the Government of the Macao SAR made through this platform gradually became a stable mechanism, with substantiality and development.

8. *“Trial Measures” promulgated by the Guangdong Province to allow Hong Kong and Macao Law Firms Operating in the Form of Partnership Association with Mainland Law Firms*

For implementation of “To further develop closer cooperation between the legal professions of the Mainland and Macao, and to explore ways of improving the mode of association of law firms of the two places.” under Supplement VIII to CEPA, Department of Justice of Guangdong Province formulated “Trial Measures on Hong Kong Law Firms and Macao Law Firms Operating in the Form of Partnership Association with Mainland Law Firms in Guangdong Province” (hereinafter referred to as “Trial Measures”) which came into effect from 1 September 2014. The “Trial Measures” allowed the pilot work of Hong Kong Law Firms and Macao Law Firms to operate partnership associations with Mainland law firms. Qianhai in Shenzhen, Nansha in Guangzhou and Hengqin in Zhuhai, were the three pilot areas. The number of pilots would be confirmed by Department of Justice of Guangdong Province, and would be subject to adjustment according to the effect of pilots.

For the complete text of “Trial Measures” please refer to :

<http://www.gdsf.gov.cn/info.do?infoId=2157932> (Chinese version only)