

# **Issue 89 of CEPA Newsletter Released**

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The 89<sup>th</sup> issue of CEPA Newsletter has been released. To deepen the economic exchange and cooperation between the Mainland and Macao, the Mainland further liberalized the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Goods towards Macao by increasing the duty-free allowance for luggage articles brought into the Mainland from Macao by visitors who are Mainland residents. The Ministry of Finance, the General Administration of Customs and the State Administration of Taxation announced on 28 June that visitors who are Mainland residents aged 18 or above entering the Mainland from Macao can pass the Customs duty-free with luggage articles, acquired abroad in a reasonable quantity for personal use, with a total value within RMB12,000.

The Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED) subsequently held a briefing seminar in the morning of 29 June to introduce in detail the measures to businesses with a view to allowing the latter to better understand and grasp fully the details, seize the opportunity and make good use of the measures beneficial to Macao.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High-Value Trademark Cultivation Competition (hereafter “the Competition”) officially commenced in Dongguan on 16 April. Gao Guosheng, Deputy Director-General of the Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation (Intellectual Property Office); Liang Shaoguang, Deputy Secretary-General of Dongguan People’s Municipal Government; Leslie Shay, Assistant Director of Intellectual Property (Trade Marks) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government; and Cheang Hio Man, Head of Intellectual Property Department of the DSED attended the launch ceremony and made speeches.

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