

Hong Kong/Shenzhen co-operation agreements

Co-operation agreement on recently initiated major infrastructural projects

The agreement was signed by the Deputy Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government, Mr Liu Yingli, and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs of the HKSAR, Mr Stephen Lam. Two task forces to be set up in accordance with the agreement will be the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development and the Task Force on Airport Co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen. The Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development will be responsible for organising, supervising and co-ordinating the research work between Hong Kong and Shenzhen on the planning and development of the boundary areas. The Task Force is headed by the Deputy Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government and the Secretary for Development of the HKSAR respectively. Members of the Shenzhen side include the Development and Reform Bureau, the Administration of Land Resources and Real Estate, the Bureau of Urban Planning, the Transportation Bureau, the Water Affairs Bureau, the Environmental Protection Bureau, the Port-of-Entry Office and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office. Members of the Hong Kong side include the Development Bureau, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, the Security Bureau, the Planning Department, the Lands Department, the Transport Department, the Highways Department, the Civil Engineering and Development Department, the Environmental Protection Department, and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

The Task Force on Airport Co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen will be responsible for fostering closer co-operation between the airports in Hong Kong and Shenzhen. The Task Force will study the feasibility of a direct rail link between the two airports and other co-operation initiatives so that the two airports will complement each other. The Task Force will be headed by the Deputy Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government and the Secretary for Transport and Housing of the HKSAR. Standing Members of the Shenzhen side include Development and Reform Bureau, Bureau of Urban Planning, Transportation Bureau, Oceanography Bureau, Environmental Protection Bureau, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Shenzhen Airport (Group) Company Ltd, while Port-of-Entry Office, Shenzhen Marine Safety Administration and

other departments will be involved as and when necessary. Standing Members of the Hong Kong side include Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, Security Bureau, Highways Department and Planning Department, while Hong Kong Airport Authority, Development Bureau and other bureaux or departments will be involved as and when necessary.

Agreement on enhancing co-operation on environmental protection between Hong Kong and Shenzhen

The agreement was signed by the Shenzhen Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau and the Environmental Protection Department of the HKSAR. Under the agreement, the two sides will hold regular meetings for communication and establish mechanism to share information. Besides, the two sides will set up a co-ordination group on persistent organic pollutants between Hong Kong and Shenzhen to strengthen the technical exchange and the co-operation on tackling persistent organic pollutants. The two sides will also enhance the exchange of technology, experience and training.

Agreement on enhancing co-operation on town planning between Hong Kong and Shenzhen

The agreement was signed by the Shenzhen Municipal Planning Bureau and the Planning Department of the HKSAR. The major content of the agreement is to establish a joint conference on town planning to strengthen co-operation and the interface between town planning at the macro level, to enhance the communication and exchange of information between the planning management and technical personnel. Furthermore, communication channels are established under the agreement with designated staff responsible for routine liaison and following up on co-operation issues.

Memorandum on enhancing and promoting co-operation in the service industry between Hong Kong and Shenzhen

The memorandum was signed between the Shenzhen Bureau of Trade and Industry and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council with a view to enhancing co-operation

between the two sides in the service industry and further developing exchange of enterprises of both sides in the financial, logistics, software research and application, advanced technology and convention and exhibition sectors. Under the memorandum, the two sides agreed to strengthen co-operation in the convention and exhibition industry by establishing linkage between websites, enhancing information exchange and encouraging visits and exchanges from both sides.

Agreement on co-operation in tourism

The agreement was signed between the Shenzhen Municipal Tourism Bureau (SZTB) and the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB), with a view to enhancing co-operation and communication between Shenzhen and Hong Kong in tourism promotion, and supporting the development of new tourism attractions in both places.

Under the agreement, SZTB and HKTB will establish regular communication channels, explore new complementary tourism products and launch joint promotion activities. According to market situation, SZTB and HKTB will develop appropriate strategies for promoting honest and quality tourism products overseas and in the Mainland. The two sides will also strengthen the promotion of the convention and exhibition tourism and enhance co-operation in high-end tourism activities.

Memorandum on co-operation for the Shenzhen/Hong Kong Innovation Circle Interactive Base

The memorandum, signed between the Shenzhen High-Tech Industrial Park and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, provided for the initial reservation of 10,000 square metres of research and development areas in the second phase of the software park in the Shenzhen High-Tech Industrial Park for the Hong Kong side as well as the reservation of 1,000 square metres of research and development areas in the second phase of the Hong Kong Science Park for the Shenzhen side. The two sides will also facilitate sharing and exchanging of resources under the framework of the Shenzhen/Hong Kong Innovation Circle.

Agreement on co-operation on medical and nursing services

The agreement, signed between the Bureau of Health of the Shenzhen Municipality and the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong, aimed to promote the exchange and co-operation of the medical sectors between the two sides in the long term. The agreement will help boost the senior-level exchanges and visits between the two sides, launch training courses for the medical and nursing talents, develop a mechanism for the referral of difficult and complicated cases, provide professional advice for patients, and study the establishment of a mechanism for medial organisations to refer cases and to enhance communication.

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