

2008 Hong Kong/Shenzhen co-operation agreements

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Hong Kong and Shenzhen signed five co-operation agreements today (November 13), including the following:

- ( 1 ) Co-operation agreement on the comprehensive study for the Lok Ma Chau Loop
- ( 2 ) Co-operation agreement on education
- ( 3 ) Co-operation agreement on cleaner production between Hong Kong and Shenzhen
- ( 4 ) Agreement on the further enhancement of cultural co-operation
- ( 5 ) Co-operation agreement between Hong Kong and Guangdong on Tourism

Following is the gist of the five co-operation agreements:

**( 1 ) Co-operation agreement on the comprehensive study for the Lok Ma Chau Loop <sup>1</sup>**

- The whole study area includes the Loop and the adjoining land in Hong Kong and Shenzhen. As the laws and regulations as well as the procedure for procurement of consultancy services are different in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, both sides agree that Hong Kong will take the lead for the study covering the area within Hong Kong territory including the Loop and so does Shenzhen for the study within its own territory. Both sides agreed to carry out the joint study on the basis of the “co-study and co-development” principles, and in accordance with the laws applicable within their respective territories. The study fees would however be shared by both governments.

**( 2 ) Co-operation agreement on education <sup>2</sup>**

- Both sides agree to promote education exchange and co-operation

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<sup>1</sup> Signed between the Development Bureau of the HKSAR and the People’s Government of Shenzhen Municipality

<sup>2</sup> Signed between the Education Bureau of the HKSARG and the Shenzhen Municipal Education Bureau

at different levels, and to encourage and support multi-faceted collaborative activities among schools, teachers and students of the two sides, including cooperation over teaching training. Furthermore, the education authorities of Shenzhen and Hong Kong will hold regular meetings to strengthen communication, explore together the future roadmap and develop initiatives for further co-operation.

**( 3 ) Co-operation agreement on cleaner production between Hong Kong and Shenzhen <sup>3</sup>**

- The agreement is signed with a view to enhancing cooperation efforts in promoting cleaner production at Hong Kong and Shenzhen. Enterprises will be encouraged to adopt energy efficiency and emission reduction measures and technologies. The two sides will jointly organize awareness promotion activities, experience sharing and demonstration projects, and will consider introducing further incentive measures. They will draw up implementation plans and establish a working group to take forward the work.

**( 4 ) Agreement on the further enhancement of cultural co-operation <sup>4</sup>**

- Put in place closer cooperation and communication mechanism under the Greater Pearl River Delta cultural cooperation framework to work out cultural exchange and cooperation programmes through discussion.
- Enhance exchange and cooperation on sharing of cultural information, development of performing arts talents and programmes, promotion of Cantonese opera, museum, public library services, cultural and creative industries.
- Encourage and support academic exchange programmes and training of personnel in the arts and culture field.

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<sup>3</sup> Signed between the Environmental Protection Department of the HKSAR and the Shenzhen Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau

<sup>4</sup> Signed between the Home Affairs Bureau of the HKSARG and the Shenzhen Municipal Cultural Bureau

- Encourage and promote exchange and cooperation on different cultural disciplines among artists and arts organizations.

**( 5 ) Co-operation agreement between Hong Kong and Guangdong on Tourism <sup>5</sup>**

- The agreement aims at enhancing the co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in tourism promotion and stepping up communication between the travel trade in both places.
- The two sides will jointly promote multi-destination itineraries, as well as MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions) tourism.

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<sup>5</sup> Signed between the Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Shenzhen Tourism Administration