

Legislative Council Panel on Security

**2009-2010 Policy Address
Briefing by the Commissioner
Independent Commission Against Corruption**

**Information Paper by the ICAC
in response to the issue raised on the
ICAC's Co-operation with Guangdong and Macao**

Purpose

This paper provides information in response to the concern expressed by the Hon James TO, Deputy Chairman of the Panel on Security during the briefing by the Commissioner, ICAC on 20 October 2009 regarding the efforts made by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in forging closer co-operation with the Guangdong and Macao anti-corruption authorities on corruption prevention and education.

Background

2. Hong Kong businessmen were seen investing in the Mainland in great number from the 80s, notably in the Pearl River Delta. Alongside thriving economic activities between the two places, the ICAC has been stepping up efforts to strengthen co-operation with anti-corruption authorities in Guangdong, and subsequently Macao, in rendering preventive education services to businessmen with cross-boundary operations.

Joint efforts in corruption prevention and integrity building

3. Exchange visits are conducted regularly over the years between the ICAC, the Guangdong Provincial People's Procuratorate (GDPP), the Guangdong provincial disciplinary inspection and supervisory authorities and the Commission Against Corruption of the Macao SAR (CCAC). During these

visits, views are shared on the latest development of our anti-corruption work and to explore new areas of collaboration.

- *Collaboration with Guangdong Province*

- Collaboration between the ICAC and the Guangdong authorities on prevention and education focuses primarily on two areas: exchange of anti-corruption experiences on practical issues and the provision of corruption prevention services to cross-boundary businessmen.
- Consequent to growing cross-boundary business ties and the gradual development of a partnership between the two places, the ICAC has been invited to share Hong Kong's anti-corruption experience with officials of the GDPP and the disciplinary inspection and supervisory authorities each year. During these visits, our efforts in preventive education and the institution of procedural and systems controls were shared. Similarly, the above-mentioned Mainland officials were also invited to take part in seminars and professional training courses organised by the ICAC in Hong Kong to exchange views on specific topics like corruption prevention in private enterprises and the financial sector.
- Since 1995, the ICAC has co-operated with the GDPP in publishing "*A Guide to Businessmen in Guangdong and Hong Kong*" to enhance cross-boundary businessmen's understanding of the anti-corruption laws of the two places and provide appropriate corruption prevention advice. The *Guide* was revised in 1999 and 2008 respectively to keep abreast with the latest development in Guangdong and Hong Kong. In launching the *Guide*, joint seminars were organised to promote corruption prevention and good corporate governance to cross-boundary businesses, especially the small and medium enterprises.
- The ICAC has begun collaborating with the Mainland and Macao on moral education for youth. The ICAC, GDPP and CCAC, for example, are co-organising a TV commercial competition for youth for whom briefings on integrity building of the three places would be arranged. In December 2009, the ICAC had organised visits to the anti-corruption authorities in Hong Kong, Macao and Guangdong for university students.

- Collaboration with Macao
 - Exchanges between the ICAC, CCAC and the Public Prosecutions Office of the Macao SAR are frequent. Scope of collaboration is also broader due to similarities in work nature. In addition to mutual and regular visits by senior management, exchanges cover a range of areas including civil service integrity, youth moral education, clean elections and building management.
 - Since 2008, the ICAC, CCAC and the Ministry of Supervision (MoS) have co-organised thematic seminars on a yearly basis. The latest joint seminar, on the theme of corruption prevention in the private sector, was held in Macao in November 2009 to enhance corruption prevention awareness of businessmen operating in the Pearl River Delta.

The Way Forward

4. Rapid economic development in the Mainland including the Pearl River Delta will continue to deepen our partnership with Guangdong and Macao on the preventive education front. Development in the near future will include:

1. establishing a co-operation mechanism : The ICAC is now liaising with the GDPP on the setting up of a joint working group to plan for future joint projects;
2. building a probity culture : The ICAC plans to extend the levels of co-operation from providing corruption prevention services to cross-boundary businessmen to the fostering of a probity culture. The above-mentioned TV commercial competition co-organised by the ICAC, GDPP and CCAC for young people is a new attempt in this direction. Please refer to the Appendix for details of the activity.



Cross-Boundary Anti-Corruption TV Commercial Competition

The ICAC co-organises a “Cross Boundary Anti-Corruption TV Commercial Competition” with the Guangdong Provincial People’s Procuratorate (GDPP) and the Commission Against Corruption of the Macao SAR (CCAC) in 2009–2010. The objectives are to promote positive values among younger generation in the three places and solicit their support for the anti-corruption work. The project is assisted by RTHK and supported by the Association of Accredited Advertising Agencies of Hong Kong.

2. The ICAC, GDPP and CCAC have formed a working committee for this project and recruitment for the competition has commenced from December 2009. Tertiary and senior secondary students in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao are invited to participate. Participants are required to produce a 15-30 second TV Commercial on anti-corruption messages.

3. The competition is held from December 2009 to July 2010 by 3 stages :

- School and online publicity (December 2009 to February 2010)
 - Organisers promote the competition and encourage enrolment from students in their respective places. Workshops will be held to share with the participants the anti-corruption messages and the basic techniques in TV Commercial development and production. More than 200 teams have enrolled up to the latter half of January 2010. They will submit their concepts with storyboards.
- Concept short-listing (April to May 2010)
 - 30 concepts will be shortlisted. Subsidy will be provided to shortlisted teams for production of the TV Commercials.
- Assessment and Award presentation (June to July 2010)
 - Shortlisted TV Commercials will be uploaded for internet polling for “The Most Popular Award” and “The Most Creative Award”.
 - An assessment panel comprising representatives of organisers, the supporting organisation and professionals in the advertising industry will select the winners and regional prizes. Outstanding entries will be considered for adaptation for use in ICAC’s publicity campaign.
 - Shortlisted teams will join an exchange tour to visit the anti-corruption organisations in Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong and attend the award presentation ceremony planned to be held in Hong Kong in July 2010.