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Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry

The 2010 Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the gist of the Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting (the Meeting) held on 6 December 2010.

Background

2. The Chief Secretary for Administration (CS), Mr. Henry Tang and the Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government, Mr. Xu Qin co-chaired the sixth Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting on 6 December 2010 in Shenzhen. At the Meeting, both sides discussed a number of key co-operation areas, and agreed to strengthen and deepen co-operation and considered various co-operation initiatives for the coming year. At the agreement signing ceremony after the Meeting, the two governments signed three agreements (the text of the co-operation agreements is provided in the Annex). On the same day, the CS and the Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government held a press conference, and a press release was issued, giving an account of the outcome of the Key areas discussed at the Meeting are set out in the following Meeting. paragraphs.

Deliverables in Major Co-operation Areas and Direction in Continuous Development

Co-operation in modern service industries

3. At the Meeting, both sides reaffirmed the importance of the Overall Development Plan on Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation on Modern Service Industries in Qianhai Area (Qianhai Development Plan) and was approved by the State Council, in pushing ahead mutual co-operation in modern service industries in Qianhai. The Shenzhen side also briefed the Hong Kong side on the latest development of Qianhai. According to the consensus reached between the two sides, the Shenzhen

Municipal Government has taken up a leading role and is responsible for the development and management of Qianhai, while the SAR Government will continue to provide comments on the study and formulation of development plan and related policies. The SAR Government will facilitate the Shenzhen authorities to have a better understanding of the development of Hong Kong business sector, especially the financial services, professional services and other services sectors, and the policies required to be implemented in order to expand the market in the Mainland. Besides, the SAR Government would actively complement the publicity and promotional work of the Shenzhen authorities to introduce to Hong Kong entreprises, professional sectors and service suppliers the business opportunities brought about by the Qianhai Development Plan.

4. On the same day, the CS led a delegation comprising around 30 representatives from business and professional communities and members of the Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council to attend a meeting chaired by the Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government. This meeting aimed to enhance the trade's understanding on the latest development of the Qianhai area. Afterwards, the CS and the business delegation, accompanied by officials from the Shenzhen Municipal Government, participated in the site visit to the Qianhai area.

Financial services

5. At the Meeting, both sides reviewed the work in the past year on deepening financial co-operation, and agreed to actively implement relevant measures in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation. By leveraging on platform such as the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), and "early and pilot implementation" in Guangdong and Shenzhen, the two sides will further promote financial co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, so as to achieve mutually beneficial results complementary to the overall development needs of the country. In addition, the relevant parties in Hong Kong and Shenzhen are actively making arrangements for launching a dual-chip charge card that could carry the electronic money of the two places as soon as feasible. This will make it more convenient for residents of the two cities to pay for transportation and retail purchases on both sides of the boundary.

<u>Tourism</u>

6. At the Meeting, both sides agreed that facilitating the movement of people between the two places could further the cooperation between the places. Both sides welcomed the expansion of the arrangement to allow non-Guangdong residents ordinarily residing in Shenzhen to apply for Individual Visit endorsements in Shenzhen to visit The expanded scope of eligibility will include most Hong Kong. persons employed by the Shenzhen Municipal Government, employees of enterprises and individual business owners, covering most nonresidents employed in Shenzhen. The Guangdong expanded arrangement will take effect from December 15. The Shenzhen authorities estimated that about four million additional residents would be eligible. Both sides will promote the new measure to encourage more Mainland visitors to come to Hong Kong for sightseeing and shopping. This will benefit Hong Kong's tourism, retail, catering and other related sectors and will further facilitate the movement of people between the two places.

Testing and certification industry

7. Both sides agreed to strengthen co-operation on industries development by complementing each other. On the testing and certification industry, the Innovation and Technology Commission has entered into agreements with the Shenzhen Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, and the Market Supervision Administration of Shenzhen Municipality respectively to enhance mutual understanding of each other's systems and to strengthen exchanges and collaboration in testing and certification. The agreements will pave the way for Hong Kong's testing and certification industry to provide wider range of services for Shenzhen in future, facilitate trade between the two places and promote development of the testing and certification industry in the region.

Cross-boundary infrastructure development

8. The Hong Kong and Shenzhen authorities have maintained close liaison and co-operation. At the Meeting, both have reached consensus on preparatory works for developing the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and related improvement works for Shenzhen River, including the handling capacities of the boundary control point, work schedule, entrustment of part of the cross-boundary works for implementation by the Shenzhen side and jointly organizing an international design ideas competition for the passenger terminal building. Substantive progress has been made on the Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop jointly commissioned by the Hong Kong and Shenzhen Governments, including the publication of the Preliminary Outline Development Plan on November 23 to kick-start a two-month public engagement exercise concurrently in Hong Kong and Shenzhen to collect views of various sectors of the community.

Environmental co-operation

At the Meeting, both sides reviewed the work on 9. environmental co-operation In the past year, the two sides actively took forward the Cleaner Production Partnership Programme, under which funding support for 940 projects undertaken by Hong Kong enterprises in the PRD region have been approved as at end November 2010, including 256 projects of factories based in Shenzhen. To commend the efforts of enterprises to pursue cleaner production, a total of 115 Hong Kongowned enterprises, 26 of which are based in Shenzhen, were recognised as "Hong Kong - Guangdong Cleaner Production Partners" at a presentation ceremony of the Hong Kong - Guangdong Cleaner Production Partners Recognition Scheme held in Hong Kong in November 2010. To improve regional air quality, the two sides are strengthening co-operation and exchange regarding emission reduction from power plants and motor vehicles, use of cleaner motor fuels and control of volatile organic compounds. In addition, the two sides will continue to conduct the study on treatment strategies for the contaminated sediment of Shenzhen River, with a view to developing feasible remedial solutions. Both sides will also enhance co-operation in the areas of promoting wider use of clean energy and green transportation, and development of the environmental service sector.

The 26th Summer Universiade

10. The 26th Summer *Universiade* (the *Universiade*) will be held in August 2011 in Shenzhen. At the Meeting, the Governments of Hong Kong and Shenzhen agreed to maintain efficient communication and collaboration to facilitate the participants of the *Universiade* to travel to and from Shenzhen via Hong Kong to ensure the successful organization of the *Universiade*. Both sides also agreed to set up a joint working group to study and work out related arrangements.

The Shenzhen Liaison Unit of GDETO

11. The opening ceremony of the Shenzhen Liaison Unit (the Unit) set up under the Guangdong Economic and Trade Office (GDETO) of the SAR Government was held in Shenzhen on the same day. The Unit will strengthen liaison and communication with various relevant departments of the Shenzhen Municipal Government, and will, among other things, assist in the smooth implementation of policies in relation to Qianhai development, convey to the concerned Shenzhen authorities through various channels the issues that Hong Kong enterprises are interested in, and provide support and assistance to Hong Kong entreprises and Hong Kong people in Shenzhen. The Unit officially commenced operation in August 2010.

Conclusion

12. With over 30 years of close collaboration, Hong Kong and Shenzhen have laid a strong foundation for co-operation. Exchanges between the governments, enterprises and communities of the two places have been increasing. The SAR Government will continue to step up efforts in complementing our strengths with those of Shenzhen to push forward co-ordinated development under the principle of "One Country, Systems", and to plan and take forward various Hong Two Kong/Shenzhen co-operation initiatives in a forward-looking manner. The governments of the two places will also closely monitor development in the Pearl River Delta region, seize the opportunities brought about by new national policies that are conducive to the development of Hong Kong and Shenzhen, enhance the level of co-operation and play a more positive role in promoting the enhancement of industrial structure in the Pearl River Delta region.

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<u>Annex</u>

香港特別行政區政府公司註冊處與 深圳市市場監督管理局

公司/企業註冊交流合作協議

爲加強港深兩地公司/企業註冊的合作與交流,進一步促進 雙方在服務、合作及諮詢方面的聯繫與溝通,香港特別行政區政 府公司註冊處與深圳市市場監督管理局簽訂協議,同意達成以下 合作內容:

(一)建立合作平台,每年進行互訪交流活動。雙方可每年 進行一次訪問及工作會議,分享工作經驗,滙報合作計劃的進度 及制訂進一步合作的規劃。

(二)安排雙方人員交流實習。雙方可根據工作需要進行學 習工作交流活動。雙方為此準備學習內容及日程,並提供必要的 方便與支持。學習人員的交通和食宿費用由派出方承擔。

(三)建立網站連結。雙方在網站上互設對方的網站連結。

(四)加強跨境宣傳及推廣公司/企業註冊。雙方可相互提供有關公司或企業註冊的宣傳單張/資料,以便在對方機關展示,供公眾人士取閱。如在兩地有適合的專業交流和公司/企業註冊的推廣活動,雙方可派員參與。

(五)加強公司及企業訊息交流。經互聯網提供香港註冊有

限公司登記資料的查冊服務。

(六)加大對企業名稱的保護力度。就深港兩地企業名稱尤 其是涉及馳名商標的企業名稱保護問題,加強協調,加大保護力 度。

本合作協議一式四份,簽署雙方各持兩份,自簽署之日起生 效。本合作協議可在雙方同意下隨時修訂和補充。

香港特别行政區政府公司註冊處深圳市市場監督管理局

二〇一〇年十二月六日 二〇一〇年十二月六日

香港和深圳兩地檢測認證交流合作協定

爲促進香港和深圳兩地檢測認證行業發展,幫助推動香港和 深圳經濟發展,香港創新科技署與深圳市市場監督管理局遵循互 利互惠、優勢互補、共同發展、注重實效和可操作性的原則,經 雙方充分協商,就加強檢測認證交流與合作達成協議。

一、交流合作的目標

深入了解、熟悉雙方檢測認證法律框架及運作流程;充分利 用雙方優勢,通過加強溝通、資訊分享、協調合作等措施推動港 深檢測認證行業發展;更好地爲雙方經濟社會發展提供具有國際 水準的檢測認證專業服務;共同把握國內外的檢測認證新機遇, 共同應對檢測認證行業的新挑戰。

二、交流合作的內容

(一)建立長期有效的交流合作機制。定期召開港深檢測認
證聯繫會議,通報雙方檢測認證等工作情況;根據雙方意願,成
立相應的專責小組開展專項檢測認證工作;

(二)共用檢測認證行業資訊。雙方加強行業資訊交流,協助港深檢測認證業界尋找商機;

(三)加強人員互訪和培訓。推動政府、協會(商會)、檢 測認證機構間的互動,在舉辦研討會、論壇、專題講座或培訓班 方面加強合作; (四)加強兩地相關部門的聯繫和對兩地制度的相互了解,以"先易後難", "先行先試"的方式,在雙方共同選定的範疇,依照相關規定,合理推廣兩地認可檢測機構檢測結果的互認;

(五)加強兩地在推廣檢測認證服務方面的合作。

雙方各指定一個聯絡人具體負責合作事項的聯繫和協調。

本合作協議一式四份,簽署雙方各持兩份,自簽署之日起生 效。對未列入本協議的其他事宜,由雙方共同協商解決。

深圳市市場監督管理局

香港創新科技署

二〇一〇年十二月六日 二〇一〇年十二月六日

香港創新科技署 深圳出入境檢驗檢疫局 關於促進港深檢測認證科技創新合作協議

香港創新科技署是香港特區政府負責推動科技創新及檢測 認證發展的主管部門,深圳出入境檢驗檢疫局是依靠技術執法把 關的國家行政機關。

香港創新科技署與深圳出入境檢驗檢疫局(以下簡稱雙 方),按照深港創新圈戰略發展規劃要求,為進一步加強合作, 共同推進港深檢測認證科技創新方面的工作,經雙方友好磋商, 達成如下合作協議:

一、雙方將在國家法律、法規允許的範圍內,根據各自職責, 秉承"相互信任、相互尊重、相互支持"的原則,通過加強溝通、 增進交流、優勢互補、合作共贏,推動港深科技創新,促進港深 兩地經濟發展。

二、雙方合作內容包括:

(一)建立雙方負責人定期互訪制度。

(二)加強實驗室管理及檢測技術等方面的交流;發揮各自 實驗室優勢,開展實驗室的檢測比對活動;建立定期交流機制, 促進創新科技以及港深實驗室檢測能力和檢測水平不斷提高。

(三)加強強制性產品認證制度、註冊登記制度、實驗室認可制度和能源效率標識制度等的交流及相關信息的共享。

(四)積極開展在檢測認證方面的重大項目科研合作。鼓勵 港深兩地科技主管部門確立的重大科技專項研發,深化深港創新 圈重大專項的研發。

(五)鼓勵深化深港創新圈重大專項"基於 RFID 技術的深 港一體化食品安全供應鏈公共信息平台"的合作研究,共同拓展 和推動業界的應用。

(六)共同推動通關便利化、物流新技術及檢測技術應用研究,推動成果轉化及推廣應用對方優秀的科研成果。

三、雙方各指定一個聯絡人具體負責合作事項的聯繫和協 調。

四、對未列入本協議的其它事宜,由雙方共同協商解決。

五、本協議自雙方簽字之日起執行。本協議一式四份,簽署 雙方各執兩份。

香港創新科技署

深圳出入境檢驗檢疫局

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