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**Background brief on  
developments in the work on complementing  
the National 12th Five-Year Plan**

**Purpose**

This paper provides background information on the developments of the work of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in complementing the National 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, and recent discussions by Members on related issues including Hong Kong-Guangdong co-operation matters.

**Background**

2. The “Outline of the Twelfth Five-Year Plan for the National Economic and Social Development of the People’s Republic of China” was endorsed at the Fourth Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> National People’s Congress and promulgated officially on 16 March 2011. There was an individual chapter (the Dedicated Chapter) dedicated to Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, highlighting the Central Government's support to Hong Kong in various aspects under the "One Country, Two Systems" with particular emphasis on the following:

- (a) supporting Hong Kong to further consolidate and enhance its competitive advantages, including its status as an international centre for financial services, trade and shipping; and developing Hong Kong into an offshore Renminbi (RMB) business centre and an international asset management centre, with enhanced influence in the global financial sector;

- (b) nurturing Hong Kong's emerging industries and developing the six industries where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages (the six industries), so as to facilitate them to extend their fields of co-operation and scope of service in the Mainland; and
- (c) deepening the economic co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong through continued implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA); strengthening co-operation with Guangdong and Macao; and implementing the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation, including the establishment of a financial co-operation zone and a world-class metropolitan cluster with Hong Kong's financial system taking the lead, opening up of the Guangdong market under "early and pilot measures" to Hong Kong's service industries, and the gradual extension of such measures to other regions.

3. The Dedicated Chapter spells out Hong Kong's important functions and positioning in the strategic development of our country, and the direction of cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in the "12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan" period. It will have far-reaching impact on the future development of Hong Kong.

4. In his Policy Address delivered on 12 October 2011, the Chief Executive (CE) stated that the Administration would take forward these policy measures actively, with emphasis on strengthening Hong Kong's cooperation with Guangdong.

### **Discussions at the Panels and committees**

5. The C&I Panel has been monitoring the development of trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong and has held meetings in 2010 and 2011 with the Administration to discuss the progress of the implementation of CEPA, the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation, the 2010 Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting, and the Third Plenary Session of the Hong Kong/Beijing Economic and Trade Co-operation Conference. In October 2011, the Administration provided an information paper (LC Paper No. CB(1) 3102/10-11(01)) to the C&I Panel and other Members on the major outcomes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference held on 23 August 2011 in Hong Kong.

6. While the discussion of the C&I Panel mainly focussed on trade and industry matters and measures to further enhance the development of Hong Kong industries and services in the Mainland, issues on regional co-operation and cross-boundary projects are discussed by other relevant Panels. These include the co-operation initiatives on the six industries, infrastructure projects to enhance logistics development and communication, development of Reminbi businesses, and cross-boundary development proposals.

7. Following the visit of Mr Li Keqiang, Vice-Premier of the State Council to Hong Kong in August 2011 and his announcement on 17 August 2011 of the Central Government's package of measures to support Hong Kong's development and to deepen financial and economic co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong, the Administration briefed the Panel on Financial Affairs on these measures on 31 August 2011. Panel members welcomed the measures and were keen to know more about the economic benefits and job opportunities brought to Hong Kong by the measures, and the follow-up actions the Government would take to bring the supportive measures into effect as early as possible.

8. At the series of policy briefings held in October 2011, the Administration briefed the relevant Panels on the progress of the policy measures to complement the National 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, and also the new initiatives to strengthen Guangdong and regional co-operation including the promotion of Nansha development, development of modern services in Qianhai, and regional cooperation with Chengdu-Chongqing area and Fujian.

9. According to the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB)'s paper for the policy briefing at the C&I Panel in October 2011, the Government has set up a steering committee, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, to oversee the co-ordination of bureaux' efforts and the follow-up actions, including the important work of pressing ahead the implementation of the various supporting policy measures by the Central Government.

10. The information provided to and discussions at Panels and other committees in relation to the National 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, regional co-operation initiatives, development proposals and cross-boundary infrastructure projects are summarised in **Appendix I**.

### **Relevant motions**

11. In the Fourth Legislative Council ("LegCo"), Members have moved in Council a number of motions without legislative effect concerning the National 12th Five-Year Plan and issues relating to co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong. The motions listed in **Appendix II** mainly cover the following issues -

- (a) Hong Kong's participation in the National 12th Five-Year Plan at the Council meetings of 20 January 2010 and 30 March 2011 (paragraphs 9 and 12 in Appendix II);
- (b) enhancing co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland on cross-border infrastructure projects at the Council meeting of 10 December 2008 (paragraph 2 in Appendix II);
- (c) strategies for developing the six industries and strengthening co-operation with the Mainland on development of these priority industries at the Council meetings of 4 February, 29 April, 20 May and 3 June 2009 (paragraphs 3, 5, 6 and 7 in Appendix II);
- (d) implementing complementary policies for the Outline of the Plan for the Reform and Development of the Pearl River Delta at the Council meeting of 4 March 2009 (paragraph 4 in Appendix II); and
- (e) enhancing co-operation between Hong Kong and Mainland provinces and municipalities at the Council meetings of 17 June 2009, 26 May 2010, 15 December 2010 and 4 May 2011 (paragraphs 8, 10, 11 and 13 in Appendix II).

### **Relevant Council questions**

12. In the Fourth LegCo, Members have raised many questions at Council meetings concerning the major co-operation projects among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and issues relating to co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong. A summary of the issues raised in these questions is provided in **Appendix III**. They include -

- (a) progress of planning of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line (paragraphs 2 and 21 in Appendix III);
- (b) business opportunities on the Mainland for local professionals and service sectors (paragraph 3 in Appendix III);
- (c) transforming Greater Pearl River Delta Region into green quality living sphere (paragraph 4 in Appendix III);
- (d) production activities of Hong Kong-owned factories in the Pearl River Delta ("PRD") Region (paragraph 5 in Appendix III);
- (e) enhancing co-operation between service industries in the PRD Region and Hong Kong (paragraph 6 in Appendix III);
- (f) development of higher education in Lok Ma Chau Loop (paragraph 7 in Appendix III);
- (g) development of the six industries (paragraphs 8, 11, 24 and 27 in Appendix III);
- (h) developing Mainland market for Hong Kong products and assisting Hong Kong enterprises to operate on the Mainland (paragraphs 9, 10 and 13 in Appendix III);
- (i) challenges faced by Hong Kong as a maritime and logistics centre (paragraph 12 in Appendix III);
- (j) depreciation allowances on machinery and plants under section 39E of the Inland Revenue Ordinance for Hong Kong enterprises with machinery or plants operating on the Mainland (paragraph 14 in Appendix III);
- (k) development of renewable energy projects between Hong Kong and the PRD cities (paragraph 15 in Appendix III);
- (l) regional co-operation platforms between Hong Kong and Mainland provinces and municipalities (paragraph 16 in Appendix III);

- (m) co-operation on modern service industries between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in Qianhai (paragraphs 17 and 23 in Appendix III);
- (n) progress of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (paragraph 18 in Appendix III);
- (o) implementation of infrastructure projects (paragraph 19 in Appendix III);
- (p) air traffic in the PRD Region (paragraph 20 in Appendix III);
- (q) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (paragraphs 22 and 29 in Appendix III);
- (r) development of Hong Kong as an offshore Renminbi business centre (paragraphs 25 and 30 in Appendix III);
- (s) measures to facilitate the development of logistics industry (paragraph 26 in Appendix III);
- (t) Frontier Closed Area (paragraph 28 in Appendix III); and
- (u) measures to implement the Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor scheme and support Hong Kong's insurance companies to enter the Mainland market (paragraph 31 in Appendix III).

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## Issues related to the National 12th Five-Year Plan

Issue	Recent development
1. Development of offshore Renminbi (RMB) business <sup>1</sup>	<p>(a) <u>RMB trade settlements</u></p> <p>(i) In June 2010, relevant Mainland authorities expanded the RMB trade settlement pilot scheme from the original five cities to 20 provinces and cities in the Mainland, including Guangdong.</p> <p>In December 2010, Mainland authorities announced an expanded list of eligible Mainland enterprises allowed to settle merchandise exports in RMB under the scheme.</p> <p>(ii) Following discussions with the People's Bank of China (PBoC) on refinements to the arrangements for the conversion of RMB in relation to cross-border trade settlement, HKMA issued a circular on 23 December 2010 to participating banks, clarifying the arrangement for the conversion of RMB conducted by participating banks through the Clearing Bank in Shanghai. HKMA also announced that it would provide RMB 20 billion, through its currency swap arrangement with the PBoC, as a standing arrangement to maintain a stable supply of RMB for cross-border trade settlements.</p>

<sup>1</sup> The information was provided by the Administration and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to the Council, special Finance Committee meetings and the Panel on Financial Affairs in 2010 and 2011.

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	<p>(iii) On 24 August 2011, the People's Bank of China (PBoC) announced the extension of the Scheme to cover the whole country. As at the end of August 2011, the cross-border RMB trade settled through Hong Kong banks accounted for over 80% of the total foreign trade settled in RMB in the Mainland.</p> <p>(b) <u>RMB bond market</u></p> <p>(i) The PBoC promulgated in August 2010 a pilot scheme for eligible institutions outside the Mainland, including the Clearing Bank and Participating Banks of RMB business in Hong Kong, to invest in the Mainland's interbank bond market.</p> <p>(ii) In the first seven months of 2011, RMB 49.6 billion worth of bonds had been issued by more than 40 institutions in Hong Kong. Counting the RMB 20 billion of sovereign bonds issued in August 2011, the total issuance reached RMB 70 billion as at the end of August 2011.</p> <p>(iii) On 17 August 2011, Mr Li Keqiang, Vice-Premier of the State Council, announced that more umbrella Mainland financial institutions would be allowed to issue RMB-denominated bonds in Hong Kong and non-financial Mainland enterprises would be allowed to issue RMB-denominated bonds in Hong Kong. Besides, the issuance of RMB sovereign bonds in Hong Kong would be made a long-term and institutional arrangement.</p>

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	<p>(iv) As at the end of August 2011, more than 20 Hong Kong banks had been permitted to invest in the interbank bond market in the Mainland.</p> <p>(c) <u>RMB securities and investment</u></p> <p>(i) The Mainland launched a pilot scheme of Mainland's overseas direct investment in RMB in January 2011. Under the Pilot Scheme, Mainland enterprises, upon approval by the relevant Mainland authorities, could conduct direct investments overseas using RMB. Moreover, the Hong Kong branches and correspondent banks of Mainland banks could obtain RMB funds from the Mainland and extend RMB lending to the enterprises conducting the investments.</p> <p>(ii) The market infrastructure in Hong Kong (including the trading and clearing platforms operated by the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx), and the interbank clearing platform operated by Hong Kong Interbank Clearing Limited) are ready to support the listing, trading and clearing of RMB stocks. The existing rules and regulations have already provided for the listing of RMB stocks, and there are RMB products listed on HKEx at present. Fully capitalizing opportunities arising from the development of RMB business has been incorporated into HKEx Strategic Plan 2010-2012.</p>

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		(iii) On 17 August 2011, Mr Li Keqiang, Vice-Premier of the State Council, announced the measure of allowing investments in the Mainland equity market by means of the RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (RQFII) scheme with an initial size of RMB20 billion.
2.	Development of asset management business	<p>At the meeting of the Panel on Financial Affairs on 14 October 2011, the Administration advised that it would continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to attracting and anchoring international liquidity, products and talents to Hong Kong. Latest efforts included establishing a network of comprehensive agreements for the avoidance of double taxation with major trading and investment partners; stepping up overseas promotion, in order to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong's asset management industry; and updating the relevant legislation to enhance market quality and facilitate market development. As at end 2010, the combined fund management business of Hong Kong reached a record high of \$10,091 billion, representing a year-on-year increase of 18.6%. 66% of the funds managed in Hong Kong were sourced from non-Hong Kong investors, showing that Hong Kong was a preferred location for overseas fund managers to conduct asset management business.</p> <p>With regard to the updating of relevant legislation, the Panel noted that while the Companies Bill and the Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2011 had been introduced into LegCo and were under the scrutiny of the relevant Bills Committee, the Administration was preparing legislative proposals to modernize the trustee law and refine the tax laws for Islamic bonds.</p>

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3.	Liberalization measures under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)	<p>During the policy briefing for the Panel on Commerce and Industry (C&amp;I Panel) on 18 October 2011, members noted that the HKSAR Government had started consultations with the Mainland authorities with a view to signing Supplement VIII to CEPA before the end of 2011 to further liberalize trade in services. In respect of trade, the Central Government clearly indicated that the Mainland market would be further opened up for Hong Kong services sectors, and set a target to achieve basically, through CEPA, liberalization of trade in services between the Mainland and Hong Kong before the end of the National 12th Five-Year Plan period. The HKSAR Government would liaise closely with the Mainland authorities on plans for further liberalization of trade in services in the years ahead.</p>
4.	Development of Qianhai, Shenzhen	<p>At the policy briefing for the C&amp;I Panel on 18 October 2011, members noted that at the first meeting of the Inter-ministries Joint Conference on the Development of Qianhai Area in Shenzhen convened in Beijing on 27 September 2011, representatives from relevant ministries of the Central Government, Guangdong Provincial Government, Shenzhen Municipal Government and the HKSAR Government reviewed the work progress of "Overall Development Plan on Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation on Modern Service Industries in Qianhai Area" since its approval, and conducted in-depth discussions on how to drive the development of Qianhai and to enhance its business environment.</p> <p>The HKSAR Government would continue to collect the views from the business sectors on the development of Qianhai and necessary policies, and convey them to the Shenzhen authorities and relevant Ministries of the Central Government. The HKSAR Government would also actively</p>

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	<p>complement the Shenzhen authorities' lobbying efforts for more preferential policies to be implemented in Qianhai, as well as the publicity and promotional campaigns to introduce the business opportunities to the Hong Kong business sectors.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on 20 October 2011, the Administration advised that DoJ would liaise and work with the relevant Mainland Authorities, the legal profession and arbitration institutions in Hong Kong on how to take further the new measures introduced to facilitate the provision of legal and arbitration services in Qianhai, Shenzhen by Hong Kong service providers. DoJ had been liaising closely with the Hong Kong legal and arbitration professions to exchange views on possible ways to promote the use of Hong Kong legal and arbitration services in resolving commercial disputes in Qianhai.</p> <p>Members noted that the "Regulations on Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Services Industries Co-operation Area" were promulgated by the Shenzhen People's Congress in June 2011 under which initiatives were proposed to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) set up a special tribunal hearing of commercial disputes in Qianhai;</li> <li>(b) encourage the establishment of a mechanism for the verification of the law of other jurisdictions; and</li> <li>(c) encourage Hong Kong arbitration bodies to provide arbitration services to enterprises set up in Qianhai.</li> </ul>

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		<p>The Administration advised that on-going discussion had been conducted with the relevant Shenzhen authorities to reflect the views of the Hong Kong legal and arbitration profession and explore the ways to implement the proposals set out in the Regulations. DoJ would also maintain dialogue with the Mainland authorities and the Hong Kong legal and arbitration professionals to explore possible pilot measures on provision of legal and arbitration services in Qianhai.</p>
5.	Development of Nansha	<p>At the policy briefing for the C&amp;I Panel on 18 October 2011, the Administration advised that in order to take forward the co-operation to develop Nansha, the HKSAR Government and the Guangzhou Municipal Government signed a letter of intent on 23 August 2011 and set up a working group on Hong Kong/Guangzhou co-operation to explore the co-operation between two places in three areas, namely development of Nansha into a base for the upgrading and transformation of Hong Kong-invested processing trade, a demonstration zone for implementation of CEPA and relevant early and pilot measures, as well as a platform for advancing co-operation in social services.</p> <p>The HKSAR Government would make good use of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference and the working group on Hong Kong/Guangzhou co-operation to complement the work of Guangdong Province and Guangzhou Government to develop Nansha, so as to create new opportunities for Hong Kong business sectors, and also to deepen Hong Kong/Guangdong and Hong Kong/Guangzhou co-operation.</p>

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6.	Regional co-operation with Chengdu-Chongqing area and Fujian	<p>At the policy briefing for the C&amp;I Panel on 18 October 2011, members noted that in the National 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan and the "Development Plan for Chengdu-Chongqing Economic Zone" endorsed by the State Council in May 2011, the Chengdu-Chongqing Economic Zone was positioned as an economic powerhouse in the Western Region of China as well as a base of modern industries in the country. Furthermore, the signing of "Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement" between the Mainland and Taiwan in May 2010 had given impetus to the development of the Haixi Economic Zone, which provided Fujian Province with enormous development potential.</p> <p>As cross-Strait economic ties were getting closer, and that Fujian province was located strategically where the Pearl River Delta region and the Yangtze River Delta region cross and stood as the forefront for cross-Strait exchanges, the Administration considered that Hong Kong should forge closer economic ties with Fujian and the Haixi Economic Zone. Hong Kong should also leverage on the advantages of extending pilot measures under CEPA, and seize the opportunities arising from the growth in cross-Strait trade and investment in order to expand the market. As such, the HKSAR Government would expand the manpower establishment of its Economic and Trade Offices in Chengdu and Guangdong by setting up dedicated liaison units in Chongqing and Fujian, with a view to strengthening and deepening multi-faceted regional co-operation with the Chengdu-Chongqing area and Fujian.</p>

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7.	Assisting Hong Kong-owned enterprises in the Mainland	<p>During the policy briefing for the C&amp;I Panel on 18 October 2011, members noted that the HKSAR Government maintained a close dialogue with the trade through various channels, including the Task Force to Support the Processing Trade, to gauge their views about upgrading and restructuring of industries and promoting domestic sales. The Administration had reflected to the Mainland authorities the concerns and views of Hong Kong enterprises about their operations in the Mainland, and discussed with them possible support measures for the trade.</p> <p>To assist Hong Kong enterprises in capturing the opportunities arising from the National 12th Five-Year Plan, the Administration proposed to set up a dedicated fund of \$1 billion to support them in developing their brands, promoting their products in the Mainland domestic market, as well as restructuring and upgrading their operations in the Mainland. The Administration would draw up the implementation details as soon as possible and liaise with the trade and relevant organizations in the next few months.</p>
8.	Co-operation initiatives on testing and certification services	<p>During the policy briefing for the C&amp;I Panel on 18 October 2011, the Administration advised that under Supplement VII to CEPA, testing laboratories in Hong Kong and accredited by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service were allowed for the first time to co-operate with designated Mainland organizations in testing products for the China Compulsory Certification System on a pilot basis, for selected products processed in Hong Kong. In exploring the Mainland market, the Mainland had agreed to allow qualified Hong Kong laboratories to test all Hong Kong processed products that required China Compulsory Certification. The HKSAR</p>

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		Government would discuss with relevant authorities in the Mainland to implement this measure in the coming year.
9.	Co-operation initiatives on innovation and technology	<p>At the meetings of the C&amp;I Panel on 15 February and 15 March 2011, members noted that under the "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Innovation Circle", the HKSAR Government was working closely with the government of Shenzhen to facilitate and monitor the implementation of the Three Year Action Plan which comprised 24 cooperation projects in various fields including biomedical, integrated circuit, Radio Frequency Identification technology, solar energy and industrial design. Co-operation partners included government departments, universities, research institutes and community organizations from both sides. The overall progress of the projects since the launch of the Action Plan in March 2009 was satisfactory.</p> <p>The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) would continue to work with the Guangdong authorities to facilitate the building of science and technology innovation platforms, and to encourage co-operation between universities and research institutes in the Guangdong Province and Hong Kong. Both sides would strengthen communication on the setting of the solicitation themes under the Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Co-operation Funding Scheme (TCFS), with a view to ensuring that the TCFS covered the key areas of scientific research which were of the interest of the industry, universities and research institutes of the two sides, thus attracting more applications.</p> <p>In April 2011, the ITC led a delegation of about 40 representatives from local universities, research institutes, Partner State Key Laboratories and</p>

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		<p>industrialists to visit the national Ministry of Science and Technology to (MOST) discuss means of further collaboration on the development of innovation and technology.</p> <p>During the policy briefing for the C&amp;I Panel on 18 October 2011, members noted that the Administration would work with MOST to follow up on the two support measures announced by Vice Premier Li Keqiang, including the establishment of a Hong Kong branch of the Chinese National Engineering Research Centre and a National High-tech Industrialization base in Hong Kong.</p>
10.	Co-operation initiatives on intellectual property rights	<p>At the meeting of the C&amp;I Panel on 15 March 2011, members noted that the Guangdong Province and Hong Kong would co-organize the "Guangdong/Hong Kong Seminar on Intellectual Property and Development of Small and Medium Enterprises" in Zhaoqing in June 2011. The Guangdong side would continue to develop Foshan, Zhongshan and Zhaoqing as the third-batch of pilot cities under the "No Fakes Pledge Scheme". The Hong Kong side would continue to coordinate the participation of Hong Kong candidates in the National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents in Guangdong and promote the pre-examination preparatory courses organized by the Guangdong side. Both sides would also continue to foster exchanges and co-operation on intellectual property rights (IPR) among IP-related non-government organizations in both places.</p> <p>At the policy briefing for the C&amp;I Panel on 18 October 2011, members noted that the Intellectual Property Department would continue to promote actively</p>

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		to local enterprises, trade associations and intellectual property practitioners the Application for Accreditation of Guangdong Provincial Famous Trademarks by HK-invested Enterprises, so as to help these enterprises in Guangdong enhance credibility of their brands and establish corporate image in the Mainland.
11.	Co-operation initiatives on promotion of trade and investment	At the meeting of the C&I Panel on 15 March 2011, members noted that in 2011-2012, the Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) would organize six joint overseas promotion seminars with the Guangdong Province and its cities, with a view to promoting the business advantages brought about by the economic integration of the two places. The InvestHK had also been working closely with the Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council and the Guangdong Working Group on Investment and Trade Promotion of the Greater Pearl River Delta Region established under the Guangdong-Hong Kong Non-government Co-operation Framework, to jointly organize study missions for the privately-owned Guangdong enterprises. These missions, comprising workshops introducing the business environment in Hong Kong and visits to the financial regulatory institutions, helped the Guangdong enterprises better understand how to set up business in Hong Kong or seek the necessary financing.
12.	Co-operation initiatives on customs clearance of goods	At the meeting of the C&I Panel on 15 March 2011, members noted that the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) launched the electronic Road Cargo System (ROCARS) in May 2010 to enable seamless clearance of road cargoes. The Mainland Customs was also developing an electronic system for receiving road cargo manifests. To reduce traders' data input efforts, the two customs authorities reached agreement in 2010 to align the format

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		for data fields common to the two systems. To further facilitate the industry, the two sides agreed that the Mainland Customs would examine the feasibility of establishing a third-party platform to enable the trading community to make submissions electronically at one go to the ROCARS and the Mainland's road cargo manifest system. The C&ED was taking proactive steps to facilitate the work concerned.
13.	Co-operation initiatives on e-business	At the meeting of the C&I Panel on 15 March 2011, members noted that since the announcement of the "Application Procedure for Pilot Project on Mutual Recognition of Electronic Signature Certificates issued by Hong Kong and Guangdong" (Application Procedure) in April 2010, two applications had so far been accepted as pilot projects. The authorities of the two places would continue to deal with applications and to promote the Application Procedure. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, and the relevant Guangdong and Hong Kong authorities would conclude the experience of the pilot applications in a timely manner, and explore the incorporation of the mutual recognition of electronic signature certificates into normal management procedures and practices.

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14.	Co-operation initiatives on legal matters	<p>The Administration briefed the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services at its meeting on 20 October 2011 on the co-operation initiatives of the Department of Justice (DoJ) with the Mainland authorities in the year 2011-2012.</p> <p>The Administration informed the Panel that DoJ regularly consulted the professional bodies and arbitration institutions for their views and proposals to develop their practices in the Mainland market under the framework of CEPA. DoJ also engaged the relevant Mainland authorities for discussion in order to take full advantage of the opportunities arising from the development of Qianhai and to explore further pilot measures under the framework of CEPA for implementation in Guangdong. In October 2010, DoJ signed a co-operation arrangement with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (under which the leading Mainland arbitral institution, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission was established) with the aim of enhancing the dispute resolution mechanism in both places. The two sides agreed to promote further exchanges and strengthen co-operation between the arbitration and mediation bodies in Hong Kong and the Mainland. To continue to develop co-operation in civil and commercial matters, DoJ had held exploratory discussion with the Supreme People's Court on the subject of mutual recognition and enforcement of matrimonial judgments. DoJ would continue to discuss with the Supreme People's Court the legal issues involved.</p> <p>The Administration further advised that the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation supported further legal exchanges between</p>

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		Guangdong and Hong Kong. DoJ maintained regular contact with the relevant authorities in Guangdong and discussed the way to facilitate efficient and timely exchange of laws and legal information to enhance greater understanding of the legal development on both sides. DoJ would continue to encourage the development of closer co-operation between the legal and the notarial sectors of both sides pursuant to the Framework Agreement.
15.	Development of logistics services in Hong Kong	<p>At the meeting of the Panel on Economic Development on 27 June 2011, members generally considered that there was inadequate supply of land for logistics use. They urged the Administration to carry out long-term planning by studying the demand forecast for the next 10 to 15 years, and stressed that sufficient land should be provided for both conventional logistics services as well as high-end market segment served by third party logistics service providers. The Panel also acknowledged the need for providing modern logistics facilities to complement the National 12th Five-Year Plan for supporting Hong Kong to develop into a high-value goods inventory management and regional distribution centre. Panel members suggested the Government gauge the views of the industry players through the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council in mapping out the future development of the logistics industry.</p> <p>The first of such sites of about 2.4 hectares in Tsing Yi had been put up for public tender in September 2010, which was awarded to the successful proponent on a 50-year grant at a premium of \$1,150 million in December 2010. The Administration planned to release another logistics site in Tsing Yi of 2.4 hectares in the fourth quarter of 2011 on similar lease terms</p>

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		<p>specifying that the site could only be used for the operation of logistics and freight forwarding related activities.</p> <p>During the policy briefing for the Panel on Economic Development on 14 October 2011, members noted that the Administration would continue to make available sites in Kwai Tsing for developing modern logistics centres that could best meet the present-day operational needs of third party logistics service providers.</p>
16.	Measures to enhance the port competitiveness	<p>During the policy briefing for the Panel on Economic Development on 14 October 2011, members noted that the Administration was working closely with the industry to implement various measures to enhance port competitiveness. As at end-August 2011, over 95 hectares of land in Kwai Tsing area had been let out by way of short tenancy for use as port back-up land by the industry to meet operational needs. Separately, the Administration was also actively studying the feasibility of Southwest Tsing Yi for the Container Terminal 10 development and undertaking the "Study on the Strategic Development Plan for Hong Kong Port 2030". Both studies were scheduled for completion by end-2012.</p>
17.	Handling capacity of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)	<p>During the policy briefing of the Panel on Economic Development on 15 October 2011, members noted that with the progressive increase of the runway capacity to 68 movements per hour by 2015, the Airport Authority of Hong Kong (AA) was actively increasing the handling capacity of HKIA to meet future demand, including the midfield expansion project, the construction of a new air cargo terminal and the study of building a new runway.</p>

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	<p>The midfield expansion project at HKIA could maximize the use of the two existing runways and increase the handling capacity of the airport to 70 million passengers and 6 million tonnes of cargo, which was expected to cope with air traffic demand up to 2020. The main works for Phase I were expected to begin in the first quarter of 2012 for completion in the third quarter of 2015.</p> <p>In addition, the new air cargo terminal project was expected to be completed in early 2013. The project would increase the airport's cargo handling capacity by 50% to 7.4 million tonnes per year.</p> <p>The Administration and AA consulted the Panel on Economic Development on 10 June 2011 the consultation exercise for the HKIA Master Plan 2030 which outlined two development options, namely, enhancing the present two-runway system and expanding HKIA into a three-runway system. Panel members in general considered the building of the third runway conducive to maintaining Hong Kong's competitiveness, particularly in view of the impending expansion of the airports in the Pearl River Delta region. However, some members expressed concern about the huge construction cost and its impact on the future airport charges, and also the environmental impacts of the new runway.</p> <p>On 19 July 2011, the Panel on Economic Development received views of some 90 deputations on the HKIA Master Plan 2030. Noting the various concerns on the three-runway option, the Panel requested the Administration and AA to provide a written response and brief the Panel on the chosen development option as soon as possible.</p>

<b>Issue</b>		<b>Recent development</b>
18.	Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop	<p>Based on the result of the public engagement exercise conducted in 2008, the Hong Kong Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government considered that higher education should be the leading land use in the Lok Ma Chau Loop, complemented by research and development of high technology industries as well as cultural and creative industries.</p> <p>FC approved on 24 April 2009 the funding proposal for the planning and engineering study on the development of Lok Ma Chau Loop (the Study) which was planned to be completed in 2012. A separate planning study is commissioned by the Shenzhen Municipal Government for the adjoining area in Shenzhen (i.e. Area C).</p> <p>When the Panel on Development was briefed on the Study details on 16 December 2010, some members stressed the need to preserve the natural environment of the Loop area while pursuing development. There were also suggestions for the Administration to allow residential developments and promote tourism in the Loop.</p> <p>At the policy briefing for the Panel on 14 October 2011, members noted that the Study was scheduled for completion in 2013.</p>

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Recent development</b>
19.	Study on the Action Plan for the Bay Area of the Pearl River Estuary (the Study)	<p>Commissioned jointly by the Hong Kong, Guangdong and Macao Governments in April 2010, the Study was among the regional cooperation projects in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation.</p> <p>The Study has focused on broad planning concepts and ideas on the future development of the Bay Area surrounding the Pearl River Estuary with the aim to develop the area into a focal point of the Greater Pearl River Delta region, making it an area for quality living and favourable to economic development. The three governments jointly launched a public consultation on the preliminary findings of the Study on 14 January 2011.</p> <p>When briefed on the preliminary findings of the Study on 22 February 2011, the Panel on Development expressed concerns about the short period of consultation and Hong Kong being "planned for" in cross-boundary developments. The Administration explained that the Hong Kong planning proposals and projects mentioned in the Study were all suggestions in studies conducted previously by the Hong Kong Government. The Administration would take into account the situation in Hong Kong in taking forward the planning proposals and projects, and follow the established mechanism in implementing the projects including complying with the necessary statutory procedures, conducting public consultation and seeking the required funding from the Legislative Council. The Administration would continue to listen to public views and consider all views received carefully with a view to revising and refining the recommendations of the Study.</p>

<b>Issue</b>		<b>Recent development</b>
20.	Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB)	<p>(a) In May 2009, FC approved the funding support for the detailed design and construction of the HZMB Main Bridge. Following the State Council's formal approval of the Feasibility Study Report of the HZMB project in October 2009, the construction of the Main Bridge commenced in mid-December 2009 and is planned to be completed by 2016.</p> <p>On 22 January 2010, a Tung Chung resident filed an application to the Court of First Instance (CFI) for leave for Judicial Review against the decisions of the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports and the granting of Environmental Permits (EPs) relating to the HZMB Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) and Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR) projects. On 18 April 2011, a judgment was handed down by CFI. The EPs for the HZMB HKBCF and HKLR projects were quashed and the works could not commence. DEP then lodged an appeal against the judgment. On 27 September 2011, the Court of Appeal handed down its judgment allowing the appeal of DEP unanimously and confirmed the validity of the EPs issued by DEP for the HZMB related local projects. The Administration has accordingly resumed the statutory and funding procedures of the HZMB related local projects that are not completed because of the legal proceedings.</p> <p>On 26 October 2011, the Administration updated the Panel on Transport on the latest progress regarding the works programmes of HZMB related local projects in Hong Kong, and consulted the Panel on the funding applications for taking forward the construction works in</p>

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	<p>respect of HKBCF and HKLR, as well as the detailed design, site investigation and advance works for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link. The Administration plans to seek funding from FC in November 2011. If the funding application is approved, the Administration plans to commence the HZMB related local projects at the end of 2011, with a view to completing the works and commissioning HZMB in 2016 as scheduled.</p> <p>(b) At the policy briefing given by the Secretary for Transport and Housing (STH) on 18 October 2011, the Panel on Transport noted that Guangdong and Hong Kong had decided to launch Phase I of the adhoc quota trial scheme (the Scheme) for cross-boundary private cars in March 2012. Qualified owners of Hong Kong private cars with five seats or less may apply for ad hoc quotas under the scheme to drive their private cars into Guangdong Province via Shenzhen Bay Port. The Scheme, if proven successful, can be implemented at HZMB, thereby increasing utilization of the Bridge and further facilitating cross-boundary travel.</p> <p>(c) On 14 January 2011, FC approved the funding of \$43 million for a consultancy study to review and update the Railway Development Strategy 2000 (RDS 2U). The study, which would take 24 months to complete, would examine the railway transport planning needs to tie in with the overall development strategy of HZMB, Hong Kong International Airport, various boundary control points and the Pearl River Delta area.</p>

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21.	Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL)	<p>Following the approval of FC on the funding applications for implementation of the railway and non-railway works of the Hong Kong section of XRL on 16 January 2010, the construction works commenced in end January 2010 for completion in 2015.</p> <p>The Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways (the Subcommittee) under the Panel on Transport received progress reports on six-month intervals on the implementation of the Hong Kong section of XRL.</p> <p>The first progress report was discussed at the Subcommittee meetings on 6 July and 20 September 2010, and the second report on 20 May 2011. The third progress report (covering 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011) was submitted by the Administration on 26 September 2011. According to these reports, the progress of the construction has been satisfactory. The foundation works of the West Kowloon Terminus are substantially completed. The preparatory works of the tunnel sections are progressing as planned, and those of some sections are even completed. The Hong Kong section of XRL will be completed in 2015 as scheduled.</p>
22.	Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line (WEL)	<p>At the policy briefing given by STH on 18 October 2011, the Panel on Transport noted that the study on RDS 2U, which covered WEL, had commenced in March 2011 and would formulate a territory-wide railway development blueprint. Currently, the development of Qianhai New District, Shenzhen is included in the National 12th Five-Year Plan, with a view to developing into an important production service centre in the Asia Pacific region and a Hong Kong-Guangdong modern service industry innovation and co-operation exemplary zone by 2020. The Hung Shui Kiu</p>

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		<p>(HSK) New Development Area (NDA) Planning and Engineering Study has been launched which will assist in formulating development proposals for HSK NDA.</p> <p>In view of the latest updates of the above planning parameters, the Administration will further the planning of WEL in the study on RDS 2U, including matters such as alignment options, railway functionality and connectivity with the Hong Kong and Shenzhen railway networks, etc.</p>
23.	Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point	<p>On 18 September 2008, the Hong Kong Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government jointly announced the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point (BCP) project for operation in 2018. The new BCP would adopt the separate-location model.</p> <p>From January 2009 to February 2011, FC has approved three funding proposals in respect of the BCP project of a total amount of \$406.1 million for carrying out investigations and designs, and constructing a village resite area at Ta Kwu Ling for reprovisioning of the existing Chuk Yuen Village.</p> <p>The Panel on Development has been briefed on the development of the BCP and related works at a number of meetings. More recent ones were held on 25 May, 21 October and 16 December 2010. The major views and concerns expressed by members included the need to provide 24-hour cross-boundary clearance service at the BCP, overloading of existing transport networks in Fanling and the vicinity areas, environmental impact of the BCP project, timely completion of connecting road networks to tie-in with the opening of the new BCP, and timetable for completion of the project, etc.</p>

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		<p>At the policy briefing for the Panel on Development on 14 October 2011, members noted that the detailed design of the site formation works as well as the connecting road leading to the BCP had commenced in March 2011, and the construction of the village resite area at Ta Kwu Ling was in full swing, scheduled for completion in early 2012.</p> <p>The Administration will brief the Panel on Development on 22 November 2011 on the progress of the BCP project and seek the Panel's support for a funding proposal for reprovisioning of the boundary patrol road and associated security facilities.</p>
24.	Medical and health services	<p>The Administration provided a paper on "Issues related to health services under the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation" in July 2010 to the Panel on Health Services. Members noted co-operation on medical and health services under the Framework Agreement in the following six areas:</p> <p>(a) <i>To expand and open up the medical services market:</i> under Supplement VII to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement ("CEPA") signed on 27 May 2010, the medical services market in Guangdong Province would be further expanded and opened up. Hong Kong service providers were allowed to establish wholly-owned hospitals including convalescent hospitals in Guangdong Province; 12 types of statutory registered healthcare professionals in Hong Kong, including medical practitioners, Chinese medical practitioners, dentists, nurses and pharmacists, etc, are allowed to provide short-term services in the Mainland;</p>

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	<p>(b) <i>To enhance co-operation in hospital management, medical research technology exchange and training of healthcare professionals:</i> the Hospital Authority (HA) signed the "Agreement on Co-operation on exchange on Medical and Nursing Services" with the Guangdong Provincial Health Department in 2007 with a view to enhancing their co-operation and exchange on hospital management, training of professionals and service development. Professional training courses and exchange seminars had since been organized on a regular basis;</p> <p>(c) <i>To make medical services more accessible:</i> HA and the Health Authority of Shenzhen had agreed to implement the transfer of patient records from Shenzhen to relevant hospital in Hong Kong on a pilot basis through co-ordination of designated hospitals in Shenzhen and Hong Kong, and to facilitate direct communication between hospitals in the two places after the transfer of patients to Hong Kong;</p> <p>(d) <i>To develop the Chinese medicine industry:</i> the Administration would expedite the setting of standards for Chinese herbal medicines commonly used in Hong Kong by extending the coverage from the current 60 herbal medicines to about 200. Hong Kong would conduct the relevant studies in collaboration with the Mainland, regional and international experts. The Administration would also consider allowing more renowned Chinese medicine practitioners from the Mainland to join clinical teaching and research programmes in Hong Kong; visits and exchange activities with Chinese medicine institutions would be conducted on a regular basis to deepen co-operation between Hong Kong</p>

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		<p>and Guangdong on Chinese medicines as well as laws and regulations of Chinese medicines;</p> <p>(e) <i>To improve the notification and collaborative prevention and control mechanism for infectious diseases:</i> according to the "Co-operation Agreement on Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Tripartite Public Health Emergency Responses", a mutual co-ordination and support mechanism in terms of manpower, technology and resource would be put in place if a serious public health emergency had occurred in the Mainland, Macao or Hong Kong. The concerned parties would notify the other parties of the epidemic or information on the incident at the first opportune moment. The emergency mechanism would be activated immediately, and a joint public health emergency response team would be formed to co-ordinate the emergency response work; and</p> <p>(f) <i>To establish communication of information for drug safety monitoring:</i> in May 2010, the Department of Health (DH) and the Guangdong Food and Drug Administration held a working meeting to discuss matters such as drug registration, clinical trial, mutual exchange on training, and further strengthening the exchange of information on drug safety. DH also entered into a co-operation agreement on control of drugs and medical devices with the State Food and Drug Administration in May 2010. The scope of co-operation included strengthening the exchange of information on product registration and safety.</p>

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25.	Education services	<p><u>Higher education</u></p> <p>The Panel on Education discussed measures relating to education under the Framework Agreement at its meeting on 14 June 2010. Under the Regulations on Chinese-Foreign Co-operation in Running Schools, Hong Kong's higher education institutions were allowed to run schools in the Mainland in collaboration with their Mainland counterparts. Besides setting up institutions, Hong Kong and Mainland institutions also jointly provided education programmes in the Mainland, and co-operated in research.</p> <p>Members were concerned about recognition of the academic qualifications awarded under the collaborative programmes. They noted that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Mainland and Hong Kong on Mutual Recognition of Academic Degrees in Higher Education (MoU) in 2004 to strengthen the co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong in the domain of education. Academic degrees awarded by the institutions included in the MoU were mutually recognized for further study purposes. The degrees conferred by a number of Mainland institutions were recognized by local employers.</p> <p>The Panel noted at its meeting on 13 June 2011 that the Education Bureau (EDB) had been in continuous dialogue with the Ministry of Education (MoE) with a view to facilitating a smoother articulation between the New Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education and the Mainland system. Members noted that during EDB's visit to Beijing in April 2011, the MoE agreed in principle that Mainland</p>

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	<p>universities would make special admission arrangements in 2012 to accommodate the release date of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education examination results and would consider the public examination results of the first cohort of new senior secondary students for admissions.</p> <p><u>Basic education</u></p> <p>The Panel noted the arrangements made to facilitate Hong Kong children in Shenzhen to further their studies back in Hong Kong when necessary. The Education Bureau and its Shenzhen counterpart had agreed that two Shenzhen schools, namely the Luohu School for Hong Kong Children and Shenzhen Oriental School for Hong Kong Children, could participate in the Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) system of Hong Kong. Members also noted that the scheme would be extended to three other private schools in Shenzhen which would start operating Primary (P)1 to P4 classes for Hong Kong children in the autumn of 2010, and P5 and P6 classes in subsequent years, eventually joining the SSPA system on a pilot basis.</p> <p>When the Panel was briefed on the Chief Executive's 2011-2012 Policy Address in respect of the policy initiatives on education at its meeting on 21 October 2011, members enquired about the progress and implementation timetable of the Administration's initiative, as announced in the 2009-2010 Policy Address, of exploring the possibility of allowing senior secondary students from the Mainland to pursue senior secondary education in Hong Kong. According to the Administration, it was liaising with the Mainland authorities on the matter and would actively pursue it.</p>

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		<p><u>Vocational education</u></p> <p>Hong Kong/Guangdong co-operation on vocational education mainly covers teacher training, student exchanges, in-service training for employees of Hong Kong enterprises operating in Guangdong and joint provision of education programmes. The Panel noted that in early 2009, the Vocational Training Council (VTC) was invited to co-operate with the Department of Human Resources and Social Security of Guangdong Province in establishing the Hong Kong Design Institute (Guangdong Industrial Design Training Institute) in Nanhai, Guangdong to train up talents for the industrial design and creative industries. The Institute was expected to start its programmes in September 2010. The VTC also planned to provide regular professional training programmes for certain technical schools in Guangdong from 2010 onwards.</p> <p>Noting the great demand for vocational education in Guangdong, members considered that the Administration should provide resource support to relevant institutions and formulate policies to foster the Hong Kong/Guangdong co-operation on vocational education.</p>
26.	Cultural and creative industries	<p>After establishing a framework for strengthening cultural co-operation within the Greater Pearl River Delta region in November 2002, the Department of Culture of the Guangdong Province, the Home Affairs Bureau of the HKSAR and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao SAR signed in August 2003 the Agreement on Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Co-operation under which the three places would take turns to host the Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Co-operation Meeting (the Meeting).</p>

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	<p>At the 10th Meeting on 20 February 2009, the three parties signed the Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Exchange and Co-operation Development Plan 2009-2013 (the Development Plan), with the objective of deepening their co-operation in areas such as talent exchange, sharing of cultural resources and brand building. The Development Plan was formulated in accordance with the directions set by the Framework for the Pearl River Delta Region's Development and Reform Planning announced by the National Development and Reform Commission in January 2009.</p> <p>At the 11th Meeting on 25 June 2010, the three parties further signed an agreement to establish a network of cultural exchange and co-operation points. Under the agreement, they would make available the relevant infrastructure, such as performing venues, libraries and museums, for establishing a platform for exchange and co-operation (e.g. the promotion of roving performances and exhibitions), and put in place a co-operation mechanism for nurturing talents and jointly organizing large-scale cultural events. The three parties also agreed to upgrade the Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Information as a ticketing platform for the convenience of audiences in the three places.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Panel on Home Affairs on 8 July 2011, the Administration informed members that the 12th Meeting held in June 2011 had agreed that the three parties would conduct a number of cultural co-operation works in the next few years, which included setting up a working group to jointly choreograph a modern dance performance, planning to support an overseas performing tour of a large-scale traditional Chinese dance production, organizing a roving exhibition entitled "Ceramics</p>

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	<p>of the Maritime Silk Road", and holding the Greater Pearl River Delta Public Library Forum to strengthen regional co-operation for library service enhancement. The Administration also advised that an intercity ticket purchasing platform had been made available on the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net to enable holders of international credit cards to buy tickets for cultural events in Hong Kong. The URB TIX of Hong Kong had accepted credit cards commonly used on the Mainland for ticket payment. Starting from May 2011, visitors who had purchased tickets by credit card from the Internet or via telephone service might choose to collect their tickets at the ticket dispensing machines or from the service counters of the ticketing offices.</p> <p>At the meeting of the C&amp;I Panel on 15 March 2011, the Administration informed members that the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) and the Administration of Culture, Press, Publication, Radio and Television of Guangzhou Municipality had signed a co-operation framework agreement on creative industries in early 2011. The HKPC and the Guangzhou authorities were in the progress of taking forward the concrete measures.</p> <p>Members noted that the first Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Film Festival co-organized by authorities and industries of the three places ended in February 2011. The HKSAR Government would continue to facilitate the Hong Kong-Guangdong co-operation and exchange, organizing events such as business matching for creative industries as well as film festivals, and promote the industrial design services of Hong Kong.</p>

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### Relevant motions moved by Members

In the Fourth Legislative Council (up to 2 November 2011), Members have moved in Council the following motions without legislative effect concerning the National 12th Five-Year Plan and issues relating to co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong -

Motion moved by Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai on "Promoting infrastructure development" at the Council meeting of 10 December 2008

2. Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai moved a motion on "Promoting infrastructure development". The motion, as amended by Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee and Hon LEE Wing-tat, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :

[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion12112-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion12112-e.pdf)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1210-translate-e.pdf>

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<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1211-translate-e.pdf>

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Motion moved by Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho on "Promoting the development of local creative industries" at the Council meeting of 4 February 2009

3. Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho moved a motion on "Promoting the development of local creative industries". The motion, as amended by Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan and Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :

[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion0205-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion0205-e.pdf)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0204-translate-e.pdf>

(pages 208 to 289)

Motion moved by Hon WONG Ting-kwong on "Actively implementing complementary policies for the Outline of the Plan for the Reform and Development of the Pearl River Delta" at the Council meeting of 4 March 2009

4. Hon WONG Ting-kwong moved a motion on "Actively implementing complementary policies for the Outline of the Plan for the Reform and Development of the Pearl River Delta". The motion, as amended by Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho and Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :  
[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion03051-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion03051-e.pdf)  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0304-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 95 to 177)

Motion moved by Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye on "Developing new economic strategies to meet economic challenges" at the Council meeting of 29 April 2009

5. Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye moved a motion on "Developing new economic strategies to meet economic challenges". The motion, as amended by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, Hon LEE Wing-tat and Hon WONG Kwok-hing, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :  
[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion04301-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion04301-e.pdf)  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0429-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 257 to 310)  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0430-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 1 to 35)

Motion moved by Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen on "Promoting the development of the testing and certification industry in Hong Kong" at the Council meeting of 20 May 2009

6. Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen moved a motion on "Promoting the development of the testing and certification industry in Hong Kong". The motion, as amended by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan and Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :  
[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion05212-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion05212-e.pdf)  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0520-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 264 to 305)

Motion moved by Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou on "Promoting research and development" at the Council meeting of 3 June 2009

7. Dr PAN Pey-chyou moved a motion on "Promoting research and development". The motion, as amended by Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, Hon Fred LI Wah-ming and Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :

[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion06041-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion06041-e.pdf)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0603-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 204 to 283)

Motion moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah on "Promoting co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen" at the Council meeting of 17 June 2009

8. Hon LAU Kong-wah moved a motion on "Promoting co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen". The motion was negatived. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/motion/cm20090617m1.htm>

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0617-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 166 to 352)

Motion moved by Hon WONG Ting-kwong on "Actively participating in the National 12th Five-Year Plan" at the Council meeting of 20 January 2010

9. Hon WONG Ting-kwong moved a motion on "Actively participating in the National 12th Five-Year Plan". The motion, as amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :

[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion0121-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion0121-e.pdf)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0120-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 260 to 330)

Motion moved by Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung on "Proactively implementing the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation" at the Council meeting of 26 May 2010

10. Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung moved a motion on "Proactively implementing the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation". The motion, as amended by Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, Hon WONG Kwok-kin and Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :

[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion05271-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion05271-e.pdf)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0526-translate-e.pdf>

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Motion moved by Hon CHAN Kam-lam on "Seizing the opportunity presented by the Cross-Straits Economic Co-operation Framework Agreement and actively participating in the development of the Economic Zone on the West Coast of the Taiwan Strait" at the Council meeting of 15 December 2010

11. Hon CHAN Kam-lam moved a motion on "Seizing the opportunity presented by the Cross-Straits Economic Co-operation Framework Agreement and actively participating in the development of the Economic Zone on the West Coast of the Taiwan Strait". The motion, as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :

[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion12162-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion12162-e.pdf)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1215-translate-e.pdf>

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Motion moved by Hon IP Kwok-him on "Implementing the 12th Five-Year Plan" at the Council meeting of 30 March 2011

12. Hon IP Kwok-him moved a motion on "Implementing the 12th Five-Year Plan". The motion, as amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, was passed. The wording of the motion and the official record of proceedings are respectively available at :

[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion03312-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion03312-e.pdf)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/chinese/counmtg/floor/cm0331-confirm-ec.pdf>

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Motion moved by Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen on "Promoting regional economic integration between Guangdong and Hong Kong" at the Council meeting of 4 May 2011

13. Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen moved a motion on "Promoting regional economic integration between Guangdong and Hong Kong". The motion, as amended by Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, Hon WONG Kwok-hing, Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye and Hon CHAN Kam-lam, was passed. The wording of the motion is available at :

[http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/legco\\_rpt/legco\\_motion05062-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/legco_rpt/legco_motion05062-e.pdf)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0505-translate-e.pdf>

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**Relevant Council questions raised by Members**

In the Fourth Legislative Council (up to 2 November 2011), Members raised the following questions in Council on the major co-operation projects among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and issues relating to co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong -

Written question raised by Hon WONG Ting-kwong on connecting the airports in Hong Kong and Shenzhen with a rail link on 29 October 2008

2. Hon WONG Ting-kwong enquired, among other things, about the consultancy study on the feasibility and economic benefits of connecting the airports in the two places with a high-speed rail link commissioned by the Task Force on Airport Co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1029-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 10 to 11)

Oral question raised by Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po on the business opportunities on the Mainland for local professionals and service sectors on 26 November 2008

3. Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po asked, among other things, whether the Administration had discussed with the Guangdong Provincial Government the implementation arrangements for the 25 liberalization and facilitation measures for early and pilot implementation in Guangdong; and the details of the arrangements. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1126-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 27 to 35 and 303)

Oral question raised by Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai on transforming Greater Pearl River Delta Region into green quality living sphere on 7 January 2009

4. Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai asked, among other things, about the role of Hong Kong in transforming the Greater Pearl River Delta Region into a green quality living sphere. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0107-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 26 to 35)

Written question raised by Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po on statistics on Hong Kong-owned factories in the Pearl River Delta ("PRD") Region on 14 January 2009

5. Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po enquired, among other things, about the statistics on the production activities of Hong Kong-owned factories in PRD Region. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0114-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 95 to 96)

Oral question raised by Hon WONG Ting-kwong on enhancing co-operation between service industries in the PRD Region and Hong Kong on 18 February 2009

6. Hon WONG Ting-kwong asked, among other things, how the Administration would implement the proposals of the Outline of Pearl River Delta Regional Plan on Reformation and Development (2008-2020) relating to promoting closer co-operation between Guangdong and Hong Kong. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0218-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 35 to 46)

Written question raised by Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yea on development of higher education in Lok Ma Chau Loop on 1 April 2009

7. Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yea asked, among other things, about the Government's specific ideas at present and suggestions received from various universities for implementing the plan for the development of higher education in Lok Ma Chau Loop. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0401-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 24 to 26)

Written question raised by Hon Tanya CHAN on the six economic areas identified by the Task Force on Economic Challenges ("TFEC") for further development on 22 April 2009

8. Hon Tanya CHAN asked, among other things, whether TFEC had conducted any relevant research before identifying the six economic areas, and about the details of the development plans for each economic area according to the current conception of the Government and TFEC. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0422-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 44 to 47)

Oral question raised by Hon WONG Ting-kwong on developing Mainland market for Hong Kong products on 27 May 2009

9. Hon WONG Ting-kwong asked, among other things, whether the Government had enhanced discussions with the relevant Mainland authorities on specific policies, so as to proactively assist Hong Kong products in developing the mainland market. The question and the reply are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0527-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 7 to 14)

Written question raised by Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai on measures to assist Hong Kong enterprises to operate on the Mainland and to develop Mainland market on 27 May 2009

10. Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai asked, among other things, whether the Administration would take new actions to complement the measures to be introduced by the Central Government to further facilitate Hong Kong enterprises engaged in processing trades on the Mainland to sell their goods on the Mainland market. The question and the reply are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0527-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 81 to 87)

Written question raised by Hon IP Wai-ming on the six economic areas identified by TFEC on 10 June 2009

11. Hon IP Wai-ming asked, among other things, about the respective percentage shares of the six economic areas in the Gross Domestic Product, as well as the number of people they employed, in each of the past three years. The question and the reply are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0610-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 68 to 70)

Written question raised by Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye on challenges faced by Hong Kong as a maritime and logistics centre on 10 June 2009

12. Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye asked, among other things, how Hong Kong would compete with the other container ports in the PRD Region. The question and the reply are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0610-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 73 to 75)

Oral question raised by Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen on assistance provided to Hong Kong businessmen engaged in business on the Mainland on 21 October 2009

13. Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen asked, among other things, about the statistics on cases of Hong Kong businessmen on the Mainland seeking assistance from the offices of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") Government on the Mainland, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1021-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 61 to 65)

Written/Oral questions raised by Hon LAM Tai-fai on the depreciation allowances on machinery and plants under section 39E of the Inland Revenue Ordinance on 21 October, 4 November, 25 November and 9 December 2009

14. Hon LAM Tai-fai enquired about the depreciation allowances on machinery and plants under section 39E of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) for Hong Kong enterprises with machinery or plants operating in the Mainland. The questions and the replies are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1021-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 82 to 85)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1104-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 7 to 17)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1125-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 90 to 95)

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1209-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 102 to 107)

Written question raised by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee on development of renewable energy projects between Hong Kong and the PRD cities on 28 October 2009

15. Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee asked, among other things, whether the Administration had assessed the potential for the development of electricity generation by renewable energy sources, such as wind power and solar power, in the coastal areas of PRD, and the feasibility of jointly developing renewable energy projects by Hong Kong and the PRD cities. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1028-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 45 to 47)

Oral question raised by Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan on regional co-operation platforms between Hong Kong and Mainland provinces and municipalities on 11 November 2009

16. Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan enquired, among other things, about the number of co-operation plans and agreements jointly formulated by the HKSAR Government and the provincial and municipal governments on the Mainland in each of the past five years. The question and the reply are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1111-translate-e.pdf>  
 (pages 84 to 99 and 330 to 349)

Written question raised by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing on co-operation on modern service industries between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in Qianhai on 11 November 2009

17. Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing enquired, among other things, about the Administration's signing of the Letter of Intent in Taking Forward Co-operation on Modern Service Industries between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in Qianhai with the Shenzhen Municipal Government on 19 August 2009. The question and the reply are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1111-translate-e.pdf>  
 (pages 104 to 108)

Oral question raised by Hon WONG Ting-kwong on progress of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement on 18 November 2009

18. Hon WONG Ting-kwong enquired about the progress of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement. The question and the reply are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1118-translate-e.pdf>  
 (pages 33 to 40)

Oral question raised by Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai on the implementation of infrastructure projects on 6 January 2010

19. Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai asked about the progress of the 10 infrastructure projects announced in the 2007-2008 Policy Address, which included, among others, the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line and Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Development of the Lok Ma Chau Loop. The question and the reply are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0106-translate-e.pdf>  
 (pages 54 to 70)

Written question raised by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye on air traffic in the PRD Region on 20 January 2010

20. Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye asked, among other things, about the result and progress in the optimization of regional airspace design, improvement to the allocation of flight levels, standardization of interface protocols and standards of air traffic control facilities and increase in air routes for civil aviation between the PRD Region and the northern and eastern parts of the Mainland since the establishment of the PRD Air Traffic Management Implementation Working Group by the Civil Aviation Department, the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China and the Macao Civil Aviation Authority in February 2004. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0120-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 76 to 80)

Written question raised by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee on progress of planning of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line ("WEL") on 10 March 2010

21. Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee asked, among other things, about the progress of the planning of the WEL project and the anticipated impact of the WEL project on the Qianhai area in Shenzhen and the North East New Territories New Development Areas. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0310-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 101 to 103)

Oral question raised by Hon LAU Kong-wah on Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge on 19 May 2010

22. Hon LAU Kong-wah asked, among other things, whether the Administration had specific plans to develop in the areas surrounding the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities transportation connections and relevant facilities to cater for the needs of vehicles and visitors from the Mainland. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0519-translate-e.pdf>  
(pages 50 to 62)

Oral question raised by Hon WONG Ting-kwong on co-operation in modern service industries between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in Qianhai on 3 November 2010

23. Hon WONG Ting-kwong asked, among other things, how the HKSAR Government would participate in the conceptualization of the Overall Development Plan on Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation on Modern Service Industries in Qianhai Area, and whether it would examine the actual benefits and development opportunities which the Development Plan would bring to Hong Kong. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1103-translate-e.pdf> (pages 66 to 76)

Written question raised by Hon IP Wai-ming on development of the six priority industries on 24 November 2010

24. Hon IP Wai-ming asked, among other things, about the respective percentages of the value of production of the private enterprises in the six priority industries in the overall Gross Domestic Product as at the end of 2009 and whether the Government had assessed the effectiveness of promoting the development of the six priority industries. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1124-translate-e.pdf> (pages 97 to 107)

Oral question raised by Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung on the development of Hong Kong as an offshore Renminbi ("RMB") business centre on 12 January 2011

25. Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung asked, among other things, whether the Administration would discuss with the People's Bank of China the review of and increase in the annual quota for RMB conversion, and whether it would propose to include other financial institutions in the list of Clearing Banks for RMB Business, so as to further strengthen Hong Kong's role as an offshore RMB centre. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0112-translate-e.pdf> (pages 28 to 52)

Written question raised by Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung on measures to facilitate the development of logistics industry on 16 February 2011

26. Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung asked, among other things, whether the Administration had conducted any study on connecting the "Road Cargo System" in Hong Kong with the automatic customs declaration system "H2000" on the Mainland, and whether it had studied the implementation of one-stop customs clearance arrangements at each border control point. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0216-translate-e.pdf> (pages 98 to 102)

Written question raised by Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai on the six priority industries on 2 March 2011

27. Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai asked, among other things, about the progress of the survey conducted by the Administration on the six priority industries, the timetable for releasing the statistics and whether the Administration had roughly estimated the total amount of the overall direct contribution made by private enterprises in the six priority industries to the Gross Domestic Product as at the end of 2010. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0302-translate-e.pdf> (pages 122 to 132)

Written question raised by Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai on Frontier Closed Area ("FCA") on 18 May 2011

28. Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai asked, among other things, whether the Shenzhen Government and the HKSAR Government would examine the opening up of the FCA to promote tourism and commercial activities in the area and the development of education services (e.g. construction of universities) in the FCA, such as Sha Tau Kok. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0518-translate-e.pdf> (pages 130-135)

Written question raised by Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him on judgement of the environmental impact assessment reports of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge project on 18 May 2011

29. Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him asked, among other things, about the Government's latest projections on the progress, construction costs and completion date of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge project. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0518-translate-e.pdf> (pages 142-144)

Oral question raised by Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen on development of Renminbi offshore business centre on 22 June 2011

30. Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen asked, among other things, about the specific measures implemented by the Administration in response to the contents of the chapter dedicated to Hong Kong and Macao in the "Outline of the Twelfth Five-Year Plan for the National Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China", in order to make use of the functions and positioning of Hong Kong in the overall national development strategy as an offshore Renminbi business centre and an international asset management centre. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0622-translate-e.pdf> (pages 39-49)

Written question raised by Hon CHAN Kin-por on Central Government's measures to implement the Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor ("RQFII") scheme and support Hong Kong's insurance companies to enter the Mainland market on 26 October 2011

31. Hon CHAN Kin-por asked, among other things, whether the relevant Government departments and various regulatory bodies in Hong Kong had proceeded with the corresponding preparatory work for implementing the RQFII scheme and measures to support Hong Kong's insurance companies to enter the Mainland market. The question and the reply are available at:

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201110/26/P201110260338.htm>