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**Background Brief on
the National Twelfth Five-Year Plan**

Purpose

This paper provides background information on the work of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in complementing the National Twelfth (12th) Five-Year Plan, and recent discussions by Members on issues relating to Hong Kong-Guangdong co-operation and other regional co-operation matters.

The National Twelfth Five-Year Plan

Background

2. The National Five-Year Plan is the blueprint and action agenda for the economic and social development of our country in the next five years. Some general statements on Hong Kong were already included in the “Outline of the Eleventh Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People’s Republic of China” promulgated in March 2006.

3. 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 11th 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, whereby the deepening of co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong, as well as the functions and positioning of Hong Kong in the overall national development are elevated to the national strategic level.

The work of complementing the National Twelfth Five-Year Plan

4. In March 2011, the Administration provided an information paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)1675/10-11(01)) to the Panel on Commerce and Industry (C&I Panel) on the latest progress of the work of the HKSAR in complementing the National 12th Five-Year Plan. According to the paper, the Dedicated Chapter has iconic significance on the future development of Hong Kong in three major areas, as follows:

- (a) The Dedicated Chapter emphasises the Central Authorities' support for Hong Kong in consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's competitive advantages, including consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's status as an international centre for financial services, trade and shipping, and support for Hong Kong's development into an offshore Renminbi (RMB) business centre and an international asset management centre.
- (b) The Dedicated Chapter emphasises the Central Authorities' support for Hong Kong in nurturing emerging industries and developing the six industries where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages (the six industries). This will help the six industries extend the fields of co-operation and scope of service in the Mainland.
- (c) The Dedicated Chapter emphasises the Central Authorities' support for deepening the economic co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong; continuing the implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA); and confirming the significant functions and positioning of Hong Kong's co-operation with Guangdong under 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; and 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. It also defined clearly the core functions and positioning of Hong Kong in the development of the Pearl River Delta region, and provides a clear direction and basis for Hong Kong in taking forward further regional co-operation with other provinces.

5. According to the Administration's information paper provided to the C&I Panel, there are three broad directions to implement the relevant work in complementing the National 12th Five-Year Plan, as follows:

(a) Formulating corresponding policies and measures

The relevant bureaux will formulate corresponding policies and measures for the respective areas under their purview in accordance with the specific contents of the National 12th Five-Year Plan. These include developing offshore RMB business, facilitating the development of asset management business, developing the six industries, developing high-value-added logistics services, etc.

(b) Enhancing regional co-operation

The Government will cooperate further with relevant Mainland provinces and municipalities to take forward relevant measures which will focus on forging ahead with advanced manufacturing industry and modern service industries, Qianhai development, opening up of the Guangdong market to Hong Kong's service industries, cross-boundary infrastructure development, building of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Quality Living Area and a modern economic circulation sphere.

(c) Enhancing liaison with the Central Government ministries

The Government will proactively liaise with the Central Government ministries to secure their support to take forward the relevant work such as the continuous implementation of CEPA and opening up of the Guangdong market to Hong Kong's service industries.

Discussions at the Panels and committees

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

Relevant motions

9. 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

10. 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 (paragraph 22 in Appendix III);
- (r) development of Hong Kong as an offshore Renminbi business centre (paragraph 25 in Appendix III); and
- (s) measures to facilitate the development of logistics industry (paragraph 26 in Appendix III).

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Issue		Recent development
1.	Development of offshore Renminbi (RMB) business ¹	<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>(ii) In December 2010, Mainland authorities announced an expanded list of eligible Mainland enterprises allowed to settle merchandise exports in RMB under the scheme. The number of Mainland enterprises has increased from 365 to 67,359, of which about 7% are Guangdong enterprises.</p> <p>(iii) From January to December 2010, the amount of RMB trade settlement conducted through Hong Kong amounted to RMB 369 billion.</p> <p>(iv) 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</p>

¹ The information 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>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> <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) The amount of RMB bond issuance in Hong Kong increased from RMB 16 billion in 2009 to RMB 35.8 billion in 2010.</p> <p>(iii) So far 11 banks in Hong Kong have been approved to invest in the Mainland's interbank bond market.</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>

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		<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> <p>According to the Administration's reply no. FSTB(FS)013 to a question raised by Hon Albert HO on the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12, the Administration's focus in the year 2011-12 on developing the offshore RMB business in Hong Kong include: (a) attracting more foreign enterprises to use Hong Kong's RMB settlement services; (b) encouraging more Hong Kong, international and Mainland institutions and enterprises to issue RMB bonds in Hong Kong; and (c) seeking to establish channels for enterprises to invest in the Mainland the RMB funds raised in Hong Kong.</p>
2.	Development of asset management business	<p>According the Administration's reply no. FSTB(FS)025 in March 2011 to a question raised by Hon LAM Tai-fai on the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12, the Administration adopts a multi-pronged approach to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong's asset management industry, and the relevant measures include the following -</p>

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	<p>(a) <u>enhancing market quality</u> – such as (i) introducing the Securities and Futures and Companies Legislation (Structured Products Amendment) Bill 2010 into the Legislative Council in July 2010 to rationalize the public offering regime for structured products; (ii) preparing for the establishment of an investor education council and a financial dispute resolution centre; (iii) preparing a bill to statutorily oblige listed corporations to disclose price sensitive information in a timely manner, so as to cultivate a continuous disclosure culture among listed corporations; and (iv) proposing the establishment of an independent Insurance Authority, etc.;</p> <p>(b) <u>facilitating market development</u> – such as (i) further enhancing the development of offshore RMB business in Hong Kong; (ii) rewriting the Companies Ordinance to reinforce Hong Kong's status as an international business and financial centre; (iii) modernising the trust law to strengthen the competitiveness of our trust services industry; and (iv) working on a bill to provide a level playing field in terms of tax liabilities for facilitating the issuance of Islamic bonds;</p> <p>(c) <u>entering into more agreements for the avoidance of double taxation (CDTA)</u> – since the commencement of the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Ordinance 2010 in March 2010, the Administration has signed CDTAs with 13 trading and investment partners as at end of February 2011. Meanwhile, the Administration is conducting negotiations on the signing of CDTAs with a number of other countries/territories;</p>

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	<p>(d) <u>providing fiscal incentives</u> – the abolishment of the estate duty and exemption of offshore funds from profit tax since 2006 have helped attract capital inflow to Hong Kong and encourage existing funds to continue to invest in Hong Kong. With effect from February 2010, the Government has expanded the stamp duty concession in respect of the trading of exchange traded funds (ETFs) to facilitate the development of Hong Kong's ETF market. Besides, the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Ordinance 2011, which seeks to enhance the Qualifying Debt Instrument Scheme, came into operation on 25 March 2011. In addition, the Securities and Futures Commission published in February 2011 a consultation paper to update the lists of specified exchanges in the Securities and Futures Ordinance so as to facilitate the operation of offshore funds; and</p> <p>(e) <u>stepping up overseas promotion</u> – the Government will continue to lead financial services delegations to the Mainland and other markets to conduct visits and roadshows. For instance, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, together with InvestHK, promoted Hong Kong as China's Global Financial Centre in the United Kingdom in November 2010 and the United States in March 2011 respectively. The Government also successfully organised the 4th Asian Financial Forum in January 2011, which was participated by financial leaders around the world.</p>

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3.	Liberalization measures under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)	<p>On 27 May 2010, the Mainland and Hong Kong signed Supplement VII to CEPA, which provides for 35 market liberalization and trade and investment facilitation measures in 19 sectors. Among them, 27 are liberalization measures in 14 service sectors and of which eight are measures for early and pilot implementation in selected areas. The new liberalization measures in Supplement VII took effect from 1 January 2011.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 15 March 2011, the Administration advised members that the HKSAR Government would continue to discuss with the Mainland authorities, with a view to reviewing the implementation of current measures, and broadening and enriching the scope of the CEPA and its supplements through continuous liberalization in a gradual and orderly manner. The Administration would continue to communicate with the business and professional communities during the consultations with the Mainland before concluding the review in mid-2011.</p>
4.	Assisting Hong Kong-owned enterprises in the Mainland	<p>At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 15 March 2011, members noted that the HKSAR Government maintained close liaison with the Mainland authorities at various levels (including through the Hong Kong/Guangdong Expert Group on the Restructuring and Upgrading of the Processing Trade) to convey to them the trade's views on problems encountered in the process of developing the domestic sales market and in the course of upgrading and restructuring, and discuss with them proposed supportive measures for the trade. The HKSAR Government and Hong Kong Trade Development Council also supported Mainland provinces and cities to organize more business matching forums and trade fairs and to enhance the awareness of Hong Kong brand products.</p>

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5.	Co-operation initiatives on promotion of trade and investment	At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry 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.
6.	Co-operation initiatives on customs clearance of goods	At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry 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 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.

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7.	Co-operation initiatives on e-business	At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry 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.
8.	Co-operation initiatives on intellectual property rights	At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry 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.

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9.	Co-operation initiatives on legal matters	<p>In May 2010, the Department of Justice (DoJ) provided an information paper to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on details of the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation (Framework Agreement) relating to co-operation on legal matters. According to DoJ, the overall objective of the specific policies and measures in legal matters as set out under the Framework Agreement was to facilitate trade and investment by promoting greater co-operation between government organs as well as among legal professional bodies of the two places on various aspects of the legal field. The specific measures relating to the implementation of the co-operation proposals in 2010 were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to establish a communication mechanism for the notification and consultation of legislative proposals concerning joint cooperation projects; (b) to establish a mechanism to consider the relevant practices, standards and procedures for forensic examination and to facilitate exchange between forensic examination bodies and academic institutes; (c) to explore the feasibility of establishing a Hong Kong-Guangdong co-ordination mechanism for notary services and to promote co-operation in areas such as the verification of notarized instruments, promotion of laws and regulations relating to notary services and facilitating exchange and communication on information of notary work; and

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		<p>(d) to establish a mechanism for the exchange and cooperation of appointed notaries between Hong Kong and Guangdong; to set up a scheme to provide for mutual visits between public notaries between the two sides and to provide training on notary matters on a regular basis.</p> <p>The Panel noted DoJ's advice that it would continue to maintain close tie with the relevant legal authorities and legal professionals in Guangdong to foster better mutual understanding and greater cooperation in legal matters. DoJ would monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the communication and co-ordination mechanism to be established under the Framework Agreement and when required, discuss with the Guangdong authorities on the ways to improve the mechanism.</p>
10.	Development of logistics services in Hong Kong	<p>During the policy briefing for the Panel on Economic Development on 15 October 2010, members noted that the Administration had identified possible sites for long-term logistics use in the Kwai Tsing area to promote development of the logistics industry in the higher-end market segment which aimed to appeal to professional third party logistics service providers and leading brands.</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. Other sites in Kwai Tsing would be released in phases subject to the review of the market needs and the traffic impact of development of such sites in the area.</p>

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11.	Measures to enhance the port competitiveness	<p>At the meeting of the Panel on Economic Development on 15 October 2010, members noted that the Administration was working closely with the industry to implement measures to enhance port competitiveness, particularly connectivity with cargo sources and port productivity. As at August 2010, over 80 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 the study was scheduled for completion in 2011.</p>
12.	Handling capacity of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)	<p>During the policy briefing of the Panel on Economic Development on 15 October 2010, 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> <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 tones of cargo, which was expected to cope with air traffic demand up to 2020. Phase I works were expected to begin in the third quarter of 2011 for completion in mid 2015.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Panel on Economic Development on 22 November 2010, members noted that the Cathay Pacific Services Limited was constructing the new air cargo terminal at HKIA with a design capacity of</p>

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		<p>2.6 million tones per annum, for completion by early 2013. This project would increase the airport's cargo handling capacity by 50% to 7.4 million tones per year. Panel members considered that as the demand for air cargo handling capacity would go up further following the upgrading and restructuring of the manufacturing sector to tie in with the national policies, the timely commencing of the new air cargo terminal was essential to maintaining HKIA's competitiveness as a hub for international air cargo traffic. They urged the Administration to assess whether there would be enough handling capacity to meet the rising demand beyond 2020.</p> <p>At the Panel meeting on 22 November 2010, members considered it important that HKIA had sufficient runway capacity to handle the forecast growth in traffic. The AA was conducting a HKIA Master Plan 2030 Study to review the airport facilities, including the building of a third runway, with a view to maintaining the status and competitive edge of Hong Kong as an international and regional aviation centre.</p>
13.	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>The funding proposal for the planning and engineering study on the development of Lok Ma Chau Loop (the Study) at an estimated cost of \$33.7 million was approved by the FC on 24 April 2009. The Study, planned to be completed in 2012, covers areas comprising the Loop (i.e. Area A) and</p>

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		<p>the adjoining area in Hong Kong (i.e. Area B). A separate planning study is commissioned by the Shenzhen Municipal Government for the adjoining area in Shenzhen (i.e. Area C).</p> <p>The Study commenced in June 2009. The Administration conducted a public engagement exercise in November 2010 to collect views on the preliminary outline development plan for Area A and preliminary development proposals for Area B. The Panel on Development was briefed on the details at the meeting on 16 December 2010. At the meeting 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>
14.	Study on the Action Plan for the Bay Area of the Pearl River Estuary (the Study)	<p>The Study commissioned jointly by the Hong Kong, Guangdong and Macao Governments in April 2010, was among the regional cooperation projects in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation entered between the Hong Kong Government and Guangdong Government on 7 April 2010.</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>

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		<p>The Panel on Development was briefed on the preliminary findings of the Study on 22 February 2011. Members 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>
15.	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</p>

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	<p>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> <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</p>

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	<p>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 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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16.	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><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</p>

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	<p>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><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>

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17.	Testing and certification services	At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 15 February 2011, members noted that the Innovation and Technology Commission had 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 paved 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.
18.	Innovation and technology	<p>At the meetings of the Panel on Commerce and Industry 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 comprises 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. The ITC would also work together with the relevant Guangdong and</p>

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		<p>Shenzhen authorities to enhance the Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Co-operation Funding Scheme (TCFS). Both sides would strengthen communication on the setting of the TCFS solicitation themes, 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 industrialists to visit the national Ministry of Science and Technology to discuss means of further collaboration on the development of innovation and technology.</p>
19.	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> <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</p>

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	<p>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. URBTIX outlets would also accept payment by credit cards widely used on the Mainland to facilitate Mainland tourists to attend cultural events in Hong Kong.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry 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 event enhanced the exchange and collaboration</p>

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		among the younger generation of film directors and producers, as well as raising the standards of Chinese films as a whole. 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.
20.	Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB)	<p>In May 2009, the Finance Committee (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 18 April 2011, a judgment was handed down by the High Court quashing the Director of Environmental Protection's approval of the environmental impact assessment reports relating to HZMB and the environmental permits for the relevant projects. In response to the court's judgment, the Administration advised that it would study the implications of the judgment and look into ways on how to carry forward the works.</p> <p>For the local related infrastructure projects², the reclamation works of the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities are undergoing investigation and detailed design, while the preparatory work for the design and construction contracts for Hong Kong Link Road has started. As for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and Tuen Mun Western Bypass, the Investigation</p>

² Including the Hong Kong Link Road, Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities, Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and Tuen Mun Western Bypass.

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		<p>and Preliminary Design Study of these projects are in progress. The Administration plans to tie in the completion and commissioning of these highway infrastructure projects with the commissioning of the HZMB Main Bridge by 2016.</p> <p>On 14 January 2011, FC approved the funding of \$43 million for a consultancy study to review and update the Railway Development Strategy 2000. 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>
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 has been monitoring the implementation of the Hong Kong section of XRL. In this connection, progress reports at six-month intervals are submitted by the Administration to the Subcommittee. In addition to the progress of the construction works, the progress reports cover pre-construction preparatory work and interface issues, and employment opportunities created by the XRL project.</p> <p>The Subcommittee discussed the first progress report at its meetings on 6 July and 20 September 2010 and received views from the relevant</p>

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		stakeholders including Choi Yuen Tsuen villagers and affected urban residents. The Subcommittee has scheduled to discuss the second progress report at its meeting on 20 May 2011.
22.	Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line (WEL)	At the policy briefing given by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on 22 October 2010, the Panel on Transport noted that the preliminary feasibility study on WEL had confirmed the technical feasibility of its alignment. Apart from enhancing the cooperation between the two airports in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, one of the major functions of WEL was to promote the development of Qianhai and Northwest New Territories (NWNT). It was therefore necessary for the design of the WEL to take into consideration the planning of these two areas. With the development of Qianhai and NWNT being pushed ahead, more planning parameters for these areas would be available to enable conduct of in-depth studies on WEL including the various alignment options, patronage forecasts, and operational and service requirements, etc. Upon completion of these studies, the Administration would consult the public on the development of WEL.
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 project (BCP) for operation in 2018. The new BCP would adopt the separate-location model.</p> <p>FC approved on 9 January 2009 funding for the relevant investigation and preliminary design for the development of the BCP at an estimated amount of \$89 million. It further approved funding for carrying out detailed design and ground investigation for the BCP at an estimated cost of \$265.8 million</p>

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	<p>on 18 February 2011.</p> <p>To allow for the construction of the BCP, FC also approved on 30 April 2010 a funding of \$51.3 million to provide a village resite area with supporting infrastructure 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 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> <p>At the briefing on 16 December 2010, the Administration advised that it planned to engage consultants in April 2011 to carry out the detailed design and ground investigation works for the project for completion by October 2013. The target was to commence construction work within 2013. The construction of the resite area for Chuk Yuen Village had started.</p> <p>FC approved, on 18 February 2011, the funding of \$265.8 million for the detailed design and ground investigation to take forward the development of a new Boundary Control Point at Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai in the North-eastern New Territories. The design and investigation works are targeted for completion by October 2013.</p>

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24.	Development of Qianhai, Shenzhen	<p>At the meetings of the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 15 February and 15 March 2011, the Administration advised members that the HKSAR Government continued to provide comments to the Shenzhen authorities on the development of Qianhai and the study and formulation of related policies. The Administration was actively complementing the publicity and promotional work of the Shenzhen authorities to introduce to Hong Kong enterprises, professional sectors and service suppliers the business opportunities brought about by the Qianhai Development Plan. A co-ordination mechanism led by the National Development and Reform Commission with the involvement of relevant ministries of the State Council, the Guangdong Provincial Government, the HKSAR Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government would be set up to co-ordinate and resolve major problems encountered (such as those involving policies of the Central Government) in the development of Qianhai. The discussions on the details of the set up of the mechanism were ongoing, and the HKSAR Government would actively participate in the mechanism and support the implementation of the related policies.</p>

Relevant motions moved by Members

In the Fourth Legislative Council (up to 11 May 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/counmtg/hansard/cm1210-translate-e.pdf>

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

(pages 1 to 70)

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/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/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/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/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/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 negated. 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/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/counmtg/hansard/cm0526-translate-e.pdf>

(pages 125 to 226)

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/counmtg/hansard/cm1215-translate-e.pdf>

(pages 290 to 337)

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/chinese/counmtg/floor/cm0331-confirm-ec.pdf>

(pages 5 to 96)

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-yee 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

Relevant Council questions raised by Members

In the Fourth Legislative Council (up to 11 May 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-yea on air traffic in the PRD Region on 20 January 2010

20. Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yea 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)