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Foreword

Reform for Enhancing Development and Building Our Future Together

In the past two years, the Policy Address was issued along with a Policy Measures booklet setting out the new and ongoing policy measures of the Government. This year, a Policy Address Supplement (the Supplement) has been prepared in place of the Policy Measures booklet, so that I can focus more on my vision, beliefs and the key measures in the Policy Address. The Supplement will detail the background of the different policies and measures.

In preparing this Policy Address, I held more than 40 consultation sessions over some three months, visiting various districts to listen to the community's views together with my team. I am grateful to the public for their encouragement and sharing, as well as their passion for the city and the trust they have placed in us. I will work earnestly to continue to steer the Government in making pragmatic efforts and delivering good results, so that the people of Hong Kong can enjoy the fruits of governance, the benefits of development, and a greater sense of fulfilment and happiness.

The Supplement this year puts together over 600 policy measures across all major policy areas, from fully and faithfully implementing the "One Country, Two Systems" principle and strengthening our governance systems, to building on our status as an international financial, shipping and trade centre and international hub for high-calibre talents. They include, as well, developing new quality productive forces tailored to local conditions, promoting integrated development of culture, sports and tourism to diversify our economy and enhancing our speed, quantity, quality and efficiency in creating land and building homes. We also seek to deepen the reform of our healthcare system, and develop a caring and inclusive society through targeted poverty alleviation and policies in support of the elderly and people in need. Some of these measures enrich the Government's ongoing work, while others open up new areas to navigate Hong Kong through reforms. Our objectives are clear: to reform and transform, to boost the city's competitiveness for sustainable economic growth, and to enable our people to lead a fulfilling and enjoyable life.

Through reform, I am confident we can enhance development and build our future together!



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John KC Lee'.

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**Steadfastly and Successfully
Implement
“One Country, Two Systems”
and Strengthening Our
Governance Systems**



Background

In the report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, President Xi Jinping stated that “the principle of ‘One Country, Two Systems’ is a great innovation of socialism with Chinese characteristics. It has proven to be the best institutional arrangement for ensuring sustained prosperity and stability in Hong Kong and Macao after their return to the Motherland. This principle must be adhered to over the long term.” It is evident that the “One Country, Two Systems” principle is not only the best solution to the historical issues of Hong Kong but also the optimal arrangement for the city to maintain long-term prosperity and stability, given its advantages of great vitality and institutional superiority.

With full support from our Country, we enacted the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance in March, accomplishing the constitutional responsibility and historic mission after a wait of 26 years, 8 months and 19 days. The ordinance complements the Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region seamlessly, forming a comprehensive legal system with effective enforcement mechanisms for safeguarding national security. In last year’s Policy Address, I announced the establishment of the Working Group on Patriotic Education to enhance education of our Country’s history, culture and current affairs on different fronts, promoting patriotism and ensuring its continuity for generations to come. Moreover, we are improving the setup of various decision-making regimes, distribution of powers and responsibilities as well as implementation mechanisms, to enhance our governance systems. Taking these initiatives together, we have built a result-oriented governance culture characterised by readiness to shoulder responsibilities, deliver good results and team spirit, for the maximum benefit of the people of Hong Kong.

“One Country” is like the roots of a tree. For a tree to flourish, its roots must run deep and strong. We will continue to fully, faithfully and resolutely implement the principles of “One Country, Two Systems”, “Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong” and a high degree of autonomy. We will remain vigilant against undercurrents to uphold the absolute principle of safeguarding our Country’s sovereignty, security and development interests, and will continue to strive to improve governance and maintain our city’s prosperity and stability.

Steadfastly and Successfully Implement “One Country, Two Systems” and Strengthening Our Governance Systems

Safeguarding National Security

Enhancing implementation mechanism

- Relevant bureaux and departments to discharge their duties and continuously review the rules, regulations, guidelines and procedures, etc. to ensure compliance of the requirements for safeguarding national security. (SB and relevant bureaux)
- Issue a set of guidelines in the first half of 2025 to specify how public officers should fully abide by the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (SNSO) requirements in discharging their duties. (SB)

Strengthening publicity and promotion

- Continue to promote the Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKNSL) and the SNSO through the National Security Exhibition Gallery and community courses on national security, as well as other measures including the online virtual exhibition and the mechanism of youth uniformed groups of the disciplined services. (Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, SB)

- The National Security Exhibition Gallery will roll out thematic exhibitions in 2025 for the 10th National Security Education Day and the 5th anniversary of the promulgation of the HKNSL. (Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, SB)
- Update the “Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong” and related subject frameworks on national security education for reference of schools in their overall planning. (EDB)
- Continue to provide quality learning and teaching resources for schools, including supplementary teaching materials suitable for different learning stages, with a view to helping schools to further promote national security education. (EDB)
- Bring the online national security-themed animation series offline through activities including showing the “Security Bear and Andy’s Family” drama in schools for interaction with students, and preparing printed picture books. (SB)
- Produce a new series of information programmes on national security laws jointly with the Department of Justice and the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) focusing on the SNSO in order to deepen the public’s understanding of the ordinance. (SB)

- Expand the scale of the Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge by enabling the participation of non-Chinese speaking students, and incorporation contents of the SNSO in the Challenge to strengthen the understanding and awareness of national security of participating students. (DoJ, SB, EDB)

Strengthening counter-terrorism preparedness

- Introduce by end-2024 a three-tier prevention framework by setting up the Chief Executive Counter-terrorism Steering Group, the Secretary for Security Counter-terrorism Co-ordinating Group and inter-departmental working groups to follow up on specific studies and carry out counter-terrorism work. (SB)
- The Inter-departmental Counter Terrorism Unit will strengthen co-ordination of intelligence gathering by the disciplined services, increase inter-departmental drills, and step up publicity and public education on counter-terrorism, etc. in order to enhance prevention and response capabilities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). (SB)

Implementation of the United Nations Firearms Protocol

- Introduce a bill into the Legislative Council (LegCo) to amend the Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance within 2025, with a view to strengthening control on the manufacture of firearms and ammunition and gun markings to prevent organised crimes and terrorist activities. (SB)

Promoting Patriotic Education

Working Group on Patriotic Education

- The Working Group on Patriotic Education under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee will actively co-ordinate the overall strategy and specific measures on promoting patriotic education, with a view to making patriotism with affection to our Country and Hong Kong a mainstream core value of Hong Kong, enabling the spirit of patriotism to take root in society and people's heart. (CSO, CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- The Government will organise commemorative events for the 80th anniversary of the victory of the War of Resistance in 2025 to enhance the sense of patriotism. (CSO, CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Continue to organise the Thematic Study Programme on Modern Chinese History to enhance civil servants' understanding of the history of our Country's endeavours over the past century, and the role and mission of Hong Kong along the journey of national rejuvenation, enabling them to consciously assume the responsibility of promoting the development of Hong Kong and the prosperity of our Country. (CSB)

Nurturing patriotism among students and the youth

- Incorporate more visiting spots with "red resources" and related learning elements into the routes of the Mainland exchange programmes and study tours for students, with the aim of deepening their understanding of the arduous struggles of our revolutionary predecessors and fostering their patriotic spirit. (EDB)

- Earmark a provision of \$57 million to provide a one-off grant to kindergartens participating in the Kindergarten Education Scheme to strengthen the support for kindergartens to promote national education through home-school co-operation, so as to deepen the parents' understanding of the Chinese culture and national development, and assist them to nurture their children with a sense of belonging, pride and affection for our Country. (EDB)
- Organise a series of joint school and cross-sector collaborative activities under the "Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country 3.0" in the 2024/25 school year to promote national education. (EDB)
- Collaborate with the Mainland and local tertiary institutions to provide professional training for junior secondary Chinese History teachers and develop learning communities for senior secondary school teachers in the 2024/25 school year, with a view to enhancing the professional capacity of teachers. (EDB)
- Launch a trial teaching scheme to demonstrate lesson practices for teaching National Geography and develop a resource portal to strengthen the learning and teaching of National Geography. (EDB)
- Continue to enhance the quality and effectiveness of national education through conducting different types of inspections, including focus inspections on national education, sharing inspection findings and promoting good practices. (EDB)
- Continue to support youth uniformed groups to promote youth development and national education. (HYAB)
- The disciplined services will continue to promote Chinese-style foot drill and flag-raising education, as well as arrange Mainland exchange activities for members of their youth uniformed groups, with a view to enhancing young people's sense of belonging to the Country and their national pride. (SB)

Strengthening Publicity and Education on the Constitution and the Basic Law

- Continue to strengthen publicity and education on the Constitution and the Basic Law through diverse channels and innovative approaches, which include displaying large-sized outdoor publicity messages, producing publicity video clippings, making extensive use of online platforms and social media for publicity, organising various kinds of physical activities to reach into the community, providing sponsorship to non-government organisations or community organisations for conducting different promotional activities and researches, and consolidating community efforts for enhanced publicity. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Government departments and relevant organisations, Mainland Offices, overseas Economic and Trade Offices, the Invest Hong Kong, the Information Services Department, etc. will continue to utilise online and offline platforms as well as diversified activities in their further efforts to comprehensively promote Hong Kong and its unique status and advantages under "One Country, Two Systems". (Relevant bureaux)

Reinforcing the Rule of Law

- Continue with the work of the Steering Committee on Rule of Law Education, including the launch of the third phase of the Rule of Law Education Train-the-Leaders Programme within 2025, so as to further broaden trainees' understanding of the legal concepts in specific areas and enhance their capability to promote correct messages on the rule of law in the community. (DoJ)
- Continue to support the Judiciary in taking forward law courts building projects and proceeding with initiatives on legislation, technology or other aspects which are conducive to the effective administration of justice. (CSO)

Implementing the Improved Electoral System

- Adhere to the improved electoral system in the long run to ensure that elections are conducted in a fair, just, honest, safe and orderly manner; continue to enhance the electoral arrangements; and further the application of information technology and smart technologies in the election process to enhance efficiency and make the arrangements user-friendly. (CMAB)
- Launch a series of publicity activities to continuously promote the improved electoral system so as to raise the public's awareness of the electoral system. (CMAB)
- Work closely with the Electoral Affairs Commission to prepare for the 2025 LegCo General Election, and ensure that the election will be conducted in a fair, just, honest, safe and orderly manner. (CMAB)

Promoting Chinese Culture

- Designate the Northern Metropolis for developing a museum to showcase the development and achievements of our Country, commence preparatory work for its contents and curatorial direction, and set up an exhibition gallery in the Hong Kong Museum of History for displaying the relevant contents in phases before the completion of the new museum. (CSTB)
- Set up a Chinese Culture Experience Centre in the historic buildings of Kowloon Park to serve as an important base for promoting Chinese culture. (CSTB)
- Continue to organise the Chinese Culture Festival in 2025 and establish it into an annual signature event in order to enhance national identity and cultural confidence of the public. (CSTB)

- Continue to present exhibitions of the General History of China Series to showcase significant periods of Chinese history in chronological order. (CSTB)
- Develop a mechanism and criteria in 2025 for recognising the bearers of the items on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hong Kong, and launch the Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage Month to promote the safeguarding and passing on of intangible cultural heritage and deepen the public's understanding of such. (CSTB)
- RTHK will continue to co-operate with Mainland broadcasters on co-production and relaying of Mainland programmes, promote and broadcast in full steam the 15th National Games, and continue to produce more thematic programmes to promote Chinese culture and the spirit of patriotism, thereby enhancing the public awareness of patriotism and engendering their sense of national identity. (CEDB)
- Provide financial support to the film industry under the Film Development Fund to produce films that promote Chinese culture, for showcasing the fine traditional Chinese culture to the audience. (CSTB)

Strengthening Our Governance Systems

Interaction and exchange between the executive and the legislature

- Continue to strengthen exchange and collaboration in policy formulation through the Chief Executive's Interactive Exchange Question and Answer Sessions, Ante Chamber Exchange Sessions, direct meetings, etc.. (CSO)

Liaison mechanism with NPC deputies and CPPCC members

- Continue to facilitate regular exchanges with the HKSAR deputies to the National People's Congress (NPC) and the HKSAR members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) to enhance communication and collaboration, so as to rally patriots with affection for the Country and Hong Kong, and to achieve the full impact of "patriots administering Hong Kong" for ensuring the steadfast and successful implementation of "One Country, Two Systems". (CMAB)

Continued strengthening of governance at district level

- Continue to lead the 18 district councils (DCs) to ensure effective two-way communication between the Government and the public, step up the training for DC members, and enhance the public's understanding of the work of DCs. (HYAB)
- The Steering Committee on District Governance and the Task Force on District Governance will continue to lead bureaux/departments to formulate measures to address issues of concern to the districts, duly responding to the needs of the community. (HYAB)
- The Steering Committee on District Governance will improve the 1823 complaints handling mechanism by November 2024 to facilitate speedy handling of complaints on district affairs, in respect of which the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration will make the final decision on the lead department for complaints involving multiple departments. (DCSO, ITIB and relevant bureaux)

The Civil Service Team

Strengthening governance capabilities of the civil service

- Institutionalise the learning activities of civil servants on the Country's governance philosophy and strategies, and incorporate such activities into the training programmes for civil servants at all ranks. (CSB)
- Continue to arrange for middle, senior and directorate-level officers to participate in programmes at Mainland institutions to learn our Country's policies of governance and macro strategies for development. (CSB)
- Continue to arrange for middle and senior-level civil servants with potential to attend courses and/or executive development programmes at overseas institutions, and to participate in training programmes or attachment schemes in different places of the world, so as to develop their global perspectives. (CSB)
- With the support of the Central People's Government, continue to promote participation in the United Nations (UN) Junior Professional Officer Programme and send civil servants to work in the UN offices worldwide, thereby enriching their experience in taking part in the affairs of international organisations. (CSB)
- Continue to organise the Civil Service Staff Exchange and Collaboration Programme jointly with Mainland cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), and sign agreements with other Mainland cities beyond the GBA within 2024 for taking forward exchange activities in an orderly manner. (CSB)
- Launch the Governance Talents Development Programme to continuously nurture governance talents with a macro perspective and professional leadership ability to enhance governance capabilities of the civil service. (CSB)

- Encourage and assist civil service unions to organise local national studies activities and visits to further deepen civil servants' understanding of the Country and cultivate their patriotic sentiment. (CSB)

Strengthening the management of the civil service

- Drive the adoption of management measures and digitalisation in departments to reprioritise and re-organise their work, capitalise on technology solutions, and streamline work processes, with a view to optimising the use of the civil service manpower resources. (CSB)
- Consult the Public Service Commission within 2025 on the preliminary enhancement proposals of the Public Service (Administration) Order and the Public Service (Disciplinary) Regulation, with a view to further enhancing the civil service disciplinary mechanism. (CSB)
- Continue to implement measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the disciplinary mechanism, and at the same time enhance the capability and efficiency of departments in handling disciplinary cases so that punishments meted out are commensurate with the gravity of the misconduct concerned; and deepen civil servants' understanding of the disciplinary mechanism and enhance their sense of compliance with civil service rules and discipline requirements. (CSB)
- Roll out a pilot scheme in the first quarter of 2025 to arrange for about 2 000 civil service eligible persons (CSEPs) queuing for the Department of Health's dental services to receive designated dental services at a medical institution in Shenzhen. (CSB)
- Launch the Civil Service Eligible Persons Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Pilot Scheme at families clinics in the fourth quarter of 2024 to provide free influenza vaccination services for about 30 000 CSEPs, with a view to reducing the risk of community transmission of influenza and impact on public service delivery due to illness in the civil service during the influenza peak season, as well as alleviating the burden on the public healthcare system. (CSB)
- Complete the review on the Pilot Scheme on Dental Services (Dental Scaling) for CSEPs by end-2024 with a view to determining its way forward. (CSB)
- Increase the service quota of Civil Service Chinese Medicine Clinics by 2 000 and 3 000 in 2024-25 and 2025-26 respectively. (CSB)
- Lift the minimum service length requirement for the granting of travel awards under the Secretary for the Civil Service's Commendation Award Scheme to motivate civil servants (including civil servants of shorter service) to strive for excellence. (CSB)

Digital Provision of Public Service

- Provide steer for bureaux/departments through the Digital Policy Office, enabling them to enhance project governance and cybersecurity of their information systems as well as those of the related public bodies under their purview. (ITIB)
- Strengthen the training on core digital skills for senior government personnel to enhance their awareness and capability in managing information systems and data security. (ITIB)
- Pilot the use of a generative artificial intelligence (AI) document processing copilot application developed by a Hong Kong-based large language model within the Government, and explore the formulation of relevant codes of practice and guidelines on the use of relevant technologies through implementation. (ITIB)

- Compile departmental data catalogues within 2025 to promote the opening-up and sharing of data among bureaux/departments. (ITIB)
- Organise annual cybersecurity attack and defence drills from 2024 onwards and invite various government departments and public bodies to participate. (ITIB)
- Identify on a risk-based principle eight government electronic systems for in-depth compliance audit each year from 2025 onwards. (ITIB)
- Continue to facilitate the full adoption of “iAM Smart” by all departments to provide citizens with the option of one-stop electronic services by end-2025. (ITIB)
- Continue to press ahead over a hundred of digital government and smart city initiatives, including the roll-out of around 20 initiatives by end-2024. (ITIB)
- Launch a digitalised Basic Law and National Security Law Test within 2025 to enable candidates for civil service posts of degree or professional grades to take the test at their own selected timeslots throughout the year. (CSB)
- Introduce electronic vehicle licences by end-2024 so that vehicle owners will not need to replace their paper-form vehicle licences with a new one upon each renewal, and streamline the application procedures to pave the way for full automation of processing. (TLB)
- Introduce electronic driving licences within 2025 to provide driving licence holders with the option of displaying their electronic driving licences on their smartphones. (TLB)
- Make payment to suppliers by electronic means (such as virtual banking and the Faster Payment System proxy identifiers) instead of paper cheques in government procurement. (FSTB)

- Continue to implement the Smart Customs Blueprint to speed up customs clearance through the application of technologies and to combat customs-related offences in a targeted approach through the application of AI. (SB)
- Implement fully the Electronic Recordkeeping System for all government bureaux/departments within 2025 to enhance efficiency in preserving and managing government records. (CSO, ITIB)

Protection of Privacy

- The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data will step up promotional efforts to enhance public awareness of personal data protection, and actively assist the industry to comply with the relevant requirements under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, and to study further enhancements of personal data protection and address the challenges posed by cyber technologies through legislative amendments. (CMAB)

Bolstering Security of Computer Systems of Critical Infrastructure

- Introduce a bill into the LegCo by end-2024 to provide for the legal obligations of critical infrastructure operators to protect their computer systems in order to reinforce the resilience against cybersecurity challenges. (SB)

Emergency Management

Scaling up capability in coping with extreme weather

- Continuously strengthen the overall capability of the Government and the community in coping with extreme weather, and adopt a pre-emptive approach in preventive and strategic planning. (CSO and relevant bureaux)

- Provide information on flood risk for relevant departments through the flood risk assessment system, and enhance the system continuously to strengthen the overall capability of Hong Kong in coping with extreme weather. (EEB)
- Explore application of machine learning technology and big data analysis for more accurate identification of causal factors of landslides so as to scale up capability in predicting landslide risks. (DEVB)
- Revise the annual output target of the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme to devise landslide mitigation measures for more natural slopes. (DEVB)
- Strengthen co-operation with building owners and relevant stakeholders to assist them in effectively preventing corruption when implementing building maintenance projects through systemic prevention, publicity and education. (ICAC)
- Provide anti-corruption education for imported workers and incoming talents under various importation and admission schemes, and continue to promote integrity messages among them. (ICAC)
- Assist stakeholders in implementing the integrity management framework for public works projects to effectively manage corruption risks and other integrity risks during project implementation. (ICAC)

Improving the co-ordinated emergency management across the GBA

- Set up a task force on Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao emergency management co-operation (including a working group on the cross-boundary “green” channel for emergency resources) to consolidate the emergency management co-operation experience and chart the development strategy of emergency management co-operation among the three places. (SB)
- The Fire Services Department will conduct an annual cross-boundary joint exercise with GBA cities and implement the GBA Emergency Response and Rescue Operational Plan, so as to improve efficiency of rescue efforts in cross-boundary emergencies, and to enhance capabilities of the cities in the region for collaborative disaster prevention, mitigation and relief, and for responding to major public emergencies. (SB)

Safeguarding Integrity

Corruption prevention

- Enhance the existing Digital Corruption Prevention Framework to assist government departments in strengthening their capabilities of preventing corruption by making use of digital technology. (ICAC)

- Continue to work with the Buildings Department in enhancing corruption prevention control over private new building works and strengthening integrity management of registered building professionals, registered contractors and technically competent persons. (ICAC)
- Continue to assist listed companies in enhancing their integrity management and corruption prevention capabilities through production and promotion of a corruption prevention guide and related capacity-building activities, etc.. (ICAC)

Advancing international anti-corruption collaboration

- Promote co-operation with anti-corruption agencies around the world (especially Belt and Road countries) through the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption established in 2024 via means such as signing memoranda of understanding (MoUs), organising training and exchange programmes as well as conducting researches on anti-corruption, with a view to contributing to the global anti-corruption development. (ICAC)

- The Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption will continue to hold the presidency of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities. He will lead the association in promoting and facilitating effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and advance international anti-corruption collaboration and exchanges. (ICAC)
- Strengthen the strategic partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and, on the foundation of the MoU signed in May 2024, support international anti-corruption capacity building by, inter alia, co-organising professional anti-corruption training and co-developing corruption prevention guides. (ICAC)
- The Correctional Services Department (CSD) will host the 42nd Asian and Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators in November 2024. Heads of correctional services and their delegations from over 30 countries or places in the Asia-Pacific region will be invited to visit Hong Kong for professional exchanges on correctional work and its future development, with a view to strengthening regional co-operation. (SB)
- The CSD will organise the first Greater Bay Area Correctional Tactical Skills Competition in 2025 to foster exchange of experience in crisis management with GBA correctional authorities, with a view to enhancing tactical skills of the response teams and their capabilities in handling emergencies. (SB)

Integrity building in the GBA

- Deepen co-operation with anti-corruption authorities in the Mainland and Macao, jointly providing corruption prevention training to enterprises in the region to promote business integrity by making use of the guide for doing business with integrity in the GBA co-developed by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. (ICAC)

Disciplined Services Regional and International Exchanges

- The Hong Kong Police Force will actively assist our Country in bidding for the hosting of the 94th INTERPOL General Assembly in Hong Kong in 2026. (SB)
- The Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department will serve as the Vice-chairperson for the Asia/Pacific region of the World Customs Organization between 2024 and 2026. During the period, the department will organise about 20 international conferences and workshops for overseas participants to witness the success of “One Country, Two Systems”. (SB)

Protecting Public Safety

Installation of CCTV at Crime Black Spots

- Aim to install 2 000 closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) in phase 1 within 2025; and, subject to review results thereafter, target to install 2 000 to 2 500 CCTVs each year, so as to strengthen protection of public order and public safety. (SB)

Using technology in anti-deception efforts

- Enhance the use of information technology and AI to help prevent deception, including further extending the coverage of the Suspicious Account Alert to automatic teller machine transactions; and strengthen inter-departmental and inter-disciplinary collaboration to promote joint participation of various stakeholders in anti-deception efforts. (SB)

Expanding the Sexual Conviction Record Check Scheme

- Expand the scope of the Sexual Conviction Record Check Scheme to self-employed persons, volunteers and all existing employees in phases starting from the fourth quarter of 2024 to enhance protection of children and mentally incapacitated persons. (SB)

Promoting anti-drug efforts

- Take the opportunity of the 60th anniversary of the Action Committee Against Narcotics to organise a series of activities with a view to consolidating anti-drug awareness in the community; such activities include television programmes, interactive roving exhibitions in education institutions and the community, as well as public engagement activities, etc.. (SB)
- Organise the GBA Anti-drug Summit to exchange views with various parties on issues such as changes in drug trends and future challenges in anti-drug efforts, with a view to promoting mutual co-operation. (SB)
- Step up publicity and education to heighten public awareness of the risk of being recruited into drug trafficking activities on websites and social media platforms that are favoured by drug traffickers. (SB)
- Step up the control of etomidate, a type of anaesthetic, in view of its abuses. (SB)

Handling Non-refoulement Claims

- Step up tripartite intelligence exchanges with the Mainland and Macao to further combat illegal immigration precisely. (SB)
- The Immigration Department will, through the Advance Passenger Information System implemented in phases starting from September 2024, enhance prevention of potential abusers of the non-refoulement claim mechanism boarding flights heading to Hong Kong. (SB)

- Further strengthen enforcement actions against illegal employment to reduce the incentive for “bogus refugees” to remain in Hong Kong, and step up the efforts of removing unsubstantiated claimants. (SB)

Joining Hands with Persons in Custody on the Road to Rehabilitation

- The CSD will expand the curriculum of the Ethics College by end-2024 to include a two-year full-time associate degree programme to help eligible persons in custody obtain recognised qualifications of a higher level and facilitate their re-integration into society. (SB)
- The CSD will also expand the Ethics College to Pik Uk Prison to help persons in custody equip themselves in preparation for their future release. (SB)
- The CSD will roll out the Approved Hand-in Articles e-Ordering Service by end-2024 to enable relatives and friends of persons in custody to purchase approved hand-in articles for them via online platforms. The articles will be directly delivered to the correctional institutions concerned by the suppliers. This will enhance operational efficiency and provide convenience to relatives and friends of persons in custody. (SB)





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**Consolidate and Enhance
Our Status as an International
Financial, Shipping and
Trade Centre**



BELT AND ROAD SUMMIT

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Background

The National 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong's development as an international centre in eight key areas (i.e. "eight centres"). The 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China's Third Plenary Session calls on Hong Kong to harness the institutional strengths of "One Country, Two Systems" while consolidating and enhancing its status as an international financial, shipping and trade centre.

On the financial front, Hong Kong ranked third globally and first in Asia in the latest Global Financial Centres Index. We have a robust financial regulatory system and a rich pool of financial professionals, on par with global standards. We will continue to reinforce Hong Kong's roles as a global offshore Renminbi business hub, an international asset and wealth management centre, and an international risk management centre. We will also open up new horizons of development, explore partnerships and identify fresh areas of growth. By adhering to the principle that the financial sector serves the real economy, we will contribute to our Country's accelerated development as a financial powerhouse.

Regarding the maritime industry, Hong Kong boasts a free port with efficient customs clearance and strong international connectivity, as well as a vibrant maritime services cluster. Our city ranks fourth globally in its comprehensive capabilities as a maritime centre. In the face of competition from neighbouring regions, we will develop high value-added shipping and professional maritime services, expediting reform and implementing the Action Plan on Maritime and Port Development Strategy published last December. This will enhance the industry's long-term competitiveness.

Rapid changes in the global trade landscape have brought new opportunities to Hong Kong from the Mainland and the Global South. By capitalising on the strength of our well-established professional services, we will actively reform to keep abreast of trends such as the digitalisation of global trade. We will also strengthen our economic and trade service systems, continue to expand our global economic and trade networks and build a high value-added supply chain service centre, thereby better contributing to the high-level opening up of our Country.

Our position as an international aviation hub and a regional centre for international legal and dispute resolution services are also important. We will leverage the increased passenger and cargo-handling capacities of Hong Kong International Airport upon the completion of the Three-Runway System. This will help us consolidate our aviation development strategies to become a world-leading Airport City. We will also capitalise on our long-standing advantages of having a robust legal system and solid foundation of the rule of law, promoting Hong Kong as the premier destination for arbitration and dispute resolution.

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Consolidate and Enhance Our Status as an International Financial, Shipping and Trade Centre

International Financial Centre

Deepening “mutual market access”

- Continue to strengthen financial co-operation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), including exploring with the Shenzhen authorities through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Financial Co-operation Committee measures for further deepening mutual access between the financial markets of the two places and promoting the development of cross-boundary livelihood finance. (FSTB)
- The Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) will host events related to the 10th anniversary of mutual access to share experience with the industry and explore ways to inject new impetus into the programme, and will stage a series of roadshows in the Mainland to further promote mutual market access. (FSTB)
- Continue to explore further enhancements to the Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme. (FSTB)

Enriching offshore Renminbi (RMB) business

- Upgrade the Central Moneymarkets Unit to facilitate international investors to clear assets with different currencies, continuously enhance the infrastructure and improve market efficiency. (FSTB)

- Actively expand the services of fixed-income markets, encourage and facilitate systematic issuance of Mainland bonds in Hong Kong, and promote wider acceptance of Mainland government bonds issued in Hong Kong as eligible collateral in the offshore market. (FSTB)
- Utilise the currency swap agreement between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and our Country to enable the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) to provide better support for the development of economy and trade in Hong Kong; enhance the night-time cross-boundary service capability of Hong Kong’s RMB Real Time Gross Settlement System to facilitate global settlement in offshore RMB markets, and explore the provision of more diversified offshore RMB financing channels. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will encourage more listed companies to set up RMB stock trading counters and expand the scope of RMB equities. (FSTB)
- Obtain support from the Ministry of Finance for increasing the size and frequency of issuing RMB sovereign bonds in Hong Kong, and for launching offshore RMB sovereign bond futures in Hong Kong as soon as possible. (FSTB)

- Actively liaise with the Mainland authorities to suitably expand the Bond Connect (Southbound Trading), including expanding the eligibility for Mainland investors to, for instance, bring in non-bank financial institutions such as securities firms and insurance companies; and to further enrich liquidity management tools to facilitate offshore investors' investment in onshore bonds, for instance, to actively explore bond repo and collateral products and businesses using onshore bonds, with a view to launching them in a timely manner. (FSTB)
- Expand the issuance of RMB bonds and support the issuance of more green and sustainable offshore RMB bonds in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Continue to conduct various types of scenario testing to enhance the cross-boundary payment functions of e-CNY. (FSTB)

Further strengthening Hong Kong's position as an international risk management centre

- Continue to enhance the Risk-based Capital regime for the Hong Kong insurance industry introduced since July 2024, and commence a review in 2025, which includes studying capital requirements for infrastructure investments to enrich insurance companies' asset allocation, thereby helping them diversify risks and strengthen security, as well as driving investment in infrastructure such as the Northern Metropolis. (FSTB)
- Continue to strive for Mainland and overseas enterprises, including large state-owned enterprises in the Mainland, to establish captive insurance companies in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Commence the legislative preparatory work for establishing a policy holders' protection scheme to enhance protection for policy holders. (FSTB)
- Seek to enable the Hong Kong insurance industry to establish insurance after-sales service centres in places such as Nansha and Qianhai, with a view to providing GBA residents who are holders of Hong Kong policies with support services and further promoting mutual access of insurance markets. (FSTB)

Further strengthening Hong Kong's position as an international asset and wealth management centre

- Facilitate the opening of new distribution channels for private equity funds through the HKEX, thereby allowing more diverse asset allocation for investors. (FSTB)
- Seek to work with major sovereign funds in the Belt and Road (B&R) regions (such as the Middle East) in jointly financing the establishment of funds to invest in assets in the Mainland and other regions. (FSTB)
- Enhance the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme, including allowing investment in residential properties starting from 16 October 2024 provided that the transaction price of the property concerned is \$50 million or above, with the amount of real estate investment countable towards total capital investment capped at \$10 million; and counting investments through the applicant's wholly-owned qualifying private companies towards the qualifying investment amount starting from 1 March 2025. (FSTB)
- Consult the trade by end-2024 on increasing the types of transactions qualifying for tax concession granted to funds and single family offices to attract more asset management enterprises to establish a presence in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will launch the first phase of an integrated fund platform by end-2024, with the full launch of its services in 2025. (FSTB)

Expanding and deepening Hong Kong's overseas networks

- Continue with the promotion of Hong Kong's financial platforms in international markets and the expansion and deepening of our overseas network, including financial co-operation with regions in the Middle East and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). (FSTB)
- Organise more international financial events, including the annual Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit in November each year and the Roundtable for International Sovereign Wealth Funds to be held in January 2025, with a view to deepening international partnership. (FSTB)
- Support the HKEX's continued expansion of its office network to proactively promote Hong Kong's listing platform to target markets including ASEAN and the Middle East, and continue to review the scope of recognised stock exchanges to facilitate secondary listing of overseas companies in Hong Kong. (FSTB)

Further enhancing the securities market

- Finalise the listing of an Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) in the Middle East that tracks Hong Kong stock indices, while attracting more large Mainland enterprises and international corporations eager to reach out to Mainland investors to be listed in Hong Kong, in a bid to strive for more iconic initial public offerings to be launched in the near future. (FSTB)
- The Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the HKEX will further enhance the listing vetting procedures, facilitating capital raising by quality enterprises in Hong Kong and hence driving the development of our listing platform. (FSTB)

- The HKEX will implement the proposal to reduce the minimum trading spread of stocks to narrow bid-ask spreads and lower indirect costs to investors, and will commence a study to review the stock-trading units adopted in the cash market. (FSTB)
- The SFC and the HKEX will review the depositing arrangement for margin and refine the requirements on margin and collateral etc., with a view to boosting market efficiency and lowering transaction costs. (FSTB)
- Introduce proposed subsidiary legislation into the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the first quarter of 2025 for implementing the uncertificated securities market regime and establishing a regulatory regime for securities registrars to raise market efficiency, strengthen investor protection and enhance transparency. (FSTB)
- Introduce a bill into the LegCo by end-2024 to allow listed companies incorporated in Hong Kong to hold repurchased shares in treasury pursuant to the Listing Rules, providing flexibility for listed companies to utilise their capital and encouraging them to enhance shareholders' return. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will explore enhancing the price discovery process in the initial public offering and review requirements for the public float of listed companies with a view to increasing market transparency. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will explore enhancing the listing requirements and trading arrangements for structured products to provide greater flexibility for product issuance and lower issuers' costs, with a view to facilitating product development. (FSTB)
- Introduce a bill into the LegCo by end-2024 to waive the stamp duties payable on the transfer of real estate investment trust units and the jobbing business of option market-makers, so as to support the development of the industry. (FSTB)

Providing convenient cross-boundary financial services arrangement

- Push forward the linkage of fast payment systems in the two places (i.e. the Faster Payment System in Hong Kong and the Internet Banking Payment System in the Mainland) to facilitate residents of the two places in making real-time, cross-boundary small-value payments. (FSTB)
- The HKMA will work with the relevant Mainland authorities to take forward the implementation of bank card issuance in the Mainland by the Mainland branches of Hong Kong incorporated banks. (FSTB)

Developing an international gold trading market

- Set up a working group by end-2024 to take forward relevant work, including to strengthen the trading mechanism and the regulatory framework, promote the application of cutting-edge financial technology, and explore with the Mainland the inclusion of gold related products in the mutual market access programme. (FSTB)
- Promote the development of world class gold storage facilities to facilitate the storage and delivery of spot gold by users and investors in Hong Kong, with a view to driving derived financial services such as collateral and borrowing. (FSTB)

Enhancing the green finance ecosystem

- The HKMA will launch the “Sustainable Finance Action Plan”. It will also expand the coverage of the Hong Kong Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance, while broadening and deepening international co-operation to consolidate Hong Kong’s position as the international hub for sustainable finance. (FSTB)

- Launch by end-2024 the roadmap on the full adoption of the International Financial Reporting Standards - Sustainability Disclosure Standards (“ISSB Standards”) in Hong Kong, with the aim for Hong Kong to be among the first jurisdictions to align the local requirements with the ISSB Standards. (FSTB)
- The HKEX will implement in phases the new climate-related disclosure requirements for listed companies under its environmental, social and governance framework with effect from January 2025. (FSTB)

Financial and professional services

- Collaborate with the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council (AFRC) and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants to proactively address issues concerning the development of the accounting profession, and work with the AFRC in formulating its long-term financing model. (FSTB)
- Review the existing regulation of licensed money lenders and public education, and commence consultation in the first half of 2025, with a view to stepping up efforts in addressing the issue of excessive borrowing. (FSTB)

International Shipping Centre

Setting up the Maritime and Port Development Board

- Reform the existing Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board into the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Development Board in the first half of 2025 to enhance its research capacity, strengthen promotion work in the Mainland and overseas, and step up talent nurturing, thereby propelling for the sustainable development of Hong Kong’s maritime industry. (TLB)

Promoting development of high value-added maritime services

- Step up the promotion of the existing tax concessionary measures for maritime services and enhance the preferential tax regime to attract shipping commercial principals and Mainland and overseas shipping companies to establish or expand their businesses in Hong Kong. (TLB)
- Strive to encourage high-potential or representative marine insurance businesses to set up their operations in Hong Kong with a view to expanding the range of marine insurance products available in Hong Kong and enhancing risk management services. (TLB)
- Continue to enhance the training of high value-added professionals of the maritime industry, including strengthening the communication with international organisations for the marine insurance industry, signing a memorandum of understanding with the International Group of P&I Clubs in a bid to explore the promotion of training for marine insurance professionals and publicity of the industry. (TLB)
- Expand the subsidy coverage of the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund to marine insurance industry, and include more international or local maritime courses and examinations in the pre-approved lists of the fund, so as to provide maritime practitioners with diverse and competitive professional training. (TLB)

Accelerating the building of a green maritime centre

- The Marine Department will continue to provide cash incentives to vessels fulfilling international standards on reduced emission requirements, and strengthen the promotion of greening for the registered vessels. It will also take forward legislative amendments by end-2024 to introduce block registration incentives targeting shipowners who register multiple ships with the Hong Kong Shipping Registry within a specified period of time. (TLB)

- Promulgate the Action Plan on Green Development of Maritime Fuel Bunkering by end-2024 to formulate action measures for the development of green maritime fuel bunkering facilities and supply chains, collaboration with GBA ports, as well as the establishment of green shipping corridors with other ports. (TLB)

Establishing a commodities trading ecosystem

- Embark on a study on tax concessionary measures related to commodities trading to attract relevant enterprises from the Mainland and overseas to establish their presence in Hong Kong. (TLB)
- Encourage international commodity exchanges to set up accredited warehouses in Hong Kong, so as to bring storage and delivery of commodities in Hong Kong. (FSTB)

Strengthening smart port and international promotion

- Continue to collaborate with the industry to set up a digitalised port community system to facilitate the flow and sharing of data among stakeholders in the maritime, port and logistics industries, with a target of completing the building of the system within 2025. (TLB)
- Organise more events with the international maritime organisations and shipping enterprises in Hong Kong to leverage on Hong Kong's strength in international connectivity and continue to promote Hong Kong's maritime capabilities. (TLB)

Expanding high value-added logistics services

- Continue to open up opportunities for logistics development with Western Guangdong and the neighbouring regions through making good use of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB), with a view to facilitating logistics co-operation and strengthening Hong Kong's role as a transshipment hub. (TLB)

- Continue to implement the Action Plan on Modern Logistics Development, and subject to the market situation, dispose of a total of four parcels of logistics land between 2024 and 2027 in an orderly manner for the industry to develop modern, high-end multi storey logistics facilities. (TLB)
- Promulgate the findings of the planning study on the development of modern logistics clusters in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area within 2025. (TLB)

International Trade Centre

Building a high value-added supply chain services centre

- InvestHK and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) will set up a mechanism and enhance their interfaces for attracting Mainland enterprises to establish international or regional headquarters in Hong Kong, and providing one-stop professional advisory services to those in Hong Kong to help them “go global”. (CEDB)
- Raise the statutory maximum indemnity percentage of the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation from 90% to 95%, and provide more free buyer credit checks with an extended geographical coverage to enhance the support for Hong Kong enterprises and the Mainland manufacturing enterprises with operations in Hong Kong in their exportation of merchandise to global markets. (CEDB)
- Pursue with the China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation to set up business in Hong Kong, provide dedicated export credit insurance services for overseas investments and longer-term investments, and offer more comprehensive export credit services for Mainland enterprises in Hong Kong to venture overseas markets and for foreign-funded enterprises to enter the Mainland market. (FSTB)

- The HKMA will launch the Commercial Data Interchange (CDI) in phases starting from 2025, enabling banks to leverage data to provide better financial services for enterprises by linking up with the system of the Land Registry. It will also work with other regions to develop an international version of the CDI on a pilot basis and build a cross-territorial network using mobile applications, so as to facilitate cross-border data flow and promote international trade. (FSTB)
- The Trade and Industry Department (TID) will set up a one-stop thematic webpage under the “SME Link” web portal to provide information about decarbonisation and carbon audit, etc. and to help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) respond to the latest developments. The HKTDC will also explore enhancing services for SMEs on areas such as training, strengthening research on supply chains, and organising more related activities. (CEDB)

Expanding international economic and trade networks

- The Mainland and Hong Kong signed a new agreement in October 2024 under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), introducing measures on further liberalisation of the Mainland’s trade in services for Hong Kong. We will deepen the outcomes of the new agreement, assist the trade in making good use of CEPA, and continue to actively promote further liberalisation of the Mainland’s trade in services for Hong Kong, so as to create more favourable conditions for Hong Kong enterprises and professionals in various services sectors such as legal, financial, construction and related engineering services, etc. to tap into the Mainland market. (CEDB)

- Continue to examine ways to expand the global network of the Economic and Trade Offices of the HKSAR Government, focusing on establishing economic and trade ties with emerging markets. (CEDB)
- Sign the free trade agreement with Peru by end-2024 to provide Hong Kong products, enterprises and investors with legal protection and better access to the Peruvian market. (CEDB)
- Actively seek the forging of investment agreements with Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Peru, and strive for the early accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. (CEDB)
- Continue to take forward the diversified promotion work on the B&R Initiative, including leveraging Hong Kong's role as the functional platform for the B&R Initiative by organising outbound missions, project matching activities, as well as B&R exchange and capacity building programmes, thereby showcasing our strength in professional services, with a view to opening up more business opportunities for Hong Kong enterprises and professional services. (CEDB)
- Explore the feasibility of establishing a B&R capacity building centre to link up with a series of other B&R-related platforms created by Hong Kong, with a view to forging ties with the B&R countries and regions using our soft power, thereby paving early the way for pursuing opportunities in economic development and co-operation in future. (CEDB)
- Continue to organise the B&R Summit and create synergy by making better use of various platforms to tell the good stories of our country and Hong Kong. (CEDB)
- Organise a B&R cross-professional forum, and invite enterprises of the B&R countries and Mainland enterprises in Hong Kong to conduct high-level exchanges with Hong Kong professionals, with a focus on exploring co-operation opportunities in new areas. (CEDB)

Promoting development of headquarters economy

- Continue to take forward the legislative proposal on the introduction of a company re-domiciliation regime by submitting a bill to the LegCo by end-2024. (FSTB)
- Continue to step up efforts to bring in strategic enterprises from outside the city to set up headquarters or corporate divisions in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Starting from 16 October 2024, the validity period of "multiple-entry visas" to the Mainland for foreign staff of companies registered in Hong Kong (including non-permanent residents) will be extended to a maximum of five years with priority processing arranged. (SB)
- Strengthen the provision of financial services for supporting Mainland enterprises in Hong Kong to venture overseas for facilitating the internationalization of the Mainland financial enterprises as well as their co-ordination and management of overseas business in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- The HKMA will explore ways to facilitate cross-boundary RMB settlement from three perspectives: increasing the liquidity of offshore RMB, application of technology and international co-operation. (FSTB)

Fostering the trading of liquor

- Reduce the duty rate for liquor with an import price of over \$200 from 100% to 10% for the portion above \$200 with effect from 16 October 2024, while maintaining the duty rate for the portion of \$200 and below as well as liquor with an import price of \$200 or below, with a view to promoting liquor trade and related economic activities. (CEDB)

International Aviation Hub

Enhancing aviation development strategy

- Develop and expand the aviation network with a more forward-looking perspective, which includes supporting the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) to strengthen its services on major routes, and planning in advance for civil aviation co-operation with the B&R countries. (TLB)
- Strategically attract local and non-local airlines to develop new destinations and increase flight frequencies so as to enhance the diversity and competitiveness of the industry. (TLB)
- Continue to pursue co-operation among airports in the GBA, including capitalising on the advantages of Zhuhai Airport by strengthening the “Fly-Via-Zhuhai-HK” direct passenger service and collaborating with Zhuhai in developing international air cargo business to achieve greater synergy. (TLB)
- Continue to provide support for addressing manpower requirements in the aviation industry through enhancing training of local practitioners and nurturing new blood for the aviation industry under the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund and the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy. (TLB)

Developing the world’s leading Airport City

- Ensure the timely commissioning of the Three-Runway System of the HKIA by end-2024. (TLB)
- Jointly plan with the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) to expand the Airport City into a world-leading new landmark for driving high-end business, tourism and leisure activities. (TLB)

- The AAHK continues to take forward the automated car park projects on the Hong Kong Port (HKP) Island of HZMB for use by self-drive passengers from Guangdong and Macao. (TLB)
- The AAHK will introduce an autonomous transportation system to carry passengers along the Airport City Link connecting the SKYCITY and the HKP Island of the HZMB starting from end-2025, and seek to extend the system to Tung Chung Town Centre in the long run. (TLB)

Enhancing the edges of the air cargo industry

- The AAHK will complete the construction of the HKIA Dongguan Logistics Park (formerly known as the HKIA Logistics Park) Phase 1 in end-2025, and concurrently commence the preliminary studies of the development plan of the Phase 2 development. (TLB)
- Extend the Air Transshipment Cargo Exemption Scheme for Specified Strategic Commodities to other intermodal transshipment modes with a view to enhancing competitiveness. (TLB)

Regional Centre for Legal and Dispute Resolution Services

Organising training for international legal talents

- Launch the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy (HKILTTA) by end-2024 to carry out capacity-building and introduce projects under HKILTTA, and effectively co-ordinate and collaborate with relevant legal organisations or bodies in a timely manner, with a view to stepping up efforts to promote exchanges among legal talents in regions along B&R and continuously providing training for talents in the practice of foreign-related legal affairs for the country. (DoJ)

Stepping up efforts in promoting mediation services

- Continue to take forward the project of converting the Old Wan Chai Police Station into the headquarters of the International Organisation for Mediation (IOMed), which is scheduled for substantial completion in mid-2025, so as to enable the official establishment of the IOMed headquarters in Hong Kong after the passage of the requisite international conventions, and promote Hong Kong as an international dispute mediation centre. (DoJ)
- Propose measures to strengthen the regulatory system on the accreditation and disciplinary matters of the mediation profession in Hong Kong. (DoJ)
- Implement the policy of incorporating mediation clauses in government contracts, provide mediation training for the relevant civil servants, and encourage the private sector to adopt similar clauses with the Government leading by example. (DoJ)
- Launch a community mediation pilot scheme and, through the training of community workers etc., bring the mediation culture to the community. (DoJ)

Establishing a sports dispute resolution system

- Explore the establishment of a fair and efficient system for addressing and settling sports disputes, with a view to promoting sports arbitration for the development of sports industry in Hong Kong. (DoJ, CSTB)

MULTI-SCALE
MEDICAL ROBOTICS CENTER
醫療機械人創新技術中心





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**Develop New Quality
Productive Forces Tailored
to Local Conditions**



Business of IP Asia Forum
亞洲知識產權營商論壇

IP & INNOVATION: STEERING NEW ECONOMIC GROWTH
知識產權與創新：驅動經濟增長 締造嶄新機遇



Background

Hong Kong is pressing ahead to become an international innovation and technology (I&T) centre with our Country's support under the 14th Five-Year Plan. At the end of 2022, we published the Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint. This year, we set up the New Industrialisation Development Office. It focuses on the development of industries where Hong Kong enjoys international advantages, such as life and health technology, artificial intelligence and data science, as well as advanced manufacturing and new energy technology, under an industry-oriented principle. In the same vein, we launched the \$10 billion Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme last year. It promotes the transformation and commercialisation of research and development outcomes from universities. We also rolled out the \$10 billion New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme this year, supporting industries of strategic importance to set up smart production facilities in Hong Kong. We strive to develop new energy industries as well, releasing the Strategy of Hydrogen Development in Hong Kong this June, to nurture an environment conducive to the development of hydrogen energy.

In last year's Policy Address, I outlined the direction for developing our city into a health and medical innovation hub. We will establish the GBA International Clinical Trial Institute, together with an authority that registers drugs and medical devices under the "primary evaluation" approach to directly approve applications for registration based on clinical data. I also proposed the establishment of a "1+" mechanism to expedite the approval of new drugs for life-threatening or severely debilitating diseases. Relevant work has been taken forward for the benefit of the general public.

Government measures to promote I&T development in recent years have started to bear fruit. The International Institute for Management Development based in Lausanne, Switzerland, ranked Hong Kong among the top ten in the world and fourth in the Asia-Pacific region in its World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023. As of this August, the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau and the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises negotiated with over 100 strategic I&T enterprises to set up or expand their businesses here. This will lead to a total investment of more than \$52 billion. Riding on these achievements, we will continue to develop new quality productive forces tailored to local conditions, promoting the integrated development of digital economy and real economy, and advancing collaboration in I&T and among industries to generate new economic growth.

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Develop New Quality Productive Forces Tailored to Local Conditions

International Innovation and Technology Centre

Enhancing new industrialisation development and institutional setup

- Explore the formulation of a medium and long-term development plan for new industrialisation in Hong Kong to encourage the traditional manufacturing sector to upgrade and transform by making use of Innovation and Technology (I&T), strengthen the support for relevant professional services sectors, and accelerate the promotion of new industrialisation with Hong Kong's strengths. (ITIB)
- Facilitate the establishment of the Hong Kong New Industrialisation Development Alliance to pool together talents and resources from various fields to establish a co-operation platform for the Government, industry, academia, research and development (R&D) and investment sectors to, among others, foster I&T collaborations between newly listed companies in Hong Kong and local universities. (ITIB)

Taking forward the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster

- Implement the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster with focuses on advanced manufacturing, materials, energy and sustainable development. (ITIB)

Expanding funding support for research

- Launch a new round of the Research Matching Grant Scheme totalling \$1.5 billion to incentivise more organisations to support research endeavours of institutions. (EDB)

Increasing investment for the I&T industries

- Set up a \$10 billion I&T Industry-Oriented Fund to form a fund-of-funds to channel more market capital to invest in specified emerging and future industries of strategic importance, including life and health technology, artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics, semi-conductors and smart devices, advanced materials and new energy, etc., with a view to building an I&T industry ecosystem in a systematic manner. (ITIB)
- Optimise the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund by redeploying \$1.5 billion to set up funds jointly with the market, on a matching basis, to invest in start-ups of strategic industries, with a view to enhancing Hong Kong's start-up ecosystem. (ITIB)
- The Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited will continue to exert its influence as "patient capital" to guide and leverage market capital for jointly attracting I&T industries to set up businesses in Hong Kong, thereby strengthening the local I&T ecosystem. (FSO)

Attracting international start-up accelerators to Hong Kong

- Allocate \$180 million to launch the Pilot I&T Accelerator Scheme at a one-to-two matching ratio between the Government and the institution, up to a subsidy ceiling of \$30 million. It aims to attract professional start-up service providers with proven track records from local and outside Hong Kong to set up accelerator bases in Hong Kong. (ITIB)

Enhancing I&T infrastructure

- The Cyberport's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Supercomputing Centre will come into operation in phases, providing a computing power of at least 300 petaFLOPS in 2024, thereby supporting the demand of local universities, R&D institutes and enterprises. (ITIB)
- Launch the AI Subsidy Scheme to promote the development of the local AI ecosystem. (ITIB)
- Continue to take forward the development of the Hong Kong Microelectronics Research and Development Institute, which was established in September 2024, and formulate and execute development policies to ensure its good governance. (ITIB)
- The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation will explore the provision of more laboratories and related facilities in the Hong Kong Science Park or at nearby sites to support the development of technology industries with an edge. (ITIB)

Developing low-altitude economy

- Set up the Working Group on Developing Low-altitude Economy led by the Deputy Financial Secretary to formulate development strategies and cross-department action plans. It will kick start with projects on actual implementation and set aside specific venues for such purposes, followed by the drawing up of regulations, development of the institutional setup, research and development of infrastructure and networks. (DFSO, TLB and relevant bureaux)

- Take forward trial schemes on low-altitude economy progressively starting from early 2025, and collaborate with the industry and partner organisations to provide for the local testing of “regulatory sandboxes” on low-altitude flying application scenarios, thereby promoting the developing of the industry. (TLB and relevant bureaux)
- Update the existing aviation and other related legislation and regulatory regimes, and introduce low-altitude airspace regulations, including the relaxation of restrictions on “flying beyond visual line of sight” as well as the weight of and the carriage of goods by unmanned aircraft. (DFSO, TLB)
- Promote the interfacing with the Mainland on the joint development of cross-boundary routes, immigration and customs clearance arrangements, and infrastructure support, etc.. (DFSO, TLB)
- Commence technical studies and planning for the development of low-altitude physical facilities (such as vertiports and charging points), communications networks, flight route networks and management of low-altitude flying activities, laying the foundation for low-altitude economic activities in the future. (DFSO, TLB and relevant bureaux)

Promoting communications technology development

- Conduct a study on streamlining the vetting procedures of licence applications for operating Low Earth Orbi satellite to enhance the attractiveness and competitiveness of Hong Kong in the global satellite communications market. (CEDB)
- Continue to allocate appropriate spectrum timely with reference to the global radio planning and development to support more prevalent and advanced applications of communications technology (including 6G). (CEDB)
- Introduce proposed legislative amendments into the Legislative Council (LegCo) within 2025 to prohibit the re-sale of subscriber identification module (SIM) cards with real-name registration completed. (CEDB)

Taking forward R&D of aerospace science and technology

- Set up a research centre under the InnoHK research cluster to participate in the Chang'E-8 mission. (ITIB)

Promoting new energy development

- Implement the green transformation roadmap for public buses and taxis, earmark \$750 million under the New Energy Transport Fund for launching subsidy schemes for electric taxis and electric buses and subsidy scheme for trials of hydrogen fuel-cell heavy vehicles. (EEB)
- Encourage enterprises to carry out green technology demonstration projects at suitable sites in Hong Kong such as restored landfills, to demonstrate latest applications of green technologies, including new energy and renewable energy. (EEB)
- Set targets for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage for flights departing from the Hong Kong International Airport, explore future supply and demand to formulate long-term plans for setting up the infrastructure to support the trading of SAF, with a view to facilitating the development of new industries. (TLB, EEB and relevant bureaux)
- Actively implement the strategies and initiatives in the Strategy of Hydrogen Development in Hong Kong, including the introduction of a bill into the LegCo within 2025 to ensure the safe use of hydrogen fuel in Hong Kong, and formulation of a hydrogen energy certification approach suitable for Hong Kong within three years, with a view to promoting the long-term development of green and low-carbon hydrogen application in Hong Kong. (EEB)

Regional Intellectual Property Trading Centre

Enhancing the intellectual property legislative framework

- Put forward in 2025 a proposal on further enhancement to the Copyright Ordinance regarding the protection for AI technology development. (CEDB)
- Table subsidiary legislation under the Copyright Ordinance in the LegCo within 2025 to specify libraries, museums and archives eligible for certain permitted acts and prescribe the conditions, and designate non-government-owned libraries, museums or archives that can be exempted from certain criminal liabilities. (CEDB)
- Launch a consultation within 2025 on the registered designs regime currently under review. (CEDB)
- Propose legislative amendments within 2025 to streamline IP litigation processes for the High Court to manage and hear these cases more effectively. (CEDB)
- The Trade Marks Registry under the Intellectual Property Department (IPD) will launch a new AI-assisted image search service within 2025 to facilitate public search of the trademark database. (CEDB)
- With the Central Government's support, Hong Kong plans to participate in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Lex-Judgments Database in 2025 by sharing important IP case precedents of local courts, so as to showcase to the international community the quality of our IP-related judicial judgments. (CEDB)
- Continue to forge ahead with the preparatory work for implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong, and strive for the implementation of the international trade mark registration system as soon as possible. (CEDB)

Strengthening IP manpower training

- The IPD will promote IP to 200 000 students within the current term of the Government, doubling the original target, to reinforce awareness of respecting and protecting IP rights, and encourage students to actively explore and innovate. (CEDB)
- The IPD continues to enhance its manpower training programmes, with a target to provide IP training for 5 000 personnel across different industries within the current term of the Government. (CEDB)
- The IPD will collaborate with the Qualifications Framework Secretariat to develop practical teaching materials within 2025 for deployment by training providers, benefitting personnel across the 23 different industries under the Qualifications Framework. (CEDB)
- Complete a survey on Hong Kong's IP-related professional and business services within 2025 to facilitate future manpower planning. (CEDB)

Supporting the I&T sector with the patent system

- Continue to press ahead with the establishment of a WIPO Technology and Innovation Support Centre in Hong Kong, targeting for commissioning in 2025 the earliest. (CEDB)
- Continue to discuss with the patent agent sector and stakeholders to plan for the introduction of regulatory arrangements for local patent agent services, covering qualification, registration, etc., with an aim of nurturing professional talents and enhancing service quality. (CEDB)
- Continue to strive to strengthen the substantive examination capability of the patent examination team under the original grant patent system, targeting to increase the number of patent examiners in phases to about 100, with a view to acquiring institutional autonomy in conducting substantive patent examination in 2030. (CEDB)

Strengthening external promotion

- The IPD continues its liaison with the Mainland, regional and international organisations to promote Hong Kong's role as the regional IP trading centre, and work with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and relevant stakeholders to promote IP trading and professional services through trade missions, seminars and publicity programmes. (CEDB)
- Continue to co-organise with the HKTDC the annual Business of IP Asia Forum, which is expected to attract over 10 000 local, Mainland and overseas participants within the current term of the Government. (CEDB)
- The IPD continues to collaborate with the Department of Justice to promote IP mediation and arbitration services. (CEDB)
- The HKTDC continues to enrich the Hong Kong International Film and TV Market, the Hong Kong International Licensing Show, the Hong Kong Book Fair and the Asia IP Exchange Portal with more market trading elements, such as including more business-matching activities and providing additional market information on IP trading and professional support services, so as to strengthen support for local original works to exploit the Mainland and international markets. (CEDB, CSTB)

International Health and Medical Innovation Hub

Reforming the approval mechanism for drugs and medical devices

- Extend the “1+” mechanism to all new drugs, including vaccines and advanced therapy products (ATPs), and improve the approval mechanism to speed up the registration process, thereby facilitating good drugs for use in Hong Kong. (HHB)
- Set the timetable for establishing the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation and the roadmap towards “primary evaluation”, and formulate strategies and measures to facilitate R&D of drugs and medical devices. (HHB)

- Take forward the preparatory work for the statutory regulation of medical devices, so as to dovetail with the timetable for the establishment of the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation. (HHB)

Strengthen R&D and translation of biomedical technology

- The GBA International Clinical Trial Institute in the Hong Kong Park of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone and the GBA International Clinical Trial Centre in the Shenzhen Park will jointly establish the GBA Clinical Trial Collaboration Platform in order to extend the R&D network, shorten the time required for starting and completing clinical trials, and thus expedite the translation of advanced biomedical technologies into clinical applications, and encourage pharmaceutical companies to commence more research activities and employ additional research experts in Hong Kong. (HHB)
- Establish the Real-World Study and Application Centre to open up the extensive and standardised local medical databases (including clinical data of the Hospital Authority and data from the Hong Kong Genome Project) to support clinical diagnosis and treatment, new drug development and public health research. Together with healthcare institutions in the Greater Bay Area, integrate real-world data generated from the Measure of using Hong Kong registered drugs and medical devices used in Hong Kong public hospitals in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, jointly promote real-world study with the Guangdong Province to accelerate approval for registration of new drugs in Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas. (HHB)
- Provide support on all fronts for conducting R&D, clinical trial and application of advanced biomedical technology in Hong Kong with a view to attracting global top-notch innovative enterprises and research organisations to set up operations in Hong Kong. (HHB)
- Provide support for conducting national or international conferences on professional healthcare in Hong Kong, taking full advantage of our world-class professional healthcare standards and extensive experience of international co-operation to promote mutual professional development as well as co-operation and exchanges with the Mainland and overseas countries. (HHB)

Promoting Integrated Development of Digital Economy and Real Economy

Accelerating digital trade development

- Foster participation in international discussions on the development of digital economy, and explore adding provisions on digital trade and cross-border e-commerce in bilateral trade agreements during negotiations. (CEDB, ITIB)
- Continue to take forward the design and development of the information technology system for Phase 3 of the Trade Single Window, with a view to rolling out new services by phases from 2026 onwards. (CEDB)
- The working group set up by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) will conduct in-depth study into future supply chain changes, and make recommendations on promoting digitalisation of trade, etc., thereby lowering the cost of trade and enhancing the trade ecosystem. (FSTB)

Financial technology innovation

- Continue to develop blockchain technology-based electronic payment ecosystems through various initiatives such as HKMA's Project Ensemble and the stablecoin issuer sandbox, and introduce a bill into the LegCo by end-2024 to regulate fiat-referenced stablecoin issuers with a view to promoting the healthy and orderly development of the market. (FSTB)

- The HKMA will launch a Digital Bond Grant Scheme to encourage more financial institutions and issuers to use tokenisation technology in capital market transactions. It will also continue to optimise the application of the Multiple Central Bank Digital Currency Bridge (mBridge) Project and increase the participation of the public and private sectors. (FSTB)
- Refine the proposals on regulating over-the-counter trading services of virtual assets (VA) in light of the conclusions of the public consultation conducted in early 2024, and complete the second round consultation in 2025, as well as putting forward a proposed licensing regime regulating VA custodian service providers. (FSTB)
- Issue a policy statement by end-2024 on the application of AI in the financial market, setting out the Government's policy stance and approach on promoting the responsible use of AI in the financial sector. (FSTB)

Facilitating cross-boundary e-commerce logistics services

- Review existing procedures to enhance the efficiency of cross-boundary distribution of goods, with a view to developing Hong Kong into a cross-boundary e-commerce logistics and distribution centre. (CEDB, TLB)
- Encourage the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation to co-operate with more financial institutions and enhance financing support for e-commerce business. (CEDB)

Promoting digitalisation of housing estate construction and management

- The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) will enhance the application of technology in its public housing projects, which include the gradual application of the Project Information Management and Analytics Platform in new public housing projects starting from 2025 to attain digitalised works management, utilisation of 3D digital maps and virtual digital models, etc. in order to increase efficiency. (HB)
- The HKHA will establish a Centralised Estate Management Platform for the chosen 10 housing estates within 2025 to adopt such innovative technologies as the Internet of Things sensors, AI and mobile devices to help daily estate management. (HB)

Promoting LawTech

- Set up the Consultation Group on LawTech Development comprising representatives from the legal and dispute resolution sector, law schools and providers of LawTech solutions to help the Government formulate policies and measures on LawTech, thereby encouraging the legal sector to enhance its efficiency and competitiveness with the use of LawTech. (DoJ)





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**Build Hong Kong into
an International Hub for
High-calibre Talents**



Background

Thanks to “One Country, Two Systems”, Hong Kong is a city where people enjoy freedom of movement and international talents gather. Many foreign professionals base themselves in Hong Kong to explore opportunities in the Mainland. The Government has introduced an array of initiatives to “trawl for talents”, including a new Top Talent Pass Scheme, while enhancing the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, the General Employment Policy, the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals, and the Technology Talent Admission Scheme. At the end of September, over 380 000 applications were received under various talent admission schemes, with some 240 000 applications approved. In addition, the issuance of a card-type document to non-Chinese Hong Kong permanent residents, with effect from July, has allowed many non-Chinese Hong Kong permanent residents to enjoy convenient boundary crossing for their Mainland trips. This will encourage international enterprises and talents to set up operations in the city and look to Hong Kong as their home.

With its sound educational sector, Hong Kong is a cradle of talents, the only city in the world with five of the world’s top 100 universities. It’s also ranked among the top five, worldwide, for competitiveness in education. Building on this foundation, we are developing Hong Kong into an international hub for post-secondary education. We are working to develop basic education, as well as vocational and professional education and training, as a parallel pathway to conventional academic education, aligning with international educational trends. Relevant measures include the establishment of universities of applied sciences, as announced in last year’s Policy Address, and the ongoing enhancements to Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) education for primary and secondary students. Indeed, the Government’s recurrent expenditure on education is on the rise, totalling \$106.8 billion in 2024-25, an increase of nearly 50% over expenditure 10 years ago.

The Government attaches great importance to youth development. We released the Youth Development Blueprint for Hong Kong in late 2022, outlining the Government’s vision and approach to youth development over the long term. Our goal is to foster a new generation of youth with an affection for Hong Kong and for our Country, as well as a global perspective, an aspiring mindset and positive thinking. We also strive to provide our youth with a fostering environment that nurtures aspirations for the future and motivation for continued growth.

We will continue to build Hong Kong into an international hub for high-calibre professionals of varying backgrounds, giving full play to their potential to contribute to the high-quality development of our city and our Country.

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Build Hong Kong into an International Hub for High-calibre Talents

Attracting and Nurturing Talents

- Establish the Committee on Education, Technology and Talents, led by the Chief Secretary for Administration, to co-ordinate the joint development of education, technology and talents. (CSO, ITIB, EDB, LWB)

Trawling for talents

- Update the Talent List in early 2025 to include talents required for the development of “eight centres”. (LWB)
- Add 13 top Mainland and overseas universities to the list of eligible universities under the Top Talent Pass Scheme, making a total of 198 universities, and extend the validity period of the first visa of high-income talents under the scheme to three years in November 2024. (LWB)
- Starting from early 2025, implement arrangements to allow a certain number of young and experienced non-degree talents with relevant professional and technical qualifications to apply for entry into Hong Kong under the General Employment Policy and the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals to join the skilled trades facing acute manpower shortage. (LWB)
- Enhance the criteria and arrangements of the General Points Test under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, and introduce a new mechanism to proactively invite top and leading talents to come to Hong Kong for development by early 2025. (LWB)

- Extend the pilot arrangement of including graduates of Hong Kong universities’ GBA campuses under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates for two years to end-2026. (EDB)
- Implement the trial arrangement of the Vocational Professionals Admission Scheme to allow non-local students enrolled in designated full-time Higher Diploma programmes of the Vocational Training Council covering five skilled trades in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 academic years to stay in Hong Kong for one year after graduation to seek relevant jobs, and increase the number of designated programmes in the 2025/26 academic year. (LWB)

Assisting talents in pursuing development in Hong Kong

- The Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE) will continue to organise international talent forum in 2025-26, and step up promotion of its online platforms to provide comprehensive information on salaries, taxation, education, visas, etc. to global talents to facilitate their integration into the community on an ongoing basis. (LWB)
- The HKTE will also continue to expand its network of collaborative partners of the industry, and employers’ organisations, and co-organise with them job fairs to directly match job-seeking talents with employers. (LWB)

- The HKTE will ensure that its talent attraction and publicity efforts are competitive, and strengthen its co-operation with GBA cities to jointly promote the immense opportunities in GBA to major cities overseas. (CSO, LWB)

Building an International Hub for Post-secondary Education

Establishing the “Study in Hong Kong” brand

- Encourage the local post-secondary institutions to enhance collaboration and exchanges with institutions from around the world in promoting the “Study in Hong Kong” brand on a global scale, and attract more overseas students (especially those from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and other Belt and Road (B&R) countries), to study in Hong Kong through scholarships and other incentives. (EDB)
- Strive to host international education conferences and exhibitions to accentuate Hong Kong’s image as an international hub for post-secondary education. (EDB)
- Temporarily exempt full-time non-local undergraduate students studying in Hong Kong from restrictions on taking up part-time jobs starting from November 2024. (LWB)
- Step up the promotion of the B&R Scholarship to support the B&R Initiative and nurture more talents. (EDB)
- Support post-secondary institutions to enhance their support measures, and make reference to the best practices to promote cultural diversity on campus to facilitate student integration. (EDB)
- Set up the Hong Kong Future Talents Scholarship Scheme for Advanced Studies starting from the 2025/26 academic year, under which up to 1 200 local students enrolling in designated taught postgraduate programmes will receive scholarships each year. (EDB)

- Launch a pilot programme in the first half of 2025 to streamline planning, lands and building plan approvals in order to encourage the market to increase the supply of student hostels by converting hotels and other commercial buildings on a self-financing and privately-funded basis. (EDB, DEVB)
- Provide one-stop advisory services for the conversion of hotels or commercial buildings for student hostel use and the construction of new student hostels through the Development Projects Facilitation Office of the Development Bureau. (EDB, DEVB)
- Allow flexibility when amending outline zoning plans to facilitate development of student hostels in appropriate areas. (EDB, DEVB)

Supporting the development of self-financing post-secondary institutions

- Introduce a bill to amend the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance into the Legislative Council within 2025 with a view to improving the regulatory and quality assurance mechanisms of self-financing post-secondary institutions. (EDB)

Development of the Northern Metropolis University Town

- The Government has reserved at least 80 hectares of land in the Northern Metropolis for establishing the Northern Metropolis University Town, and will encourage local post-secondary institutions to introduce more branded programmes, research collaboration and exchange projects with renowned institutions from the Mainland and overseas in a flexible and innovative manner. The plan is to promulgate the Outline Development Conceptual Framework of the Northern Metropolis University Town in the first half of 2026. (EDB, DEVB)

Promote Multiple Pathways

University of applied sciences

- Establish an alliance of the universities of applied sciences by end-2024 to undertake joint promotion, which includes hosting international conferences, fostering exchanges, strengthening the collaboration with Mainland and overseas institutions of applied sciences, and initiate collaboration and research on applied education at the post-secondary level. (EDB)

Expanding our vocational talent pool

- Continue to support the development of vocational and professional education and training and the expansion of our vocational talent pool, which include building a campus for the newly established Hong Kong Institute of Information Technology and developing the Lift and Escalator Technology Centre for the Vocational Training Council (VTC). (EDB)
- VTC will, for a period of three years starting from the 2024/25 academic year, provide registered apprentices with training allowance and subsidise graduated apprentices in undertaking upskilling courses of relevant trades. (LWB)
- VTC will provide examination fee subsidies to Hong Kong residents who pass the examinations under the “One Examination, Multiple Certification” arrangement starting from 2025/26. (LWB)

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) Education

- Form the Steering Committee on Strategic Development of Digital Education to tender advice and suggestions on promoting digital education. (EDB)
- Renew the curriculum of junior secondary Science and strengthen the interface between the primary and secondary levels for enhancing students’ scientific thinking and fostering innovation. (EDB)

- Launch a pilot scheme to promote artificial intelligence-assisted teaching in junior secondary Science with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of learning. (EDB)
- Host an international summit on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in learning and teaching languages and other subjects in the 2024/25 school year to invite relevant experts and scholars to share the latest developments, and organise workshops for teachers. (EDB)
- Foster exchanges and collaboration with local, Mainland and international I&T organisations and tertiary institutions to provide professional training for teachers, enabling them to keep abreast of the developments in I&T and digital education; and strengthen on-site support services for Information Technology (IT) education. (EDB)
- Collaborate with the Hong Kong Education City to further promote the effective use of electronic tools (including AI) in schools, and provide teachers and students with an online learning platform dedicated to learning knowledge and skills related to AI and computational thinking. (EDB)
- Promote the effective use of the school-based student talent pool for identifying and nurturing more students with talents to participate in territory-wide, cross-territory, national and international competitions and training arranged by the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education. (EDB)
- Further improve IT infrastructure of schools, including extending the programme to provide schools with funding to purchase mobile computers for loan to needy students (e-Learning Funding Programme), and continue to promote the e-Learning Ancillary Facilities Programme which aims to facilitate the development of quality e-learning ancillary facilities. (EDB)

Enhancing Support for Learning and Teaching

- Set up the Teacher Professional Development Fund of \$2 billion to provide a steady funding source for the long-term development of the teaching profession, so as to continuously enhance and launch teacher training and exchange programmes, thereby building a high-quality teaching force. (EDB)
- Collaborate with the Teacher Training and Exchange Base at the South China Normal University to launch training programmes for Hong Kong teachers. (EDB)
- Nominate teachers to attend training organised by the Ministry of Education and different Mainland institutions or education departments, so as to establish more exchange platforms and develop a community of learning among Mainland and Hong Kong teachers. (EDB)
- Strengthen training on the development and application of AI and big data to enhance the digital literacy of teachers. (EDB)
- Continue to subsidise all serving and prospective teachers of primary and secondary schools in taking the National Putonghua Proficiency Test with the Language Fund in order to further encourage teachers to enhance their mastery of Putonghua. (EDB)
- Provide teachers with more opportunities to attend Mainland and international conferences, and provide them with wider professional exchange platforms to tell the good stories of education of Hong Kong. (EDB)
- Conduct education research in collaboration with local teacher education universities and facilitate schools' participation to strengthen the education research practice. (EDB)
- Continue to promote the Guidelines on Teachers' Professional Conduct and support activities promoting teachers' professional ethics, and introduce the new Award for Budding Teachers and the Award for Education Innovation under the Chief Executive's Award for Teaching Excellence starting from the 2024/25 school year. (EDB)
- Obtain more comprehensive and accurate mastery of the latest information on registered teachers through the new Electronic Register for Registered Teachers and revamped registered teacher database. (EDB)
- Expand the Mainland-Hong Kong Teachers Exchange and Collaboration Programme in terms of quality and quantity by enhancing the areas of co-operation between Mainland and Hong Kong teachers and the mode of support for schools, with a view to enhancing their professional capacity. (EDB)
- Establish the i-Journey Scholarship to encourage teachers to participate in overseas exchanges and training activities, so as to broaden their horizons and enhance their professional capacity. (EDB)
- Implement the Navigators for Excellence in Education Training (NEXT) Programme on a 3-year pilot basis and recruit 50 potential leading teachers and principals each year to receive collaborative training by veteran Mainland and local experts, so as to identify and nurture potential education leaders. (EDB)
- Provide an array of support measures for publicly-funded primary and secondary schools (including special schools) in the 2024/25 school year for enhancing their learning and teaching of English Language, including provision of subsidy, setting up thematic teacher learning circles, offering diversified learning activities and learning and teaching resources, as well as organising an English promotional campaign. (EDB)

- Provide additional resources for publicly-funded primary and secondary schools (including special schools) in the 2024/25 school year for enhancing the atmosphere for learning Putonghua and providing students with more opportunities to achieve a good mastery of Putonghua. (EDB)
- Implement a pilot scheme in the 2024/25 school year to encourage schools to apply for additional resources to provide opportunities for junior secondary students to learn “other languages” and enrich their learning experiences. (EDB)
- Introduce an array of measures in the 2024/25 school year to enhance the effectiveness of school governance by incorporated management committees, which include launching a one-stop school-based management thematic website, an online interactive learning courseware and an online school manager training record platform. (EDB)
- Include Physical Education (PE) in the Internal Assessments of Primary 5 for Secondary School Places Allocation starting from the 2026/27 school year, and provide professional training for PE teachers and organise parents’ talks in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years. (EDB)
- Enhance the promotion of sports (including fencing, etc.) under the “Active Students, Active People” Campaign and encourage primary and secondary schools to participate in the School Sports Programme, with a view to enriching the learning experiences of students. (EDB)
- Explore initiatives to reduce parents’ annual expenditure on purchasing textbooks, such as exploring cost-cutting measures with textbook publishers, standardising the interval of publishing new textbook editions, providing more free quality learning and teaching materials, and enhancing relevant guidelines on schools’ selection of textbooks and curriculum resources. (DCSO, EDB)

- Continue to take forward the “Guangdong-Hong Kong Sister Kindergarten Exchange Programme”, increasing the number of beneficiary Hong Kong kindergartens to 100 in the 2024/25 school year, to deepen professional exchanges and collaboration among kindergarten teachers of the two places, with a view to enhancing the quality of kindergarten education. (EDB)

Continuing to Promote Youth Development

Implementing the Youth Development Blueprint

- Continue to implement the Youth Development Blueprint and update the initiatives in the Blueprint in a timely manner in response to the latest social development and needs of young people. (HYAB)
- Continue to update and enhance the Youth Dashboard to consolidate youth-related data and trends for keeping better tabs on the pulse of young people. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the Member Self-recommendation Scheme. The number of participating advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) under the scheme has been increased to 105 and the number of posts in ASBs directly offered through the scheme has been increased to about 210. (HYAB)
- Organise the second Youth Development Summit in the second half of 2025 and invite guest speakers and youth groups from the Mainland and overseas to come to Hong Kong for exchanging views and engaging in mutual learning with local youth on issues of concern to young people. (HYAB)

Youth Hostel Scheme

- Continue to implement the Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels. Four projects with the provision of about 1 150 hostel places have been approved since its implementation two years ago. (HYAB)

- Continue to take forward the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS). The first two youth hostel projects whose construction are fully funded by the Government have been completed and in operation, providing about 1 700 hostel places. Together with the other five projects under construction or undergoing pre-construction works or technical feasibility studies, a total of about 3 400 hostel places will be provided. (HYAB)
- Earmark a site in Tung Chung under the Land Sale Programme whereby developers will be required to reserve a certain number of flats to support the YHS on a pilot basis. (HYAB, DEVB)

Supporting young people to purchase subsidised sale flats

- Allocate an extra ballot number to young family applicants and young one-person applicants aged below 40 with White Form status starting from the next Home Ownership Scheme sale exercise. (HB)
- Increase the quota for White Form Secondary Market Scheme (WSM) by 1 500 to 6 000, all of which will be allocated to young family applicants and young one-person applicants aged below 40, starting from the next WSM exercise. (HB)

Extending the space and network for young people

- Create a youth development facility in the community isolation facility at the former runway area of Kai Tak, such as setting up a “Youth Post” hostel, and creating spaces for young people to stimulate creativity, develop culture and arts, and engage in mutual exchange. (HYAB)
- Convert part of the Youth Square to establish a new interactive space for young people to gather for exchanges, develop personal potentials and participate in different activities. Young people will be invited to put forward suggestions on the proposed use, facilities and operation mode of the interactive space during the process. (HYAB)

- Roll out the “Good Stories of Hong Kong Youth” Programme by reserving part of the Youth Square for setting up a video studio for young people to produce video clippings on promoting good stories of Hong Kong youth, and providing relevant training on the production and filming of video clippings. (HYAB)
- Set up a physical platform for interaction for members of the Youth Link in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre and the adjacent renovated Tung Chau Street Temporary Market. (HYAB)
- Further leverage online media and channels to enhance communication with young people and disseminate information on various areas and programmes related to youth development through the youth-based mobile application “HKYouth+”. (HYAB)
- Continue to engage participants of various government youth activities through the Youth Link, offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents and strengthening their communication, interaction and trust with the Government. (HYAB)

Enhancing the support to youth internship and employment

- Introduce the enhanced Funding Scheme for Youth Life Planning Activities to help secondary school students realise their life planning and seize national development opportunities. (HYAB)
- Refine the Chinese name of the Youth Employment and Training Programme and raise the upper age limit for participants to 29 years old, and launch the GBA Workplace Attachment Programme to enable more youth participants to leverage the development opportunities of the GBA. (LWB)
- Continue to implement and enhance various youth exchange and internship programmes in the Mainland and overseas to encourage young people to deepen their understanding of the overall development trend of our Country and also explore the world. (HYAB)

Enhancing positive thinking

- Launch a new round of the Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities and the Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities in 2025 to continuously nurture positive thinking among young people and cultivate their positive values; and enable them to become a new generation possessing a sense of responsibility and having the aspiration and willingness to contribute to the development of our Country and Hong Kong. (HYAB)
- Continue to organise the youthfest@HK and invite different sectors of the community to jointly organise a wide spectrum of activities to nurture positive thinking, promote innovation and inspire creativity among young people. (HYAB)

Deepening participation of government departments and civil service grades in youth work

- The disciplined services will continue to proactively increase the number of active members of youth uniformed groups, and take a multi-pronged approach in recruiting youth members. The aim is to increase the number of active members by 5% before end-2024. (SB)

- The Correctional Services Department (CSD) will launch the Captain Gor Union for students by end-2024. Adopting a three-pronged concept consisting of youth engagement, correct outlook on life and self-improvement as its major direction, the union will recruit primary and secondary school students as non-uniformed members, so as to sustain efforts in disseminating the messages of safeguarding our Country and home, leading a law-abiding and drug-free life as well as supporting offender rehabilitation, to strengthen national security education for the next generation, and to recruit youth with potential to become Rehabilitation Pioneer Leaders. (SB)
- Arrange for youth leaders studying in tertiary institutions in the Macao Special Administrative Region to participate in activities of the Security Bureau Youth Uniformed Group Leaders Forum by end-2024, with a view to further expanding the collaboration network of the Leaders Forum. (SB)
- Organise two major events for Leaders Forum members and youth leaders from Shenzhen and Macao, including visits to government departments and short-term job shadowing, by end-2025. (SB)
- Having brought in the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps (HKACC) as its subsidised youth uniformed group, the Government Flying Service will continue to strengthen its support for the HKACC, including organising national studies programmes and flight experience activities for members to enhance their patriotism and aviation knowledge. (SB)





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**Promote Integrated
Development of Culture,
Sports and Tourism and Foster
Economic Diversification**



Background

The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau was established by the current-term Government to promote the integrated development of culture, sports and tourism. Cultural and sports activities offer visitors rich and diversified experiences, attracting more arrivals and spurring tourism. And through tourists, we are able to showcase the multifaceted cityscape of Hong Kong and the profound heritage of the Chinese culture to the world. Tourism also expands our audiences for cultural and sports activities, promoting the growth of our cultural and sports industries.

The Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency, announced in last year's Policy Address, was established in June to promote arts, culture and the creative industries under an industry-oriented approach. Given the outstanding and encouraging results, in recent years, achieved by Hong Kong athletes in major international competitions, the Government will continue to support sports development along five key policy objectives: promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports, maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events, enhancing professionalism, and developing sports as an industry.

We have set up the Mega Events Coordination Group to attract visitors and generate income for Hong Kong by co-ordinating mega-events spanning various sectors. We welcomed some 32.6 million arrivals in the first nine months of 2024, a year-on-year increase of about 40%, according to the Hong Kong Tourism Board.

The Government is also diversifying our local economy. Apart from helping small and medium enterprises upgrade and restructure their business operations, the Government has deepened the work of the Advisory Panel on Silver Economy, which was set up to promote the silver economy given our ageing population.

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Developing the East-meets-West Centre for International Cultural Exchange

Promoting the development of the cultural and creative industries

- Consult and consolidate the views of the Culture Commission on the Blueprint for Arts and Culture and Creative Industries Development before publication by end-2024. (CSTB)
- Provide funding support for and incubate more cultural and creative projects with potential for industrialisation through the CreateSmart Initiative, strengthen cross-sectoral collaboration, and leverage market resources. (CSTB)
- Facilitate more local and non-local cultural and creative products to register on the Asia IP Exchange Portal, thereby fostering cross-sectoral exchange, collaboration and business matching, and promoting transaction and transformation of cultural intellectual property. (CSTB)
- Support Hong Kong design industries to proactively perform a platform role and become a key node in the design industry chains in the Mainland and foreign countries. (CSTB)
- Develop the Hong Kong Fashion Design Week as an annual signature event in order to develop Hong Kong into a fashion design hub in Asia. (CSTB)

West Kowloon Cultural District

- The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) will leverage the advantages of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) to promote the establishment of an industry chain of the arts and culture and creative industries and the creation of an art trading ecosystem in Hong Kong to build up the strengths of Hong Kong in art trading, including proactively attracting major auction houses and art galleries in and outside Hong Kong, and organisations providing relevant investment, insurance and other professional services to establish presence in WKCD; and build storage, restoration and exhibition facilities for high-end private art collections. (CSTB)
- The WKCDA will step up efforts to secure the hosting of more international cultural, creative and commercial events to be held in WKCD, so as to make good use of the world-class hardware to enhance the international status of WKCD and attract more inbound visitors, thereby stimulating local spending and promoting WKCD as a prime destination for major international cultural, creative and commercial events. (CSTB)
- The WKCDA will organise and curate performing arts programmes and exhibitions to be staged as long-run events locally, in the Mainland and overseas on a commercial basis, and expand the sales channels for cultural and creative merchandise for promoting the development of arts and culture as an industry. (CSTB)

- The WKCD will roll out more special experience activities and collaborate with the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) to step up worldwide promotion with a view to branding WKCD as a landmark for cultural and creative tourism. (CSTB)

Centre for Mega International Sports Events

Promoting sports development

- Continue to foster sports development through promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports, maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events, enhancing professionalism, and developing sports as an industry. (CSTB)
- Complete the review of the mechanism for providing direct financial support for athletes and the study on the enhancement of the training system in the first half of 2025. (CSTB)
- Explore with the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) the possibility of establishing a standard accreditation scheme for coaches of different sports. (CSTB)
- Set up a committee in the Hong Kong Sports Institute to oversee the development of sports medicine and sports science, and step up the publicity of the Sports Science and Research Funding Scheme for helping athletes strive for excellence in international sports events. (CSTB)
- The SF&OC will complete the review of the governance and operation of national sports associations (NSAs) by end-2024, and make recommendations to improve their governance. (CSTB)

- Continue to take forward the 10-Year Development Blueprint for Sports and Recreation Facilities and dedicate resources to provide sports and recreation facilities, including the construction of a swimming pool facility suitable for hosting international competitions as well as an arena with fencing training and competition facilities, so as to promote the continued development of sports in the community. (CSTB)
- Regularise the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports for promoting new sports and raise the maximum subvention level. (CSTB)
- Review the supply of and demand for the existing community recreation and sports programmes, with a view to re-deploying resources to organise about 100 promotional activities on new sports for the general public. (CSTB)
- Starting from the 2026/27 school year, include Physical Education in the primary school internal assessments, encourage student participation in physical activities on a regular basis, and strengthen the promotion of physical activities such as fencing to schools. (EDB)

Utilise the Kai Tak Sports Park and other venues

- Continue to support our athletes' participation in competitions of various kinds, and make full use of the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) and other existing venues for organising more large-scale international sports competitions, so that Hong Kong teams can contest in their own turf and build their own audience. These are conducive to the long-term development of the sports industry. (CSTB)

- Through the Inter-departmental Task Force on Kai Tak Sports Park led by the Chief Secretary for Administration and the stakeholders to promote KTSP as the preferred destination for local and international large-scale sports, culture and entertainment events, thereby ensuring that KTSP can facilitate sports development and bring impetus to the development of industries such as recreation, entertainment and tourism, and mega event economy. (CSTB)
- Review afresh the redevelopment of the Hong Kong Stadium to ensure that it can achieve synergy with KTSP. (CSTB)

Strengthening sports exchanges with the Mainland

- The Government has established National Games Co-ordination Office (Hong Kong) for the 15th National Games to be co-hosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in 2025. The Office is working in full steam to roll out preparatory work to ensure smooth running of the games. (CSTB)
- The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will relax the Sports Subvention Scheme to allow NSAs of sports for which the Government is currently not providing relevant sports facilities for using their existing venue rental subsidies to rent sports facilities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) for organising training courses and competitions. (CSTB)
- Explore the feasibility of allowing and encouraging the NSAs of popular sports including badminton, table tennis and baseball as a trial to use their funding provisions to rent venues in the GBA for training purpose. (CSTB)

Creating Fresh Impetus for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry

Overall strategy

- Publish the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0 (Blueprint 2.0) by end-2024 to formulate forward-looking strategies and specific measures in such key areas as developing a diversified portfolio of visitor source markets, establishing tourism products and initiatives with local and international characteristics, developing mega event tourism economy, consolidating the attractiveness of traditional tourism, promoting the development of smart tourism and upgrading the service quality of tourism industry, focusing on directions such as culture, sports, ecology and mega events, with a view to developing Hong Kong into a premier tourism destination. The Action Plan on Cruise Tourism Development will also be published together with the Blueprint 2.0, with a view to enhancing the role of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal as a homeport and a venue for conventions, exhibitions and other events. (CSTB)
- Set up the Working Group on Developing Tourist Hotspots, led by the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, to strengthen cross-department coordination and foster community participation, and to identify and develop in districts popular tourist hotspots that have strong appeal. (DCSO, CSTB and relevant bureaux)

Further developing signature tourism products

- Invite expressions of interest in the development of the South Lantau Eco-recreation Corridor in the first quarter of 2025. (DEVB)

- Make recommendations on the direction of development, land use, and development model and parameters of the ex-Lamma Quarry site by end-2024, and invite expressions of interest in the first quarter of 2025. (DEVB)
- Invite expressions of interest in the proposed development of Tsim Bei Tsui and Pak Nai into eco-tourism nodes in the first quarter of 2025. (DEVB)
- Organise island hopping tour(s) under the theme of “Countryside Festival: Sound-Sight-Taste Fusion” at Yan Chau Tong to promote a new in-depth eco-tour experience, enhance public awareness of nature conservation and generate economic benefits, thereby facilitating urban-rural symbiosis. (EEB)
- Conduct detailed design for the expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, including the integration of public landing facilities with the proposed breakwater at Tai Shue Wan to create synergies. (DEVB, CSTB)
- Explore the feasibility of the early provision of food and beverage facilities at the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market with a view to fostering diversification of the industries. (EEB, DEVB)
- Study the feasibility of providing a pier at Repulse Bay to help develop marine tourism linking up the attractions in the Southern District and the islands nearby. (DEVB)
- Promote yacht tourism by inviting the private sector to explore the construction and operation of marinas in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter expansion area, the Ex-Lamma Quarry area, and the development of the waterfront site in the vicinity of the Hung Hom Station. (DEVB, TLB, CSTB)
- Continue to promote cultural and eco-tourism itineraries and products of Sha Tau Kok. (CSTB)
- After reviewing the implementation of the plan to open up Sha Tau Kok (except Chung Ying Street) and consulting the local community, increase the daily quota for visitors to 3 000 on weekends and holidays by end-2024. (SB)
- Launch a pilot scheme on “contactless channel” for access to Chung Ying Street in end-2024 to allow people living and working in Chung Ying Street to enter and leave the Street unimpeded via a “contactless” mode on a pilot basis through the adoption of facial recognition technology for verification of identity. (SB)
- Actively promote panda tourism and horseracing tourism to strengthen Hong Kong’s attraction as a fascinating city. (CSTB)

Developing a mega event tourism economy

- The Mega Events Coordination Group led by the Deputy Financial Secretary will continue to take a proactive role in attracting different types of mega events to take place in Hong Kong, so as to boost the retail and hotel industries. (DFSO, CSTB and relevant bureaux)
- Require the operators of the Central Harbourfront Event Space and the other harbourfront event spaces to organise diverse and large-scale outdoor activities. (DEVB)
- Drive the development of the site above the Exhibition Centre Station in Wan Chai North as well as the waterfront and pier sites in the vicinity of the Hung Hom Station into new landmarks which will incorporate the provision of event spaces. (DEVB)

Consolidating attraction of traditional tourism

- The HKTB will draw up a gourmet guide covering the 18 districts, organise gastronomic events, and promote gourmet food in districts. (CSTB)
- The LCSD will upgrade some of the light refreshment kiosks to specialty light refreshment restaurants to create vibrant leisure spaces, including the Victoria Park and Kwun Tong Promenade, by integrating elements of public leisure space and tourism. (CSTB)

Developing visitor sources and facilitating visitors

- The HKTb will strengthen its efforts in the development and promotion of tourism products with Hong Kong characteristics to both locals and visitors, and make use of technologies, such as artificial intelligence, to provide one-stop assistance and attraction recommendations. (CSTB)
- Promote the enhancement of relevant tourism facilities to create a friendly environment for visitors from the Middle East and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), including providing information at the airport in Arabic, encouraging taxi fleets to provide fleet service information in Arabic, consolidating a list of restaurants providing halal food, encouraging more commercial premises to provide appropriate facilities, in particular for providing praying facilities in hotels, and stepping up hospitality training for visitors with diversified cultural background. (CSTB and relevant bureaux)
- Relax the criteria for nationals of Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar applying for multiple-entry visas to Hong Kong for business and travel purposes with effect from 16 October 2024, and extend the validity period of the multiple-entry visas for visitors from the above three countries and Vietnam from a maximum of two years to three years. (SB)
- Provide priority processing service for visa applications submitted by group visitors from the above countries through local travel agents. (SB)
- Provide self-service immigration clearance to invited persons from ten member states of ASEAN, and one-stop handling of their applications for self-service immigration clearance and visa through a dedicated desk. Invited persons include those recommended by relevant bureaux who would bring substantial contributions to Hong Kong's economic development, and those who are invited to attend major events in Hong Kong. (SB)

- Starting from 16 October 2024, the Immigration Department will cancel the requirement for visitors to furnish an arrival or departure card, with a view to further streamlining immigration procedures and providing visitors with faster and more convenient services. (SB)
- Adopt a “cross-river construction” approach in the redevelopment of Sha Tau Kok Control Point which, upon redevelopment, will only retain passenger clearance function, and implement the “collaborative inspection and joint clearance” mode to bring greater convenience for visitors. (SB)
- Introduce a new outstanding service award scheme to deepen the implementation of the Hospitality Campaign, thereby enhancing the quality of service. (CSTB)

Fostering Economic Diversification

Supporting small and medium enterprises (SMEs)

- Allow borrowing enterprises to apply for the principal moratorium for up to 12 months under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme, and offer the option of partial principal repayment for new loans under the 80% and 90% guarantee products. (FSO, CEDB)
- The Hong Kong Monetary Authority is actively considering to allow flexibility in banks' capital requirement to facilitate their lending to SMEs. (FSO, FSTB)
- Inject \$1 billion into the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales (BUD Fund) to assist SMEs in upgrading their business operation, as well as developing new markets, including expanding the geographical coverage of “E-commerce Easy” to the ten member states of ASEAN and fostering more green transformation projects. (CEDB)
- Continue to organise the Hong Kong Shopping Festival (HKSF) to help SMEs tap into the Mainland e-commerce sales market, and launch HKSF for the ASEAN market in due course. (CEDB)

- Expand the coverage of the Cyberport's Digital Transformation Support Pilot Programme to include tourism and personal services sectors, etc. on top of the retail and food and beverage sectors, and subsidise SMEs on a one-to-one matching basis to undergo digital transformation. (ITIB)
- The Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) will formulate plans and set up more Hong Kong Pavilions in Mainland and overseas exhibitions, with a view to further promoting Hong Kong brands. (CEDB)
- The Trade and Industry Department and the HKTDC will enhance support for SMEs to develop brands and expand the sales networks of e-commerce through organising mentorship programmes and providing consultation services. (CEDB)
- Re-structure the organisation and functions of the Hong Kong Design Centre, with a view to assisting SMEs in the design industries to enhance their product design and promotion, and strengthening collaboration and interface among local designers, start-ups and Mainland enterprises operating in Hong Kong. (CSTB)
- Allocate \$500 million for launching the Incentive Scheme for Recurrent Exhibitions 2.0, targeting new and international exhibitions of large scale with a view to further promoting mega event economy and the development of the convention and exhibition industry. (CEDB)
- Commence phase two expansion of the AsiaWorld-Expo which will provide a multi-purpose indoor arena with a seating capacity of 20 000, and continue with the Wan Chai North Redevelopment Project with a view to increasing significantly the provision of large-scale convention and exhibition facilities in Hong Kong. (CEDB)
- The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) will enhance the application procedures for inclusion in the list of building maintenance contractors and rearrange the scales of lump sum contracts for maintenance and improvement works, so as to assist the SMEs in the construction industry by increasing the tendering opportunities for contractors of different scales. (HB)
- The HKHA will actively consider expanding the scale of its "Well Being · Start-Up" Programme subject to the effectiveness of the pilot programme, and will encourage private shopping arcades and landlords in the commercial sector to provide more shops for young people to start their business. It will also allow main contractors to employ subcontractors to carry out renovation works of the relevant shops. (HB)
- The Government has introduced The Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill to the Legislative Council for scrutiny. It prohibits the use of unfair payment terms, such as "conditional payment", and introduces an adjudication mechanism to resolve payment disputes. Implementing these measures would alleviate the payment problems faced by the construction industry, thus enhancing efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the industry. (DEVB)

Developing silver economy

- Set up the Working Group on Promoting Silver Economy, led by the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, to implement measures in five aspects such as boosting "silver consumption", developing the "silver industry", promoting "quality assurance of silver products", enhancing "silver financial and security arrangements" and unleashing "silver productivity", to develop new products and services to meet the needs of the elderly and improve their quality of life, thereby further creating business opportunities. (DCSO, CEDB and relevant bureaux)

Promoting the sustainable development of agriculture and fisheries industries

- Progressively issue marine fish culture licences for Wong Chuk Kok Hoi and Mirs Bay new fish culture zones and provide fish farmers with five units of deep-sea cages for lease in phases within 2025; and provide necessary financial and technical support for mariculturists to assist the industry in developing deep-sea mariculture by intensification of production. (EEB)
- Conduct preparatory work for Agri-Park Phase 2 First Stage development; and continue to take forward the Modernised Techno-Agricultural Park project through public-private partnership. (EEB)
- Promote the development of urban farming by launching pilot projects on modern urban farming at other suitable locations subsequent to the one in Ma On Shan Sai Sha Road Garden; and set up modern hydroponic farms-cum-stalls in suitable public markets, including Tin Shui Wai and Kwu Tung North Public Markets, to promote the concept of “harvest-to-sale”. (EEB)
- Complete site formation works within 2026 for the land reserved for the industry to construct the first multi-storey modernised and environmental-friendly livestock farm, and provide financial and technical support for the industry to introduce technologies and automation equipment to effectively address environmental issues associated with livestock farming, so as to enhance farming efficiency and optimise the use of land resources, thereby achieving sustainable development. (EEB)





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**Take Forward
the Northern Metropolis as
Growth Engine and
Deepen GBA Collaboration**



Background

The development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) is a key national strategy devised and driven by President Xi Jinping personally. It also works to implement “One Country, Two Systems”. The 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China’s Third Plenary Session highlighted the GBA’s development in advancing China’s modernisation. With our Country’s strong support, Hong Kong will continue to capitalise on its status as a GBA core city, thanks to its renowned professional services, international talent pool and world-class basic research capabilities. In this role, Hong Kong will lead GBA development, expanding opportunities for its economy across sectors and contributing to the high-quality development of our Country.

Last year, the Government unveiled the Northern Metropolis Action Agenda, under which it will rise as a new engine for Hong Kong’s economic growth. We will continue to adopt an “industry-driven and infrastructure-led” approach, interacting with the planning of Shenzhen and other GBA cities and building the Northern Metropolis as a major hub for Hong Kong’s integration into the overall development of our Country.

The Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone, located at the convergence of the Northern Metropolis and the Guangzhou-Shenzhen innovation and technology corridor, will also drive GBA development, serving as an I&T hub connecting the Mainland and the international community. We will continue to make good use of its “one zone, two parks” design. Through the recently established Steering Committee on the Hong Kong-Shenzhen I&T Park in the Loop, we will develop new mechanisms and foster policy innovations to enable the flow of personnel, materials, capital and data between the two parks, expanding their ability to promote I&T development in both Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

Take Forward the Northern Metropolis as Growth Engine and Deepen GBA Collaboration

Take Forward the Development of Northern Metropolis

- Commence the site formation works of San Tin Technopole and the Second Phase of Yuen Long South New Development Area by end-2024 and mid-2025 respectively. (DEVB)
- Announce in 2025 the result of the consultancy study on the development plan of the industries for the new innovation and technology (I&T) land in the San Tin Technopole. (ITIB)
- Announce the preliminary development proposals of Ngau Tam Mei, New Territories North New Town and Ma Tso Lung by end-2024. (DEVB)
- Introduce the “large-scale land disposal” approach for the development of the Northern Metropolis; start to invite expressions of interest by end-2024 on three pilot sites identified, each of 10-20 hectares. (DEVB)
- Explore the approach of identifying pilot industry park in a New Development Area and granting land to a company established and led by the Government. The company will, in accordance with the Government’s industrial policies, be responsible for formulating the development and operation strategies and day-to-day management for the park, attracting businesses and investment, etc.. Suggestions will be announced in the first quarter of 2025. (DEVB)
- Commence the rezoning procedures for Sandy Ridge in the North District within 2024, with the I&T site used for data centres and related purposes expanded to 10 hectares. (DEVB, ITIB)
- Commence in 2025 the construction works of a gallery to showcase major development projects. (DEVB)

Promoting the Development of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park in the Loop

- Formulate and take forward through the Steering Committee on the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park in the Loop chaired by the Chief Executive the overall strategy, planning and layout of the development of the Hong Kong Park. (ITIB)
- Complete the construction of the first three buildings of Batch 1 of the Hong Kong- Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park in phases starting from the end of 2024, with the remaining five buildings to be completed gradually in the coming five years. (ITIB)

- Promulgate the Development Outline for the Hong Kong Park of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone within 2024 to promote its development under four major directions, namely building a world-class industry-academia-research platform, establishing an internationally competitive research and development (R&D) transformation and pilot production base for industries, creating a hub for pooling global I&T resources, as well as cultivating a testing ground for institutional and policy innovations. (ITIB)
- Explore the trial implementation of the new innovative facilitation measures tailor-made for the Co-operation Zone in the Loop, such as facilitating efficient cross-boundary travel of designated personnel of the respective Parks in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, using low-altitude unmanned aerial vehicles to enable cross-boundary movement of materials, and exploring facilitation arrangements for cross-boundary fund transfers by Mainland enterprises setting up their businesses in the Hong Kong Park. (ITIB and relevant bureaux)

Deepening Co-operation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

Integrating into national development

- The Steering Group on Integration into National Development, chaired by the Chief Executive, will continue to holistically co-ordinate and supervise the various initiatives on integration into the overall national development from a high-level perspective, including proactively dovetailing with major national strategies, such as the 14th Five-Year Plan, development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and high-quality development of the Belt and Road (B&R) Initiative, as well as fostering the all-round co-operation between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and Mainland provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions to promote the high-quality development of the Country and the HKSAR. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Continue to deepen the co-operation with various Mainland provinces and municipalities by launching more initiatives on the existing co-operation platforms, and exploring the development of more new co-operation platforms to further leverage on Hong Kong's distinctive advantages. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)

Pressing ahead with development of the GBA

- Continue to utilise the Guangdong-Hong Kong and Hong Kong-Shenzhen co-operation task forces as platforms to strengthen connectivity and high-quality co-operation on various fronts amongst GBA cities. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)

- Maintain close contact with the Central Authorities, Guangdong Province and Macao SAR and continue to take forward the development of the GBA; and support different sectors to take advantage of the development opportunities brought about by the various co-operation platforms such as Qianhai, Nansha and the Loop. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Continue to step up overseas promotion of Hong Kong's key opportunities brought about by the development of the GBA through duty visits of senior officials as well as international connections of overseas Economic and Trade Offices and other partner organisations. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- The Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited continues to explore opportunities for co-operation in the GBA with the relevant institutions or corporations in the Mainland, and co-invest in projects with potentials in the GBA, as well as those with social and economic benefits in light of market development. (FSO)

Talent flow and co-operation in the construction sector

- Continue to foster mutual recognition of professional qualifications for construction professionals between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and actively provide access for the related professionals to the "Professional Title" assessment of the Mainland, with a view to assisting them to better enter the Mainland market and integrate into national development. (DEVB)
- Collaborate with the Guangdong Province and Macao SAR to formulate the GBA Standards concerning the level of skills of skilled workers and technicians in the construction sector, and take forward the "One Examination, Multiple Certification" arrangement so that those who pass the examinations adopting the GBA Standards can concurrently obtain vocational skill certificates issued by the three places. The objective is to increase the quality of training of the construction sector of the entire GBA and nurture talents. (DEVB)

Promoting data flow

- Collaborate with the Guangdong Provincial Government to advance the work on the "Digital Bay Area" in an orderly manner, thereby developing the GBA into a world-class, liveable and internationally competitive city cluster. (ITIB)
- Continue to proactively extend the facilitation measure on the "Standard Contract for Cross-boundary Flow of Personal Information Within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Mainland, Hong Kong)" to all sectors, so as to promote more cross-boundary services that benefit the public and business while facilitating data flow in the GBA. (ITIB)

Scaling up medical collaboration in the GBA

- Extend the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme to all nine cities in the GBA. (HHB)
- Continue to expand and deepen cross-boundary health records sharing via eHealth to support citizens to use various cross-boundary medical services. (HHB)
- Explore enabling cross-boundary use of data, bio-samples and drugs and medical devices through the GBA Clinical Trial Collaboration Platform and the Real-World Study and Application Centre in the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone to accelerate the development of the pharmaceutical industry for medical innovation. (HHB)
- Strengthen collaboration to develop specialist training of international standard with the objective to expand the specialist talent pool in the region. (HHB)

Strengthening legal co-operation with the Mainland and the GBA

- Implement in Hong Kong the improved arrangement for mutual service of judicial documents in civil and commercial proceedings between the Mainland and Hong Kong with a view to increasing possible modes of service and enhancing efficiency. (DoJ)
- Strive for the establishment of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Information Platform to collate legal and dispute resolution services information of the GBA. (DoJ)
- Strive for the establishment of a dedicated platform for GBA lawyers to facilitate professional exchange and training of GBA lawyers. (DoJ)

Nurturing talents and expanding the development potential and opportunities for the youth

- Enhance the GBA Youth Employment Scheme by relaxing the eligibility requirements to allow young people aged 29 or below with sub-degree or higher qualifications to join the scheme, raising the limit of monthly allowance granted to enterprises to \$12,000, and exploring a reciprocal arrangement to allow Mainland young people to work in Hong Kong. (LWB)

- Take forward the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases to encourage young people to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the enormous Mainland market. (HYAB)
- Launch a new round of the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA to provide capital subsidy and comprehensive support services to Hong Kong young people interested in starting their businesses locally and in Mainland cities of the GBA. (HYAB)
- Through the member organisations of the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the GBA, provide youth entrepreneurs with more comprehensive support, facilitate their network expansion and enhance their competitiveness. (HYAB)





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**Improve People's Livelihood
in Pursuit of Happiness**



Background

The Government puts a central priority on enhancing the well-being of the people of Hong Kong. We have taken a family-centric approach to our people's aspiration for a good life, and we are dedicated to building a harmonious society, one that is both caring and inclusive.

We will continue to enhance our speed, quantity, quality and efficiency in creating land and building homes, creating a land reserve and strengthening the Government's capabilities to spearhead development and respond to unforeseen changes. We will cater to the pressing housing needs of the people of Hong Kong, having identified sufficient land to meet the housing supply target for the next decade, while offering complementary measures such as Light Public Housing to respond to the temporary shortage from our back-loaded supply. Last year, I set up the Task Force on Tackling the Issue of Subdivided Units (SDUs). In this Policy Address, I announce my decision to establish a regulatory regime on the rental of SDUs through legislation. It will tackle the "long-standing, big and difficult" problem of SDUs in residential buildings at the root and in an orderly manner. We will continue to enrich the housing ladder to help more people realise their goals of home ownership.

On people's livelihoods, we will maintain the strategy of targeted poverty alleviation. We have established Care Teams, with a focus on meeting the diverse needs of underprivileged groups and ethnic minorities, helping them integrate into the community. In healthcare, we have released the Primary Healthcare Blueprint to progressively shift from a treatment-oriented to a prevention-focused approach. And we will reform our public healthcare system to ensure better access to medical care. In the 2024-25 Estimates, the recurrent expenditure on social welfare and healthcare amounts to \$236.9 billion, accounting for more than 30% of government expenditure and about 7.5% of the Gross Domestic Product. That clearly demonstrates the Government's commitment to these two essential areas.

Nonetheless, when it comes to people's livelihood and well-being, what is good can always be better. We will continue to enhance the speed and efficiency in land creation and housing provision, as well as facilitating urban renewal, having regard to fiscal affordability. We will, as well, encourage collaboration among government, business and the community, refining policy measures to help the disadvantaged under the "people-centric" principle. In parallel, we will continue to reform our healthcare system to better serve the public, making optimal use of finite resources. Our goal is to improve people's livelihood and build a better future for us all.

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Improve People's Livelihood in Pursuit of Happiness

Public Housing

Future supply

- Increase public housing (including Light Public Housing (LPH)) production in the next five years from 2025-26 to 2029-30 to about 189 000 units, about 80% more than the five-year period when the current term Government assumed office (i.e. from 2022-23 to 2026-27). (HB)
- Continue to publish regularly the supply forecast of public housing and land supply in the coming 10 years, so as to enhance transparency and facilitate monitoring of work. (HB, DEVB)

Light Public Housing

- Complete the construction of about 30 000 LPH units under a government-led approach by 2027-28, including about 9 500 units to be completed within 2025. (HB)

Transitional housing

- The Government has identified land for providing over 21 000 transitional housing units, exceeding the original target of 20 000 units. In addition to the 17 900 units which have been put into service, close to 3 300 units are expected to be available from 2024 to 2026. (HB)

Public Rental Housing Advance Allocation Scheme

- Continue to advance the completion of about 14 000 public rental housing (PRH) units in phases from 2023-24 to 2032-33, making them available about 3 to 18 months ahead of the completion date of the whole development project and enabling PRH applicants to move in earlier than scheduled. (HB)

Private Subsidised Sale Flat - Pilot Scheme

- Continue to implement the Private Subsidised Sale Flat-Pilot Scheme to encourage private developers to develop subsidised sale flats (SSFs) and tap market forces to enhance the construction capacity. (HB)

Enhancing the housing ladder

- Review the public housing projects scheduled for the latter half of the coming 10-year period (2025-26 to 2034-35) so as to gradually adjust the PRH/SSF split from the current 70:30 to 60:40. (HB)
- Allocate an extra ballot number to applicants who failed to purchase a SSF in the last two consecutive sale exercises of the same type of SSF starting from the next Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme and Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) sale exercises. (HB)

- Tighten up the Well-off Tenants Policies of PRH by raising the additional rent and lowering the income limits for well-off tenants, prompting them to surrender their units. (HB)
- Starting from the next HOS sale exercise, adjust the ratio for quota allocation between Green Form and White Form applicants from the existing 40:60 to 50:50 to encourage more PRH tenants to buy HOS flats. (HB)

Combating PRH tenancy abuse

- The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) will continue to require PRH tenants to make biennial declarations on whether they own any domestic property in Hong Kong and whether they have continuously resided in the flats and complied with the terms in the tenancy agreement regarding occupancy status. (HB)
- Continue to verify the records of PRH tenants in respect of their property ownership in Hong Kong via the mechanism established with the Land Registry; and keep enhancing communication with the Mainland authorities/agencies regarding the investigation of lands/properties owned by PRH tenants in the Mainland. (HB)
- The HKHA will launch a Cherish Public Housing Resources Award Scheme in January 2025 to offer award to informants who make non-anonymous reports with solid intelligence leading to successful recovery of abused PRH flats by the Housing Department. (HB)

Continuing to redevelop PRH estates

- The HKHA will continue to take forward the redevelopment of Wah Fu Estate, and will announce the findings of the study on the redevelopment of Choi Hung Estate by end-2024, and the findings of the studies on the redevelopment of Sai Wan Estate and Ma Tau Wai Estate within 2025. (HB)

Tackling the issue of subdivided units

- Establish, through legislation, a regulatory regime on the renting of residential subdivided units (SDUs), under which up-to-standard residential SDUs will be named as “Basic Housing Units”. That is, residential SDUs must meet the required standards in respect of area, fire safety, ventilation and hygiene etc., before they are allowed to be rented out. The renting of substandard SDUs will be illegal, which will be eradicated in an orderly manner having regard to the market supply and demand and the supply of public housing. (HB)
- Consult the Legislative Council (LegCo) and stakeholders in respect of the regulatory regime on the renting of residential SDUs, covering, amongst others, the legislative proposal and registration timetable. The proposal includes setting up a registration regime for pre-existing SDUs under rental, allowing a “grace period” for owners of registered SDUs to carry out conversion works, putting in place a regime for applications to be recognised as “Basic Housing Units”, etc., with a view to gradually improving the living conditions of SDUs. (HB)
- Review the building and fire safety standards in licensed bedspace apartments and consider enhancing the building and fire safety standards in the premises concerned to meet modern requirements, so as to provide better protection for residents. (HYAB)

Private Housing

Future supply

- Make land available for the production of 80 000 housing units through land sale or railway property development in the next five years. Coupled with projects of the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and private development projects, private housing land will be supplied in a sustained and orderly manner. (DEVB)

Relax the maximum loan-to-value ratios of property mortgages

- The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) will relax the mortgage conditions for residential properties on the premise of maintaining the stability of the banking system. It will adjust the maximum loan-to-value ratio of property mortgages to 70% and the maximum debt servicing ratio to 50%, regardless of the value of the properties, whether the properties are for self-use or held by companies, or whether the purchasers are first-time home buyers. The maximum loan-to-value ratio and the maximum debt servicing ratio for non-residential property mortgages will also be adjusted accordingly. (FSO)

Improving Building Safety and Building Management

Enhancing property management and building design

- Expand the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme to all districts, thereby providing more sustained support for the “three-nil” buildings. (HYAB)
- Implement the Joint Property Management Pilot Scheme on a small scale in selected areas within 2025. (HYAB)
- Implement the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 in July 2025 to encourage owners to participate in the making of major procurement decisions of their buildings and improve the transparency and accountability of owners’ corporations. (HYAB)
- Commence the next phase of the review of building management with stakeholders to continue the promotion of good building management. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the licensing regime under the Property Management Services Ordinance. As at end-September 2024, over 790 property management companies and 14 600 property management practitioners have been licensed. (HYAB)

- Put forward an array of elderly-friendly building design proposals and implement the design requirements through legislative amendments, guidelines and practice notes in phases from 2025 onwards after public consultation, as well as to formulate the Elderly-friendly Building Accreditation Scheme for encouraging proactive adoption of more elderly-friendly designs in private developments. (DFSO, DEVB)

Enhancing enforcement efficiency

- Propose amendments to the Buildings Ordinance by end-2024 and conduct public consultation to enhance the deterrent effect against non-compliance with notices/orders and unauthorised building works, increase the types of exempted and minor works under the Buildings Ordinance, and strengthen the registration and disciplinary systems of contractors. The target is to introduce an amendment bill into the LegCo in 2026. (DEVB)

Fire safety support for buildings

- The Fire Services Department (FSD) will establish a “One-stop Coordination Office for New Fire Protection Facilities Acceptance” in the first quarter of 2025 to provide one-stop co-ordination services in respect of the acceptance inspection of fire protection facilities of new residential buildings and projects that facilitate business operations and benefit the people. (SB)
- The FSD will set up a “Building Improvement Special Duty Team” to proactively carry out inspections and strengthen law enforcement actions against fire hazards in old composite and domestic buildings, and enhance fire safety education. (SB)
- The FSD will establish two new “Building Improvement Support Centres” in districts with more old buildings to enhance support for owners and occupiers of old buildings on fire safety improvement works. (SB)

Creating Developable Land

Enhancing the speed and efficiency of land production

- Continue to update annually the forecast of 10-year supply of developable land (i.e. spade-ready sites) so as to enhance transparency and facilitate monitoring of work progress. (DEVB)
- Implement the investigation and design of Underground Quarrying at Tsing Yi North and Sham Shui Kok, North Lantau to enhance long-term land supply more efficiently as well as to provide a local source of rock material supply. (DEVB)

Streamlining procedures

- Continue to take forward the streamlining of administrative procedures for vetting and approval, including regular monitoring of the progress of specific measures formulated by departments in adopting a “facilitator” mindset to handle the vetting and approval work, and maintain communication with the industry on the implementation of these measures. (DEVB)
- Outsource drone inspection of the external walls of buildings and unauthorised building works and related analyses to private companies, and to engage professionals to handle the vetting of small-scale or temporary structures through self-certification, so as to make good use of industry resources to enhance speed and efficiency. (DEVB)
- Complete the strategic study by end-2024 with a view to identifying the major reasons for high construction costs, and roll out a series of strategic measures targeting such aspects as project delivery, mode of procurement, utilisation of innovative technologies, streamlining approval processes, and review of standards to reduce construction costs. (DEVB)

- Expand the remit of the Development Projects Facilitation Office under the Development Bureau to co-ordinate departmental efforts to expedite the vetting and approval of the land use for development projects related to innovation and technology (I&T) and other industries in the Northern Metropolis, in addition to large-scale private residential and commercial projects. (DEVB)
- Introduce a bill to amend the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance by end-2024, with a view to facilitating harbour enhancement works to enhance public enjoyment and connectivity of the harbourfront and strengthen the harbour functions. (DEVB)

Promoting research, development and application of building technology

- Through the new Building Technology Research Institute (BTRi) established in 2024, enhance the construction standards of Hong Kong by making reference to standards in the Mainland and overseas to promote local application of high quality and cost-effective construction materials from the Mainland and overseas, and collaborate closely with relevant authorities in Guangdong Province to take forward the strategic study of formulating the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) building standards in early 2025, so as to devise a concrete work framework for the relevant building standards. (DEVB)
- The BTRi will also conduct applied research and development (R&D) in innovative materials, construction methods and technologies; and devise standards, conduct testing and provide accreditation to spearhead innovation in the construction industry and attract R&D talent to Hong Kong. (DEVB)

- Continue to enhance the role of the Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders to bring together project management talents, including inviting major project leaders from the Mainland to participate in training and experience-sharing, with the aim of developing Hong Kong into an international expert knowledge hub on project delivery. (DEVB)
- Roll out progressively measures to strengthen the supply chain of the Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) modules, covering issues such as the approval processes, manufacturing, taxation, transportation, storage and accreditation of modules, foster complementarities with the Mainland and drive the high-quality development of MiC so as to turn it into one of the industries in the GBA that enjoy clear advantages, and subsequently expand it to overseas markets. (DEVB)
- Continue to take forward the Common Spatial Data Infrastructure initiative, with a view to building up a spatial data ecosystem, collaborating with stakeholders in the I&T field to expand the services of the Geospatial Lab, supporting smart city development, and promoting digital economy. (DEVB)
- Utilise the developed Integrated Capital Works Platform to consolidate the data of all public works projects to achieve further application of artificial intelligence (AI) technology for big data analysis for reviewing the performance of projects in terms of cost and progress. This could facilitate the timely implementation of corresponding measures to enhance management efficiency and project performance, and continue to lead and promote digitalisation of the construction industry. (DEVB)
- The HKHA will continue to adopt the MiC approach in suitable public housing projects, so as to meet the target of adopting the MiC approach in no less than half of the projects scheduled for completion from 2028-29 to 2032-33, and adopt the Design for Manufacture and Assembly approach for the remaining projects. (HB)
- The HKHA will continue to develop with research institutions the second generation MiC (MiC 2.0) for application in new projects adopting the MiC approach to further expedite the construction process and increase efficiency. (HB)
- Stipulate in all tender documents of the superstructure works contracts for new public housing projects that contractors are required to use construction robots as appropriate, so as to enhance construction efficiency, lower the health risks faced by workers and reduce wastage. (HB)
- The HKHA will continue to identify more “Design and Build” projects to meet the target of adopting the “Design and Build” procurement model in the production of no less than half of the public housing flats scheduled for completion from 2028-29 to 2032-33. (HB)

Addressing the manpower demand of the construction industry

- Continue to adopt a multi-pronged strategy to enhance the training of local construction personnel, including the provision of no less than about 12 000 training places by the Construction Industry Council in each of the academic years from 2024/25 to 2027/28, and continue to promote “multi-skilled” development of workers, and at the same time continue to collaborate with relevant institutions in stepping up the training of local technicians and professionals. (DEVB)

- Continue to monitor and utilise the Labour Importation Scheme for the Construction Sector and talent admission schemes as supplementary measures to alleviate manpower shortage on the premise of safeguarding the employment priority for local workers. (DEVB)
- The STEAM education platform, which has been rolled out under the construction industry joint promotion campaign implemented by various departments in collaboration with organisations in the industry, will introduce more construction-related STEAM education content and activities in 2024-25 to promote the construction industry and attract new entrants to the industry. (DEVB)
- Utilise the \$2.2 billion funding from the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) to continuously drive wider adoption of innovative technologies by the industry and more small and medium enterprises to enhance productivity. The CITF has granted about \$1.35 billion for subsidising more than 1 200 enterprises to adopt various technologies in local construction projects to date. (DEVB)
- Formulate in the first half of 2025 policy proposals relating to the use of newly developed land to drive large-scale urban redevelopment projects by the public and private sectors, directions of which may include transfer of plot ratios across districts and construction of dedicated rehousing estates. (DEVB)
- Extend the various measures to revitalise industrial buildings (IBs) to end-2027, which include relaxing the permissible plot ratio by no more than 20% for IB redevelopment projects, exempting the waiver fees chargeable for wholesale conversion of IBs (with enhancements to the original requirement), and continue relaxing the waiver application policy to permit designated industry use. (DEVB)

Energising Kowloon East

Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands

- Commence progressively the detailed design related to the reclamation works of the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands project from end-2024 onwards so as to take forward the project in a steady and prudent manner. (DEVB)
- Complete the revitalisation of Tsui Ping River by end-2024 to provide the public with a riverine public space in the urban area created with waterscape, landscape and ecological features, which will not only enhance the connectivity of walkable Kowloon East, but also provide a new attraction for the community. (DEVB)
- Continue to transform Kowloon East into the second core business district through the implementation of development proposals such as the Kwun Tong Action Area and Kowloon Bay Action Area, as well as the revitalisation of old industrial areas. (DEVB)

Expediting urban redevelopment

- Provide one-stop support services for minority owners affected by compulsory sale and step up public education through the Support Service Centre for Minority Owners under Compulsory Sale which started operation in the third quarter of 2024. (DEVB)
- The URA will submit to the Government the renewal master plans of the planning studies for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po in the second half of 2025 after refining the proposals and completing the technical assessments. (DEVB)
- Continue to carry out works for the Round-the-Island Trail (the Trail), with a view to connecting 90% of the Trail by end-2027 and substantially completing the remaining larger scale works by end-2031. (DEVB)
- Implement eight more measures to improve the pedestrian environment and traffic conditions in Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen Waterfront and Ap Lei Chau North by end-2025. (DEVB)

Invigorating Island South

- Continue to progressively enhance the open spaces on both sides of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter by way of minor works. (DEVB)
- Commence works on the boardwalk along Staunton Creek Nullah and adjacent open spaces to enhance pedestrian connectivity and the local environment. (DEVB)
- Continue to study the feasibility of building a museum near Ocean Park to enrich cultural infrastructure and create synergies with the future development in the Southern District. (CSTB, DEVB)

Unlocking Tso/Tong lands in the New Territories

- Work with the Development Bureau and the relevant departments to continue supporting the Heung Yee Kuk New Territories to enhance the management of Tso/Tong in the New Territories according to the relevant recommendations of the review, with the aim of unlocking the development potentials of Tso/Tong lands more effectively. (HYAB)

Transport Infrastructures

Railway projects

- Commence the next stage of preparatory work for the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu-Qianhai) in collaboration with Shenzhen. The MTR Corporation Limited will get started with the detailed planning and design of the Northern Link Spur Line in early 2025. (TLB)
- Continue with the works of the Tung Chung Line Extension, Oyster Bay Station, Tuen Mun South Extension and Northern Link Phase 1 (Kwu Tung Station) with a view to completing the above railway projects progressively from 2027 onwards; and to complete the Hung Shui Kiu Station and Northern Link Main Line in 2030 and 2034 respectively. (TLB)

Road projects

- Continue to take forward various road projects, including those under construction like Route 6 and Trunk Road T4 in Sha Tin, as well as the other projects in the Hong Kong Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint. (TLB)

Smart and green mass transit

- Press ahead with the development of the three smart and green mass transit system projects with a view to striving for early completion; finalise technical details and implementation approach for the East Kowloon and Kai Tak projects within 2025, and invite expression of interests for the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen project by end-2024. (TLB)

Convenient and safe mobility

- Take forward the pilot schemes related to smart mobility progressively based on the initial recommendations under the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study, and promulgate the Transport Strategy Blueprint in 2025 for maintaining a reliable, safe, smart, environmentally friendly and highly efficient overall transport system for Hong Kong. (TLB)
- Continue to implement the regulatory regime for autonomous vehicles (AV) that has come into operation since March 2024 to allow more flexibility for trials and uses of AV technology, such as providing services of carrying passengers by AVs under more complex road scenarios (e.g. the park area of the West Kowloon Cultural District, the Hong Kong Science Park and major private residential estates), paving the way for the wider use of AVs in the long run. (TLB)
- Enhance road safety measures, including amending legislation to further regulate the use of mobile communication devices while driving, the use of child restraining devices in private cars, and the wearing of helmets by cyclists. (TLB)

Enhancing personalised point-to-point transport services

- Continue to implement a series of measures to enhance the quality of taxi service, and discuss with the trade the proposal of installing camera systems in all taxi compartments with a view to consulting the LegCo by end-2024. (TLB)
- Formulate legislative proposals on the regulation of online hailed car platforms, the types and number of vehicle for the compliant services, as well as the relevant licensing requirements for the platform, vehicles, and drivers, etc., within 2025. (TLB)

Cross-boundary traffic

- Continue to work with the Mainland authorities to timely review and further enhance the implementation arrangements of Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles. (TLB)
- Commence the first phase of Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles, and allow Guangdong vehicles to travel through the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to the automated car parks on the Hong Kong Port Island. (TLB)

Deepening Reform of the Healthcare System

- Review comprehensively the positioning and the objectives of the healthcare system, and reform the functions and division of labour between the Department of Health (DH), the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Primary Healthcare Commission (PHCC), with a view to enhancing the service effectiveness of the public healthcare system in Hong Kong. (HHB)

- Consider the recommendations set out in the review report of the HA's Review Committee on the Management of the Public Hospital System with a view to improving its performance in the areas of governance, appraisal, accountability and distribution of responsibilities, operations, risk management and procedural compliance. (HHB)

Promoting the development of primary healthcare

- Introduce a bill to the LegCo within 2026 to strengthen the governance structure of primary healthcare, and empower the PHCC to set up a quality assurance and monitoring mechanism. (HHB)
- Formulate a life-course approach health promotion strategy having regard to Hong Kong's demographic structure and the health needs of different social groups to improve public health, and draw up health management plans according to different age groups and health statuses. (HHB)
- The DH will re-orientate the family planning service provided by its Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) to enhance pre-pregnancy health service, as well as review and adjust the scope of the subsidised family planning service currently provided by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), so as to dovetail with the Government's policy of encouraging and promoting healthy fertility. (HHB)
- The MCHCs will strengthen support for healthy parenting, including enhancing the provision of parenting education service, childcare information and individual counselling, so as to boost parents' confidence and skills in parenting, thereby minimising the likelihood of future child behavioral issues. (HHB)

- Re-organise the school-based health promotion work under the DH's Student Health Service through extending the Whole School Health Programme to cover all primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong. Health reports will be compiled for each participating school to recommend school-based measures to improve physical activities and diet arrangements etc., with a view to further promoting student's physical and mental health in schools. (HHB)
- Continue to take forward the work of tobacco control and implement the next-phase tobacco control initiatives with a view to further reducing smoking prevalence and minimising the social hazards posed by tobacco products, thereby safeguarding public health. (HHB)
- Encourage and support the elderly in the community, in particular elderly singletons, via district networks to receive necessary vaccination, so as to reduce the risk of complications and death due to infection. (HHB)
- Continue to develop the District Health Centres (DHCs), gradually upgrade the interim DHC Expresses into DHCs, expand the multi-disciplinary primary healthcare service network, with priority given to integrating the services of the DH's Woman Health Centres and Elderly Health Centres into DHCs, and integrate relevant services into those of other private healthcare service providers through strategic purchasing. (HHB)
- Develop a community drug formulary and launch a community pharmacy programme with the support of centralised purchasing and community networks, facilitating more convenient access to affordable primary healthcare drugs for citizens. (HHB)
- Enhance the role of general out-patient clinics (GOPCs) as primary healthcare service providers for the underprivileged, and introduce chronic disease screening services and strengthen nurse clinic services. (HHB)
- Expand the service scope of the Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme (CDCC Pilot Scheme) to cover blood lipid tests in order to enable more comprehensive assessment and proper management of the risk factors (including high blood pressure, high blood glucose and high blood lipids) of cardiovascular diseases, and examine the feasibility of integrating the GOPC Public-Private Partnership Programme under the HA into the CDCC Pilot Scheme. (HHB)
- Enhance end-of-life care services for terminally ill patients, including supporting measures for dying in place and enhancing life and death education, to improve their quality of life to the last moments and enhance the well-being of their families during the patients' final stage of life and beyond their departure. (HHB)
- Proceed with the legislation of the Advance Decision on Life-sustaining Treatment Bill and finalise the relevant implementation details. (HHB)
- Commence phase two of the Breast Cancer Screening Pilot Programme to provide screening for high-risk women. (HHB)
- Explore the strategies for lung cancer screening applicable to Hong Kong through reviewing local data, including the possibility of using AI to assist screening, having regard to the latest recommendation of the Cancer Expert Working Group on Cancer Prevention and Screening. (HHB)

- Roll out a new programme to subsidise hepatitis B screening to prevent liver cancer, under which DHCs and family doctors provide risk-based hepatitis B screening and management through strategic purchasing. (HHB)

Enhancing public and private healthcare services

- Examine the structure and levels of HA's fees and charges with a view to encouraging prudent use of services, directing resources to those with the most need and for those with serious or critical conditions, increasing the support to patients with financial difficulties, and strengthening the financial sustainability of the targeted subsidisation of the public healthcare services. (HHB)
- The HA will strengthen the centralised procurement of drugs and medical devices used in various clusters of the public healthcare system by end-2024, so as to enhance the bargaining power of purchasing drugs and medical devices, and reduce by about half the time for introducing new drugs with proven efficacy and cost-effectiveness to the Drug Formulary. (HHB)
- The HA will formulate a directory for inherited and rare diseases by using genomic data of the Hong Kong Genome Institute, thereby facilitating early diagnosis and treatment by clinical teams, while supporting relevant research and clinical trials to promote precision medicine. (HHB)
- Consolidate the highly specialised paediatric services in all clusters and implement the "hub-and-spoke model" to enable the Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH) to fulfil its function as the Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics, thereby enhancing the quality of paediatric care in Hong Kong and providing a platform conducive to research development and professional training. (HHB)
- The HA will explore expanding its pediatrics services, including increasing the scope of newborn screening; collaborating with foetal medicine teams to perform magnetic resonance imaging diagnoses of the brain and the central nervous system of fetuses and newborns; initiating and developing complex neurosurgical procedures, establishing evidence-based therapeutic centres and clinical research centres, as well as maintaining case directories for diseases such as neuromuscular disorders, and establishing an advanced gene therapy centre. (HHB)
- Finalise the projects and the timetable of the second Hospital Development Plan to dovetail with the development of the Northern Metropolis and address local healthcare needs of various districts while increasing service capacity, enhancing service quality and upgrading hospital facilities in a timely manner. (HHB)
- Set up the first acute stroke centre in accordance with the national accreditation standards at a public hospital of Hong Kong with a view to enhancing acute stroke services. (HHB)
- Prepare for the establishment of the second chest pain centre in Prince of Wales Hospital within 2025 based on the experience of setting up Hong Kong's first chest pain centre in Queen Mary Hospital. (HHB)
- Enhance the triage system and referral arrangements of specialist out-patient services, including setting up multi-specialty integrated clinics, to avoid the need for multiple referrals so that patients with acute needs could receive appropriate specialist services in a timely manner and patients with mild and stable conditions may receive integrated care. (HHB)

- Increase the capacity of cataract surgery by at least 20% to shorten patients' waiting time. (HHB)
- Organise a professional platform to formulate evidence-based clinical guidelines and explore devising quality and cost-benefit indicators for public and private healthcare services, thereby fostering professional exchanges among healthcare staff to make best use of resources in providing effective patient care. (HHB)
- Develop quality indicators for public and private healthcare systems and explore legislation for price transparency of private healthcare to enhance service efficiency and address medical inflation, with plan to consult the sectors in 2025. (HHB)
- Introduce an amendment bill for the Electronic Health Record Sharing System Ordinance into the LegCo to empower the Secretary for Health to require healthcare providers to deposit prescribed essential health data in citizens' personal eHealth accounts, which will enable citizens to have a more complete electronic health records, thereby enhancing the continuity of care. (HHB)
- Utilise the newly amended legislative framework to actively admit non-locally trained doctors, nurses and dentists to enhance manpower. (HHB)
- The HA will continue to implement various initiatives to attract, train and retain talents, and will actively pursue programmes for recruitment of and exchanges among healthcare professionals including non-locally trained doctors, nurses and allied health professionals. (HHB)
- Introduce an amendment bill to the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance in early 2025 to admit qualified non-locally trained allied health professionals. (HHB)

Promoting the development of Chinese medicine

Bridging together healthcare professionals

- Continue to increase the number of medical training places in Hong Kong by increasing student intake of the two existing medical schools from 590 currently to 650 with effect from the 2025/26 academic year. (HHB)
- Support the proposition for establishment of the third medical school by local universities, set up a task group to invite universities interested in establishing the new medical school to submit proposals, and reserve land in Ngau Tam Mei to develop the campus of the new medical school and a new integrated medical teaching and research hospital. (HHB)
- Collaborate with the Chinese medicine (CM) sector for drawing up a Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint to outline the vision, direction and strategy for Hong Kong's long-term CM development with a view to promoting its all-round and high-quality development. (HHB)
- Explore the application of big data to promote international research collaboration on herb-drug interaction with a view to discovering more evidence of clinical significance to promote the internationalisation of CM. (HHB)
- Strengthen the integrated Chinese-Western medicine services to cover more disease areas where CM has an advantage, including gradually extending the cancer care programme to all hospital clusters and expanding services to the treatment of respiratory diseases and knee osteoarthritis, etc.. (HHB)
- Complete and commence phased operation of the Chinese Medicine Hospital and the permanent premises of the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute in 2025. (HHB)

- Organise the first edition of Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Culture Festival by end-2024. (HHB)
- Subsidise through the Chinese Medicine Development Fund starting from the second quarter of 2025 as an incentive for organising more large-scale international and regional CM conferences, exhibitions and events in Hong Kong. (HHB)

Oral health

- Submit the report of the Working Group on Oral Health and Dental Care summarising the findings of its comprehensive review of the dental care services provided by the Government, including the delivery models and service scope. (HHB)
- Launch the Primary Dental Co-Care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents to encourage the prevention of dental diseases, as well as the Community Dental Support Programme for enhancing the dental services for the under-privileged, including elderly persons with financial difficulties supplanting the Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme. (HHB)
- Provide oral check-ups and preventive dental services for pre-school children to tackle their tooth decay problems. (HHB)

Promoting mental health

- Set an annual promotional theme for the Mental Health Workplace Charter, and give recognition to qualifying participating organisations for achieving specific targets. (HHB)
- Develop a multi-disciplinary tiered framework, from dealing with general emotional problems at the frontline to handling cases requiring follow-up and more serious mental illnesses cases, which delineates the roles of and division of work among different professionals (such as teaching staff members, social workers, and healthcare workers, etc.) in the provision of mental health services for cases at each tier, with a view to enabling different professionals to work together and perform their respective roles smoothly. (HHB, EDB, LWB)

- Regularise the Pilot Project on Transitional Support Service for Persons in Mental Recovery in the first quarter of 2026 to continuously provide support services for persons in mental recovery who are preparing for discharge from hospitals and waitlisting for halfway houses. (LWB)
- Enhance the services of the Cyber Youth Support Teams in the second quarter of 2025 to provide an online support platform for the emotional wellness of the young people. (LWB)
- Set up an additional Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness in Tung Chung in the first quarter of 2026. (LWB)
- Implement the 4Rs Mental Health Charter in the 2024/25 school year to foster the mental health of students, staff and parents in a more holistic manner. Additional related services, activities and programmes are provided to schools through inter-departmental and cross-sectoral collaboration. (EDB)
- Extend and enhance the Three-Tier School-based Emergency Mechanism to end-December 2025, and strengthen the collaboration among the school's multi-disciplinary team, off-campus supporting network and medical services for early identification and support of students with high risks. (EDB, LWB, HHB)
- Launch the "Mental Health Literacy" resource packages for senior secondary and lower primary levels in the 2024/25 school year, with a view to proactively enhancing students' awareness of mental health and assisting schools in promoting it. (EDB)
- Organise about 20 additional thematic teacher training sessions in the 2024/25 school year to strengthen teachers' capacity in early identification and support for students with mental health needs. (EDB)

- Organise more thematic parent education programmes to assist them to acquire the knowledge and skills in supporting the healthy growth of their children and taking care of their mental health, and promote positive parental education and raise parents' awareness in children's mental health through diversified modes such as district-based film gala presentations. (EDB)

Building a Caring and Inclusive Society

Targeted poverty alleviation

- Launch the Third Cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme by end-2024. (CSO, LWB)
- Launch three more projects of the Pilot Programme on Community Living Room within 2025 through tripartite collaboration of the Government, the business sector and the community, with a view to benefitting about 1 300 target households. (CSO, LWB)
- Continue to implement the School-based After School Care Service Scheme in the 2024/25 school year and double the number of primary schools covered by the Scheme from the current 50 to more than 110, so as to allow primary school students in need to stay in school after class to receive care and learning support. (CSO, LWB, EDB)
- Launch a three-year pilot scheme within 2025 to subsidise elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients who opt to retire in Guangdong to reside in designated residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in Guangdong to improve their living environment and quality of life, with 1 000 quotas. (LWB)

Care for the elderly

- Increase the number of the Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly by 20% to a total of 6 000 starting from the second quarter of 2025. (LWB)

- Enhance the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong by increasing the number of participating RCHEs, sharing part of the local medical expenses of the elderly participants on a two-year pilot basis, and providing them with caring services. (LWB)
- The HKMA and the Social Welfare Department will explore with the banking sector feasible ways to enable Hong Kong elderly persons retiring in the Guangdong and Fujian Provinces to receive portable cash assistance from the Government more conveniently. (LWB)
- Complete a holistic review on the skill and qualification requirements of staff providing health and rehabilitation services in residential care homes by end-2024, including exploring the creation of a promotion rank for serving health workers and the relaxation of the academic qualification requirements of the certificate in progression training for Care Workers. (LWB)

Support for carers

- Extend the coverage of the District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams)-Pilot Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers from two districts now to all districts. The objectives are to identify households of singleton or doubleton elderly and carers of elderly persons or persons with disabilities in need and refer their cases to the relevant social welfare units for follow-up. The Government will also assist households referred by the Care Teams to install and use emergency alarm systems as necessary. (LWB)
- Explore the setting up of a multi-disciplinary, cross-institutional database on carers of elderly persons or persons with disabilities which, coupled with a university-designed identification tool, will enable early identification of high-risk cases for provision of support. (LWB)

Strengthening support for persons with disabilities

- Set up 14 Integrated Community Rehabilitation Centres (ICRCs) across the territory in phases, including regularising the operation of two ICRCs participating in the pilot project from the third quarter of 2025 onwards, as well as enhancing the functions of existing Community Rehabilitation Day Centres and converting them into ICRCs progressively. This would provide persons with disabilities requiring medium- to high-level care with flexible and integrated community support services through a case management approach. (LWB)
- Provide 1 280 additional day community rehabilitation and home care service places for persons with severe disabilities and 90 additional peer supporter posts, so as to enhance the support services for persons with disabilities and their carers. (LWB)
- Set up an additional district support centre for persons with disabilities in New Territories East in the third quarter of 2026. (LWB)
- Increase the number of rehabilitation (including day, residential and respite care) service places from about 37 300 in 2023-24 to about 39 900 by 2028-29. (LWB)
- Provide about 1 040 additional day care, residential care and pre-school rehabilitation service places in 2025-26. (LWB)
- Increase the number of representatives of persons with disabilities and their carers in the new term of the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee in 2025 to better gauge their needs. (LWB)
- Replace the current Personal Care Worker Grant with the Personal Care Enhancement Grant for Boarders starting from the 2025/26 school year, with a view to enhancing the personal care services provided for boarders of relevant special schools. (EDB)
- Introduce the “Caring Employer” medal to commend employers who actively engage persons with disabilities. (LWB)

- Encourage the establishment of more social enterprises which engage persons with disabilities. (LWB)
- Regularise the Pilot Project on Enhancing Vocational Rehabilitation Services with effect from the third quarter of 2025 to enhance the service and training model of sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, to build a better vocational rehabilitation and training ladder for persons with disabilities. (LWB)

Promoting women development

- Build networks with female leaders in professional and business sectors for regular communication and exchange with them. (HYAB)
- Launch the She Inspires Mentorship Programme, which will match female university students in Hong Kong who aspire to pursue a career in the professional or business sectors with senior management mentors, and provide related training and activities. (HYAB)
- Continue to organise the Family and Women Development Summit to listen to the stakeholders’ views on women’s development and the promotion of family education. (HYAB)
- Keep the one-stop family and women information portal under review and enrich its content. (HYAB)
- Continue to encourage women’s groups and NGOs to make good use of the Women Empowerment Fund to facilitate women’s development of their own potential and self-enhancement. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement, through the Community Care Fund, the Maintenance Mediation Pilot Scheme to subsidise an NGO in providing mediation services on maintenance to resolve related disputes. (HYAB)

Supporting family and childcare

- Set up an additional aided standalone child care centre and increase the service places of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project by 25% to 2 500, thereby increasing the estimated number of benefitting children to 25 000. (LWB)
- Co-operate with the Family Council to organise the Hong Kong Excellent Family Awards in 2025 to promote good family values to the general public. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education to subsidise non-profit-making community projects in promoting family education and to enhance work in relation to family building, family education and family values. (HYAB)
- Provide childcare leave from April 2025 for government employees with children aged under three. (CSB)
- Enhance special work arrangements on festivals or their eves starting from January 2025 to create a family-friendly working environment for government employees. (CSB)
- The HA, as the largest employer of healthcare professionals in Hong Kong, will introduce a number of family-friendly measures, which include introducing child care leave, extending the fractional work arrangement from the doctors staff group to other staff groups, facilitating the organisation of parent support groups, and organising more family-oriented recreational activities to facilitate the promotion of harmonious family relationships. (HHB)

Child protection

- Strengthen the professional support for child abuse victims and their families, and make preparations for the implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance. (LWB)

- Continue to progressively follow up on the recommendations of the Review of Residential Child Care and Related Services, including increasing the number of service places and strengthening the support and training for foster families. (LWB)
- Continue to implement the Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions regularised since the 2022/23 school year, providing service for more than 700 participating pre-primary institutions and covering around 130 000 pre-primary children and their families. (LWB)
- Set up four Community Parents and Children Centres on a pilot basis to promote parent-child interaction through play-based services, pass on positive parenting skills to families in need, and refer the families in need to various government and community services. (LWB)

Supporting ethnic minorities

- Continue to support the Steering Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, to strengthen cross-bureau/inter-departmental collaboration, as well as to co-ordinate and provide steer on support measures for ethnic minorities (EMs). (CMAB)
- Continue to co-ordinate the representations, in EM languages, of policies on and services for EMs by bureaux and departments on their webpages. (CMAB)
- Commence the services of the support service centres for EMs in Kowloon Central and New Territories East by end-2024, with their EM Care Teams to be launched in tandem. (HYAB)
- Commission an additional support service centre for EMs starting from 2025, which, together with the existing Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents, will provide interpretation and translation services for EMs to alleviate the inconvenience they face due to language barrier. (HYAB)

- Strengthen Chinese learning support and parents assistance for non-Chinese speaking students (including EM students), which include organising after-school Chinese language courses, enhancing the Online Chinese Language Self-learning Resources, organising cross-school teacher learning communities, etc., and to organise parent education activities for parents of non-Chinese speaking students and launch the Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students to facilitate them to support their children's whole-person development. (EDB)

Eliminating discrimination

- Support the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in conveying positive messages of mutual respect, diversity and inclusion through enhanced promotional and public education efforts, and continue to study with the EOC ways to strengthen legal protection against sexual harassment. (CMAB)

Care Teams

- Regularise the establishment of the Care Teams and increase the resources available for each Care Team to about \$1.5 million per team for two years in the next funding agreement. (HYAB)
- Launch the Care Team Outstanding Service Award Scheme to recognise those Care Teams, Care Team members, volunteers and partnering organisations that have provided outstanding services. (HYAB)

Promoting hometown culture

- Continue to implement the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme, focusing on uniting clansmen in Hong Kong (including “drifters in Hong Kong”) in 2025. It will provide funding support for clansmen associations to organise various activities, thereby facilitating patriotic education and promoting the spirit of loving the Country, Hong Kong and the hometown. (HYAB)

Labour Support

Reforming the Employees Retraining Board Strengthening the training of local workers

- Starting from the first quarter of 2025, the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) will introduce a series of measures to enhance its services, including removing the restriction on educational attainment of service targets and increasing the total number of annual places by at least 15 000; strengthening collaboration with higher education institutions, large organisations and leading enterprises to provide more skills upgrading courses and courses that cater to Hong Kong's innovative development; increasing the capacity of its career planning and job-matching services; and establishing a brand new integrated training service and learning centre to promote continuous training for all. (LWB)
- The ERB will formulate an action plan within 2025 for reforming its functions, structure and operation mode as well as consolidating its training resources. (LWB)
- The ERB will consult industry sectors to launch more intensive courses with compressed lesson hours and contents, and offer more placement-tied courses, so as to facilitate the prompt increase in labour supply (such as non-ethnic Chinese) for trades with manpower shortage. (LWB)
- The ERB will continue to pilot the One-stop Training and Employment Scheme for trades facing severe manpower shortage, and will review its effectiveness in early 2026. (LWB)
- Offer two vacant school premises with no designated use for major trade unions with experience in vocational training to apply for establishing their training bases, and provide them with appropriate assistance in running courses of different trades and nurturing talents with novel skills, so as to further support vocational training for local employees. (LWB, DEVB)

Enhancing the Mandatory Provident Fund system

- Complete within 2025 legislative amendments for introducing Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) Full Portability, thereby enabling its launch soon after full implementation of the eMPF Platform. (FSTB)
- Continue with the sequential and orderly onboarding of MPF trustees to the eMPF Platform launched in June 2024 to ensure its full implementation in 2025 as scheduled, with a view to enhancing the operational efficiency of the MPF system and creating room for fee reduction. (FSTB)

Protecting labour and raising labour force

- Implement a 25-year subsidy scheme to tie in with the abolition of offsetting arrangement under the MPF System on 1 May 2025, and continue to publicise the relevant requirements widely. (LWB)
- Review the coverage of ex-gratia payment of severance payment under the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund to enhance the protection for employees subsequent to the abolition of MPF offsetting arrangement. (LWB)
- Implement the new Statutory Minimum Wage review mechanism. (LWB)
- Introduce an amendment bill into the LegCo in the first half of 2025 to relax the “continuous contract” requirement under the Employment Ordinance to 68 aggregate working hours for four weeks, which would allow employees to enjoy comprehensive employment rights easier. (LWB)
- Launch a Good Employee Recognition Campaign to tie in with the Good Employer Charter 2024 to promote harmonious labour relations. (LWB)

Promoting occupational safety and health

- Implement the revised Code of Practice for Safety and Health at Work in Confined Spaces to impose stricter requirements on contractors to supervise work in confined spaces. (LWB)
- Explore the option of encouraging the industry to use more technological equipment for enhancing construction safety, such as requiring contractors to use AI and Internet of Things sensors for monitoring work in confined spaces. (LWB, DEVB)
- The Drainage Services Department will lay down the requirements on application of technology to enhance supervision of confined spaces work in new contracts. (DEVB, LWB)
- The Labour Department will reform the safety training courses for work in confined spaces, as well as consider lengthening the duration of such courses and shortening the validity period of the related safety certificates, so that practitioners can refresh their safety knowledge and keep abreast of the latest developments in the law more frequently. (LWB)

Green and Low-carbon Lifestyle

Promoting waste reduction and recycling

- Continue to encourage private residential premises to participate in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter, and enhance public awareness and habits of recycling through measures such as optimising the service hours of the recycling facilities under GREEN@COMMUNITY, doubling the number of residential food waste collection facilities in Hong Kong, as well as strengthening the publicity and education on waste reduction and recycling in the community and schools. (EEB)

- I·PARK 1, the first waste-to-energy facility for treating municipal solid waste, is expected to be commissioned within 2025. Continue to take forward the development of I·PARK 2, with a view to achieving the goal of “Zero Landfill”. (EEB)
- Introduce a bill into the LegCo to establish a common legislative framework of producer responsibility schemes on different products, thereby facilitating the progressive inclusion of such products as plastic beverage containers and beverage cartons in future. (EEB)
- With facilitation measures in place, increase the useable area and extend the lease term of short-term tenancy sites designated for recycling operation to provide the recycling trade with more room for upcycling. (EEB)

Striving towards carbon neutrality

- Extend the carbon audit practice applicable to government buildings to government infrastructure progressively to further enhance the Government’s carbon management. (EEB)
- Launch a new round of Cleaner Production Partnership Programme with a funding of \$100 million to encourage Hong Kong-owned factories in Hong Kong and Guangdong Province to adopt cleaner production technologies, thereby continually improving regional environmental quality and progressing to the target of attaining carbon neutrality. (EEB)

Continue promoting ecological conservation

- Continue to take forward the establishment of the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park for the conservation of important wetland ecosystems, provision of eco-education and recreation facilities, and promotion of the modernisation of aquaculture, with a view to achieving co-existence of conservation and development. (EEB)

- Update the Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan to formulate a comprehensive strategy up to 2035, thereby enhancing the conservation of local nature ecology and contributing to national and global biodiversity governance. (EEB)
- Strengthen the protection of marine mammals in Hong Kong waters, including Chinese White Dolphins, through enhancing public education, reviewing legislation and regulations, and working more closely with the Mainland, etc. (EEB)
- Continue to develop and enhance facilities of country parks to enrich visitors’ experience, including the construction of a viewing platform overlooking Po Pin Chau in Sai Kung East Country Park and the revitalisation of Lin Ma Hang Lead Mine in Robin’s Nest Country Park, which are scheduled for completion and opening by end-2024. (EEB)

Expanding the charging network of electric vehicles

- Inject \$300 million into a new subsidy scheme to provide financial assistance to private organisations for installation of fast charging facilities, thereby expediting the expansion of the charging network. (EEB)
- Invite the industry to express views in 2025 on setting up fast charging stations (FCSs) at existing individual petrol filling station sites and topside development for other purposes above the FCSs, under the “single site, multiple uses” model. (EEB)

Conservation of heritage buildings

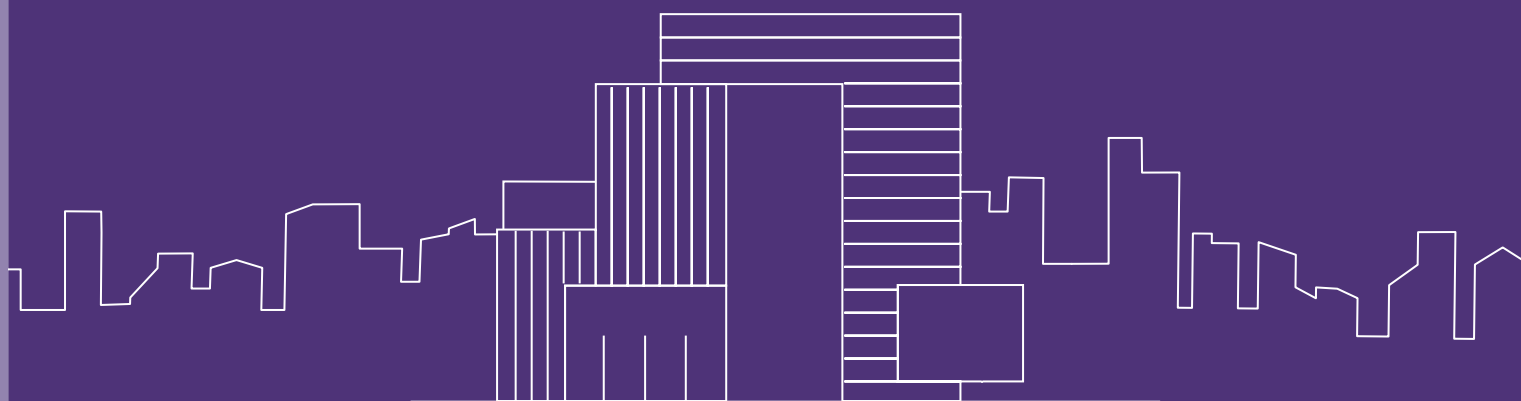
- Continue to deepen collaboration and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, in particular other cities within the GBA and Shanghai, on archaeology, conservation and revitalisation of historic buildings, as well as public education and talent training, including co-organising exhibitions and loaning exhibits, conducting joint studies, assigning staff for professional training and jointly organising forums. (DEVB)

Enhancing Food Safety

- In 2024-25, review food safety standards regarding metal content in food under the Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations with reference to international standards and practices, with a view to formulating legislative amendment proposals and launching public consultation. (EEB)
- The Centre for Food Safety will publish the first report of its second Hong Kong Total Diet Study by end-2024. The Study aims to estimate dietary exposures to food chemicals for various population groups and assess the associated health risks, so as to provide a scientific basis for assessing food safety risks. (EEB)

Annex

Progress of Indicators for Specified Tasks in 2023 Policy Address



(I) New Indicators

No.	Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
1	Press ahead with the legislation on Article 23 of the Basic Law by putting forward effective legislative proposals, with a view to completing the legislative work within 2024. (SB)	Task completed. The Safeguarding National Security Ordinance was passed by the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 19 March 2024 and came into effect on 23 March 2024 upon gazettal.
2	Introduce a bill into the LegCo within 2024 to enhance the protection of cybersecurity of critical infrastructure. (SB)	Task on track. The Security Bureau (SB) consulted the LegCo Panel on Security and relevant stakeholders in July 2024. The target is to introduce the bill into the LegCo by end-2024.
3	Set up a national security exhibition gallery in 2024 to enhance the promotion of national security, with the target attendance of no less than 100 000 in 2025, and provide community courses on national security for at least 2 600 trainees in 2025. Based on the sharing of the message on safeguarding national security with 30 persons by every trainee, the number of beneficiaries will be no fewer than 78 000. (Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, SB)	Task on track. The National Security Exhibition Gallery has been opened to the public since 7 August 2024, and recorded a patronage of over 80 000 persons as at end-September. The Community Courses on National Security will start in November 2024, and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the SB will nominate young people and members of local communities to join the training courses.
4	Promote patriotic education in the community through the set-up of the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence within 2024 and the Chinese Culture Promotion Office under the LCSD in Q2 2024. Starting from 2024, LCSD will organise:	Task completed. The LCSD established the Chinese Culture Promotion Office (CCPO) in April and converted the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence into the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence on 3 September 2024.

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	- over 50 activities to promote Chinese culture and history annually; and - a major thematic exhibition to showcase the development and achievements of our country annually. A total attendance of more than 700 000 per year are expected for the above initiatives. (CSTB)	Target for 2024 exceeded. The CCPO has launched over 200 activities to promote Chinese culture and history. The first Chinese Culture Festival was held from June to September 2024. Target for 2024 completed. The CCPO and the Hong Kong Science Museum have organised the “Glorious Voyage: Splendid Achievements of the People’s Republic of China in Its 75 Years” Exhibition Series to showcase the achievements of the New China in various fields since its founding 75 years ago. The exhibition is being held from late September in 2024 to early February in 2025. The above initiatives attracted more than 700 000 participants.
5	Promote patriotic education on and off campus and in the 2023/24 school year: Publish the curriculum framework on humanities at primary level; conduct textbook reviews, provide 4 000 training places for teachers and teaching resources in the 2024/25 school year, and introduce the subject in the 2025/26 school year;	Task on track. The Education Bureau (EDB) announced the Primary Humanities Curriculum Framework in the 2023/24 school year, and also provided over 12 000 training places in the 2023/24 school year, which is a year ahead of schedule, far exceeding the indicator as set out in the 2023 Policy Address. It is expected that relevant targets for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years will be achieved as planned.
	Conduct focus inspections of at least 50 schools on their implementation of national education to enhance the quality and effectiveness of national education;	Task completed. The EDB conducted focus inspections of 50 schools on their implementation of national education in the 2023/24 school year. Relevant focus inspections will be conducted in each school year on an ongoing basis.
	Launch the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country 2.0” series of inter-school national education activities with expected attendance reaching 15 000;	Task completed. The “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country 2.0” series of inter-school national education activities were successfully held in the 2023/24 school year with positive feedback from the school sector. The attendance reached 30 000, far higher than expected.

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	Organise onsite enrichment seminars on national security education for about 2 000 principals and teachers; and	Task completed. The EDB organised onsite enrichment seminars on national security education for about 5 000 principals and teachers in the 2023/24 school year.
	Organise about 45 Mainland study tours for about 5 000 newly-joined teachers in publicly-funded schools and promoted teachers in public sector schools. (EDB)	Task completed. The EDB organised 42 Mainland study tours for about 5 000 newly-joined teachers in publicly-funded schools and promoted teachers in public sector schools in the 2023/24 school year.
6	Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) to strengthen co-production of television programmes that foster the affection for our country with Mainland broadcasters, and to broadcast no less than two co-produced programmes in Hong Kong and the Mainland within 2024. (CEDB)	Task completed. The RTHK has strengthened co-operation with six Mainland broadcasters, and has so far broadcast five co-produced programmes in Hong Kong and the Mainland by end-September 2024 to jointly tell the good stories of our country and Hong Kong.
7	Expand the coverage of RTHK's FM channel which relays the "Radio the Greater Bay" of the China Media Group from the current 50% to 99% by end-2024. (CEDB)	Task on track. The coverage of the FM channel relaying the "Radio the Greater Bay" will be expanded to 99% by end-2024 as targeted.
8	Continue to press ahead better use of technology in service delivery amongst government departments: Fully implement the provision of electronic payment option for all government fees by Q3 2024 to provide the public with a choice to settle service payments through the Faster Payment System, and support payment with Mainland e-wallets for government services commonly used by Mainland visitors for their convenience; (ITIB)	Task completed. The provision of electronic payment option has been fully implemented for over 600 payment items, and some 80 government services commonly used by Mainland visitors have supported fee payment with Mainland e-wallets.
	Expand the AI chatbot service for the 1823 enquiry service in answering frequently asked questions under its scope of service, and use AI to assist in drafting replies for written enquiries, for enhancing the efficiency of case handling by Q3 2024 or before; (ITIB)	Task completed. The AI chatbot service for the 1823 enquiry service in answering frequently asked questions under its scope of service has been fully expanded, and AI has been used to assist in drafting replies for written enquiries from members of the public.

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	The Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to launch the “HKSOS” mobile application with built-in Smart Search and Rescue Solution to assist rescuers to locate persons in need within Q1 2024; (SB)	Task completed. The “HKSOS” mobile application was officially launched on 20 January 2024 and has functioned successfully in assisting the location of persons in need of help during search and rescue operations.
	The HKPF to launch the Electronic Closed Area Permit and Electronic Closed Road Permit by end-2023, and shorten the time required for processing applications; and (SB)	Task completed. Since June 2024, the Police have fully rolled out the Electronic Closed Area Permit system, allowing various categories of persons who need access to the Frontier Closed Area to submit applications online.
	The Correctional Services Department to launch the Social Visit e-Booking Service by end-2023 for members of the public to book online for visits to persons in custody via the Department’s website or mobile application. (SB)	Task completed. The Correctional Services Department launched the Social Visit e-Booking Service on 1 November 2023 for members of the public to book for visits to persons in custody.
9	Starting from 2024, the automated car parks constructed by the AAHK on the Hong Kong Port Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge will be completed by phases for use by transit passengers or inbound visitors from Guangdong and Macao. Together with the operation of newly completed government car parks and short-term tenancy car parks by 2026, a total of more than 3 000 automated parking spaces will be provided. (TLB)	Task on track. The construction of government automated car parks and the first phase of the Airport Authority Hong Kong’s (AAHK) automated car parks will both be completed on schedule.
10	Launch the “Civil Service Volunteer Commendation Scheme” in Q3 2024 to encourage participation in and organisation of more volunteer work among civil servants. (CSB)	Task completed. The list of awardees of the inaugural “Civil Service Volunteer Commendation Scheme” was announced in August 2024. The award presentation ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Secretary for the Civil Service’s Commendation Award Presentation Ceremony.

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11	Publicise the good stories of award recipients in the Secretary for the Civil Service's Commendation Award Scheme held in November annually as well as in various other commendation schemes for civil servants from end-2023 onwards through electronic, social and print media to showcase and promote achievements of the awardees in their work and their dedication to serving the community. (CSB)	Task completed. The good stories of award recipients in the "Chief Executive's Award for Exemplary Performance 2024" and the "Secretary for the Civil Service's Commendation Award Scheme 2023" have been broadcast through different media channels. The Government will continue to publicise, through various channels, the good stories of award-winning civil servants in various commendation schemes and that of other civil servants with outstanding performances.
12	Conduct briefings for and issue guidelines on the streamlined mechanism of retiring officers in the public interest with persistent sub-standard performance to Heads of Departments/Grades and departmental management by end-2023, and step up efforts to monitor the handling of these cases by departments. (CSB)	Task completed. The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) introduced the streamlined mechanism to all departmental management through briefing sessions during October and November 2023, and provided all departments with a management kit for handling cases in December, so as to enable departments to better understand the operation of the streamlined mechanism. The CSB will continue to step up efforts to monitor the handling of cases by departments through quarterly returns submitted by them and checking with them the progress of cases.
13	Formulate a new "Greater Bay Area Emergency Response and Rescue Operational Plan" with the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government to enhance the capacity of the GBA cities for collaborative disaster prevention, mitigation and relief, and for responding to and providing support during major public emergencies, and sign the relevant co-operation framework agreement within 2024. (SB)	Task completed. The governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao signed the emergency response co-operation framework agreement in June 2024. The first task force meeting is expected to be held in 2025 to take stock of the emergency management co-operation experience and chart out the future development strategy of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao emergency management.

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14	Introduce the company re-domiciliation regime to provide facilitation for companies domiciled overseas to re-domicile to Hong Kong by submitting legislative amendment proposals to LegCo in the first half of 2024. (FSTB)	Task in progress. The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) has conducted public consultation on the company re-domiciliation regime and published the consultation conclusion on 3 July 2024. Given the need to clarify the related legal issues and finalise the details, additional time is required for the drafting of the legislation. It is planned to submit the amendment bill to the LegCo by end-2024.
15	Organise the “Global Talent Summit cum Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High-quality Talent Development Conference” in the first half of 2024, attracting at least 800 attendance. (LWB)	Task completed. The “Global Talent Summit · Hong Kong” was successfully held by the Hong Kong Talent Engage on 7 and 8 May 2024. The two-day summit attracted a total of over 13 000 attendances as well as 130 000 webcast views, and saw the signing of a memorandum of understanding with other GBA cities.
16	Announce the details of the new Capital Investment Entrant Scheme by end-2023, followed by the official launch and invitation for applications in 2024, to enrich the talent pool and attract more new capital to Hong Kong. (FSTB)	Task completed. The New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme has been open for application since 1 March 2024. It has been widely welcomed by investors interested in investing and pursuing development in Hong Kong, with around 5 400 enquiries and over 580 applications received as of end-September 2024.
17	Set up a dedicated office and an expert group within 2024 to establish the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy for promoting exchanges among talents in regions along the B&R and nurturing legal talents conversant with international law and the country’s legal system. (DoJ)	Task on track. The Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Expert Committee will be established in October 2024 and hold its first meeting in November 2024. The Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Office will start operation in Q4 and a launching ceremony will be held in November 2024 to formally launch the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy.

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18	Establish the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption in Q1 2024, and organise about 20 professional anti-corruption training programmes for anti-corruption and related organisations worldwide and about 10 training programmes for local public and private sectors in 2024, benefitting around 2 000 members of these parties. (ICAC)	Task on track. The Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption was formally established on 21 February 2021. As at end-September 2024, the academy organised 17 international and seven local training programmes for about 1 700 graft fighters. A number of these programmes were organised in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. It is expected that the relevant indicator for the task will be achieved as scheduled.
19	Set up the New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme with total funding amount of \$10 billion under the Innovation and Technology Fund and invite applications within 2024 to promote the downstream development of new industrialisation. (ITIB)	Task completed. The New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme was launched in September 2024, and has been open for application since then.
20	Commission the Microelectronics Centre in Yuen Long InnoPark within 2024 for gradual move-in of the newly established Hong Kong Microelectronics Research and Development Institute and other tenants, in a bid to promote the development of microelectronics. (ITIB)	Task on track. Facilities such as light weight workshops and co-working spaces in the Microelectronics Centre are expected to be available for tenants to gradually move in by end-2024.
21	Cyberport to establish an AI supercomputing centre in phases, with the first phase expected for completion and operation within 2024. (ITIB)	Task on track. The first-phase facility of the AI Supercomputing Centre of Cyberport will commence operation by end-2024.
22	Start making preparation within 2024 for the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster focusing on advanced manufacturing, materials, energy and sustainable development in the Hong Kong Science Park, and provide support to no fewer than 50 research projects in the first phase. (ITIB)	Task on track. The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) has commenced the preparatory work regarding the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster, and plans to invite submission of proposals in the first half of 2025.

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23	Promote 5G development within 2024: Launch the industry consultation on the implementation and technical details of the scheme to encourage mobile network operators to expand telecommunications infrastructure in rural and remote areas, with a view to finalising the specific arrangements of the scheme;	Task on track. The Office of the Communications Authority has collected the views of the industry, and is finalising the detailed arrangements of the scheme as planned.
	Co-ordinate proactively with relevant organisations to enhance 5G network capacity at the major public event venues, such as Central Harbourfront Event Space, Hong Kong Coliseum, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, AsiaWorld-Expo, etc.; and	Task on track. The installation works of 5G radio base stations in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, the AsiaWorld-Expo and the vicinity of the Victoria Park have been completed to provide 5G services. Such installation works at the Central Harbourfront Event Space, the Hong Kong Coliseum and the Kai Tak Sports Park are also underway as scheduled, with successive commissioning of 5G network services at these locations.
	Conduct two spectrum auctions to provide 510 MHz of spectrum for the provision of public mobile communications services to further improve the transmission speed of 5G networks. (CEDB)	Task on track. The Communications Authority will conduct the relevant spectrum auctions in November 2024 as planned.
24	Promote the development of the culture and creative industries: The newly established Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency to promote 60 industry mission trips, overseas exhibitions and showcases each year from 2024 onwards, so as to open up more business opportunities for Hong Kong's cultural and creative industries by assisting them to conduct business negotiations and organise exhibitions and showcases in the Mainland and overseas markets;	Target for 2024 completed. The Create Hong Kong was restructured as the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency in June 2024. Between 1 April and 16 October 2024, the agency promoted about 60 industry mission trips, overseas exhibitions and showcases, thereby assisting Hong Kong's cultural and creative industries to carry out business negotiations and organise exhibitions and showcases in the Mainland and overseas markets.

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	Launch the Film Financing Scheme for Mainland Market in the first half of 2024 to encourage Hong Kong's directors and Hong Kong's film production companies having experiences in the Mainland market to collaborate on film projects, so as to boost the chance of Hong Kong films for release in the Mainland market. The Government will provide a greater incentive for private investment by earmarking an amount of \$200 million for financing 20 film projects. It is estimated that private investment, together with the financing amount of the fund, will bring a total investment of \$700 million to the film market;	Task completed. The Film Financing Scheme for Mainland Market was open for application on 6 May 2024.
	Subsidise around 50 projects under the CreateSmart Initiative per year from 2024 onwards;	Task on track. Around 30 projects were approved under the CreateSmart Initiative between 1 April and 16 October 2024.
	Roll out the Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme in 2024 with a view to approving four co-productions in Q1 2025, which include at least one production from Europe;	Task on track. The Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme is open for application from 28 June 2024 to 22 November 2024.
	Announce the implementation and application details of the newly established Signature Performing Arts Programme Scheme in the first half of 2024;	Task completed. The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) announced in October 2024 the launch of the Scheme as well as its framework and key arrangements.
	Organise the Hong Kong Fashion Design Week each year from 2024 onwards to attract at least 40 000 participants and 500 000 online views; and	Task on track. The Hong Kong Fashion Design Week in 2024 will be held at specified locations on the Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon between 20 November and 4 December.

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	Launch the Pilot Scheme on the Use of School Venues by Arts Groups and to start receiving applications from arts groups in the first half of 2024. (CSTB)	Task completed. The Pilot Scheme on the Use of School Venues by Arts Groups started to receive applications from arts groups in May 2024. Arts groups successfully matched with schools have gradually started using school venues for rehearsals since September.
25	The InvestHK and the HKTDC to set up two new consultant offices along the B&R within 2024-25. (CEDB)	Task on track. The InvestHK's consultant office in Egypt commenced operation in July 2024, while that in Türkiye is expected to commence operation in Q1 2025.
26	Increase the amount of funding approved for supporting SMEs from \$1,327 million in 2022 to \$1,600 million in 2024. (CEDB)	Target completed ahead of schedule. The total amount of funding approved in the first nine months of 2024 exceeded \$1,600 million.
27	Complete the legislative procedures by November 2023 for reducing the rate of Stamp Duty on Stock Transfer from the current 0.13% to 0.1% of the consideration or value of each transaction payable by buyers and sellers respectively. As for the other short-term measures from the Task Force on Enhancing Stock Market Liquidity on enhancing the competitiveness of the stock market, the HKEX and the Securities and Futures Commission will implement or commence market consultation on the detailed proposals by the first half of 2024. (FSTB)	Task completed. The rate of Stamp Duty on Stock Transfers was reduced to 0.1% of the consideration or value of each transaction payable by buyers and sellers respectively in November 2023. As for the other short-term measures proposed by the Task Force on Enhancing Stock Market Liquidity, the FSTB, the HKEX and the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) have implemented 10 of these measures, and have consulted the market on the detailed proposals of the remaining measure on the review of stock trading spread for its expeditious implementation.
28	The HKEX to implement recommendations on GEM (formerly known as the Growth Enterprise Market) reform within Q1 2024, with a view to strengthening its competitiveness and better serving SMEs. (FSTB)	Task completed. The HKEX implemented the GEM reform measures in January 2024 to facilitate the financing and long-term development of SMEs, strengthening the competitiveness of Hong Kong as an all-round international fundraising hub.

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29	Establish a new integrated fund platform within 2024. (FSTB)	Task on track. The HKEX is working closely with the FSTB, the SFC and other stakeholders on the establishment of the integrated fund platform. It is expected that the first phase of the platform will be launched by end-2024 and the platform will come into full operation in 2025.
30	Enhance the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System: Introduce legislative proposal into LegCo in Q1 2024 for implementing further tax deduction in 2024-25 to encourage employers to make more MPF voluntary contributions for their employees aged 65 or above; and	Task in progress. The FSTB consulted the Panel on Financial Affairs of the LegCo in November 2023 on the legislative proposal to encourage employers to make more MPF voluntary contributions for their employees aged 65 or above. When introducing the proposal to the members of the Executive Council thereafter, there were views on the limited effect for this standalone measure. It was thus recommended that this measure be combined with the other initiatives on Silver Economy for creating synergy. The Government will include this measure to the work of the Working Group on Promoting Silver Economy.
	Launch the eMPF Platform, commence the phased onboarding of MPF trustees to the platform starting from early 2024 and achieve full implementation within 2025. (FSTB)	Task on track. The eMPF Platform commenced operation on 26 June 2024, with the first four MPF trustees successfully onboarded. The remaining trustees will onboard one by one, and the eMPF Platform is expected to achieve full implementation within 2025.
31	Further develop intellectual property trading: Consult the public and stakeholders within 2024 to explore further enhancement to the Copyright Ordinance regarding protection for AI technology development;	Task completed. The public consultation on Copyright and Artificial Intelligence ended on 8 September 2024. The Government is examining the views collected during the consultation and will inform the public of the way forward in due course.
	Introduce the proposed legislative amendments into the LegCo in the first half of 2024 to implement the “patent box” tax incentive; and	Task completed. The “patent box” tax incentive has been implemented since 5 July 2024. Taxpayers can apply for the tax incentive starting from the year of assessment 2023/24.

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	Table the proposed amendments to subsidiary legislation in the LegCo in the first half of 2024 to reduce the fees chargeable by the Designs Registry by 10% to 70% so as to encourage the industry to register their designs in a timely manner. (CEDB)	Task completed. The service fees chargeable by the Designs Registry have been reduced since 1 March 2024.
32	Implement enhancement measures for the three subsidy schemes under the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund, including increasing the subsidy amount, extending the subsidy period and expanding the scheme coverage, within 2023-24 to sustain the efforts in attracting and retaining maritime talents. (TLB)	Task completed. The enhancement measures for the three subsidy schemes have been well received by the industry and in-service maritime practitioners since their launch in December 2023.
33	Promote industry-oriented maritime development: Co-ordinate government departments and stakeholders to publish, within 2023, an action plan on maritime and port development strategy, and follow-up the related strategies and measures continuously to spearhead industry-oriented maritime development;	Task completed. The Action Plan on Maritime and Port Development Strategy was promulgated on 20 December 2023. The Government has been following up on the related strategies and measures continuously, with a view to enhancing the long-term competitiveness of the industry.
	Publish multilingual publicity materials to step up the promotional efforts in targeted overseas markets within 2024, with a view to attracting shipping commercial principals and overseas shipping companies to establish or expand their businesses in Hong Kong, thereby expanding the local maritime network; and	Task completed. The Government has published publicity materials in Chinese, English, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, French and Arabic to present the advantages of the Hong Kong maritime industry for promotion in targeted overseas markets.

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	Enhance the connection with more than 1 000 local, overseas and Mainland companies/organisations to participate in events of the Hong Kong Maritime Week within 2024, which includes showcasing the international status of the Hong Kong maritime industry in collaboration with media partners. (TLB)	Task on track. The Government has invited more than 1 000 local, Mainland and overseas companies, organisations and media partners to participate in the Hong Kong Maritime Week 2024 to be held in November, further showcasing the international status of the Hong Kong maritime industry.
34	Complete the Three-Runway System at the HKIA in 2024 and open relevant passenger facilities progressively in light of passenger traffic demand. (TLB)	Task on track. The AAHK will commission the Three-Runway System by end-2024 as planned and open relevant passenger facilities progressively in light of passenger traffic demand.
35	Introduce “Smartlane” at the HKIA from 2024 to facilitate aviation security screening, and increase the coverage of Flight Token service to 80% of the departure passengers at the HKIA in 2026 to allow them to use facial recognition for passage through various checkpoints at the airport. (TLB)	Task on track. The AAHK has gradually introduced “Smartlane” in Terminal 1 at the HKIA since July 2024 to conduct aviation security screening. Regarding the Flight Token service, it covered 70% of the departure passengers at the HKIA in September 2024, achieving satisfactory progress. The AAHK will continue to increase the coverage of the Flight Token service, and expects to achieve the relevant indicator for the task as scheduled.
36	Complete the first-phase construction of the permanent facility for the HKIA Logistics Park in Dongguan to promote the sea-air intermodal cargo transshipment mode between the HKIA and Dongguan by end-2025. (TLB)	Task on track. The AAHK will commence the works of the permanent facility for the HKIA Logistics Park in Dongguan (now named as “HKIA Dongguan Logistics Park”) in end-2024, with an aim to complete the first-phase construction within 2025.

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37	Continue to develop Hong Kong into a centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region: • Strive for the extension of the measures of “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law” and “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose for arbitration to be seated in Hong Kong” to the whole GBA within 2024;	Task on track. The measure of “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law” will be implemented in the pilot cities of the GBA, whereas the measure of “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose for arbitration to be seated in Hong Kong” will be extended to the whole GBA. These two liberalisation measures have been incorporated into the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services.
	• Strive to conclude the discussions and sign a new arrangement for service of judicial documents in civil and commercial proceedings with the Supreme People’s Court by end-2023;	Task in progress. The task has not been completed as scheduled because more time is required for in-depth discussion with the Supreme People’s Court about improving the service arrangement. The two sides have generally reached a consensus on the arrangement, while some of the elements are more complex than expected. When the text is finalised and agreed, the relevant parties would proceed with their respective internal approval procedures. It is expected that the new arrangement could be signed by end-2024.
	• Establish a standing interfacing platform with the Supreme People’s Court within 2024 for annual high-level meetings to steer the work on facilitating the interface of the legal systems and related research work in the GBA;	Task completed. The Department of Justice (DoJ) successfully established a standing interface platform with the Supreme People’s Court in June 2024 and has organised the first high-level joint meeting under the platform to take forward the implementation of various specific measures.
	• Complete the review of the regulatory system on the accreditation and disciplinary matters of the mediation profession in Hong Kong within 2024 to strengthen mediation professionalism. (DoJ)	Task on track. A working group on the regulatory system for mediation has been formed to review issues such as the regulatory system on the accreditation and disciplinary matters of the mediation profession. The working group plans to complete the review by end-2024 and submit a report and recommendations in Q1 2025.

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38	Boost Hong Kong's tourism: Publish the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0 within 2024;	Task on track. Works are in progress for the release of the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0 (Blueprint 2.0) by end-2024.
	Launch the enhanced Characteristic Local Tourism Incentive Scheme in 2024 to encourage the trade to develop thematic tours, with a view to reaching at least 100 000 visitors;	Target completed in advance. As at August 2024, the Characteristic Local Tourism Incentive Scheme has reached over 100 000 visitors.
	Announce the review findings and action plan on the development of cruise tourism in the first half of 2024;	Task in progress. During the Tourism Commission's (TC) consultation with the trade on the Blueprint 2.0, there were specific views expressed in regard to the development of cruise tourism. The TC considers that the development of cruise tourism should be complementary to the Blueprint 2.0 and hence has decided to announce the action plan alongside the promulgation of the Blueprint 2.0 by end-2024.
	MICE events (i.e. meetings, incentive travels, conventions and exhibitions) subsidised by the Hong Kong Tourism Board between 2023-24 and 2024-25 will attract at least 460 000 MICE visitors to Hong Kong; and	Task on track. More than 460 000 MICE visitors are expected to be attracted to Hong Kong between 2023-24 and 2024-25.
	Formulate and implement smart tourism measures through the inter-departmental Working Group on Smart Tourism in 2024, which include: rolling out a new round of Information Technology Development Matching Fund Scheme for Travel Agents, and increasing the ratio of subsidised travel agents to more than 20%; and implementing a new phase of "City in Time" tourism project using augmented reality technology. (CSTB)	Task on track. An inter-departmental Working Group on Smart Tourism led by the Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism was established in January 2024. A new round of the Information Technology Development Matching Fund Scheme for Travel Agents was rolled out in March 2024. As at September 2024, the ratio of subsidised travel agents was 14%, which is progressing towards the original target for the task. In addition, the TC has rolled out in phases from June 2024 onwards a new phase of the "City in Time" tourism project.

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39	Promote the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industries: Facilitate the establishment, through public-private partnership, of a modernised technoagricultural park in part of Agricultural Park Phase 2 within 2024 to expedite agricultural modernisation;	Task on track. The relevant farmer organisation is finalising the detailed arrangements for the establishment of the modernised technoagricultural park and the project progress is on schedule.
	Launch the first pilot project on urban farming within the area of Ma On Shan Sai Sha Road Garden within 2024; and	Task on track. Preparatory work for the first pilot project on urban farming is being taken forward.
	Devise a set of more lenient food business licence in the first half of 2024 for farms engaged in commercial agricultural production to sell their homegrown produce cooked with simple methods promoting the development of leisure farming. (EEB)	Task completed. Launched the “Agri enJoy” Scheme in end-June 2024 to promote the development of leisure farming. Eligible farms may apply for food business licences under relaxed terms to sell their homegrown produce cooked with simple methods.
40	Expand the scope of the Professional Certification System which adopts a “licence first, inspection later” approach to cover general restaurants in the first half of 2024, expediting the approval and enabling applicants to have a better grasp of the processing time. (EEB)	Task completed. The scope of the Professional Certification System has been expanded to cover general restaurants since February 2024.
41	Regarding the issue of SDUs: Establish a Task Force on Tackling the Issue of Subdivided Units to be led by the Deputy Financial Secretary by end-2023 for putting forward proposals to set for SDUs the minimum standards of living environment and, suggest measures to eradicate substandard SDUs, etc., within 10 months; (HB)	Task completed. The Task Force on Tackling the Issue of Subdivided Units was set up in October 2023, and its report was submitted to the Chief Executive in late August 2024, setting out recommendations for tackling the issue of SDUs in a comprehensive and orderly manner. Based on the Chief Executive’s instructions and comments, the Task Force also submitted further analysis in end-September 2024 for the Chief Executive’s holistic consideration.

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	Step up enforcement of tenancy control on SDUs in 2024-25 by having the Rating and Valuation Department to check landlords of no less than 1 000 SDU households on whether they have committed offences for regulated tenancies; and (HB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, the Rating and Valuation Department preliminarily completed the checking of landlords of more than 500 SDU households.
	Amend the Waterworks Ordinance in 2024 to strengthen the law enforcement power of the Water Authority, with a view to improving the enforcement efficiency as well as increasing the deterrent effect, including that against the illegal act of overcharging for water in SDUs. (DEVB)	Task completed. The Waterworks (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 was gazetted and came into force on 19 April 2024.
42	Relax the arrangements for mortgage default guarantee for SSFs from the first half of 2024, including extending the current maximum mortgage default guarantee period of the second-hand market from 30 to 50 years and allowing purchasers to obtain mortgage loans of longer tenor, to help the circulation of second-hand flats. (HB)	Task completed. The relaxation arrangement has been implemented since 1 March 2024.
43	Select 10 PRH estates as pilot sites in 2024 for trying out innovative technologies to assist in daily estate management work, thereby enhancing estate management effectiveness and service quality. (HB)	Task on track. In the selected 10 pilot PRH estates, the Housing Department has progressively tried out such innovative technologies as the Internet of Things sensors, AI and mobile devices to assist in daily estate management work.
44	Establish the Committee on the Financing of Major Development Projects led by the Financial Secretary and set up the Office for the Financing of Major Development Projects in the first half of 2024 to initiate the assessment and evaluation of the financing options for major development projects. (FSTB)	Task completed. The Committee on the Financing of Major Development Projects was established in December 2023 and has since held meetings on a regular basis. The Office for the Financing of Major Development Projects has also commenced operation since its establishment in January 2024.

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45	Release the development potential of existing land: Complete the re-examination of the planning, development model, as well as infrastructure and supporting transport facilities, of the some 20 hectares of the ex-Lamma Quarry site and put forward development proposals within 2024;	Task on track. The DEVB will put forward proposals on the development direction, land use as well as development model and parameters by end-2024, and invite the market to submit expression of interest submissions in Q1 2025.
	Put forward comprehensive urban renewal master plans and restructuring proposals for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po by phases starting from the second half of 2024;	Task on track. The Urban Renewal Authority will put forward preliminary restructuring proposals in batches starting from Q4 2024 for further discussions.
	The MTRCL to submit proposals in end-2024 to re-plan the railway facility sites in the vicinity of the Hung Hom MTR Station and improve the connectivity between Hung Hom and Tsim Sha Tsui East; and	Task on track. The MTRCL is conducting a study to re-plan the sites in the vicinity of the Hung Hom Station, and will submit proposals to the Government by end-2024.
	Complete the public engagement activities, and commence the detailed design work of the South Lantau eco-tourism or eco-recreation projects within 2024. (DEVB)	Task on track. The public engagement activities was completed in late July 2024. The Government will optimise and refine the proposals and implementation mode for phased commencement of the detailed design work.
46	Promote the development of the construction industry: Provide funding for some 400 enterprises under the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund within 2024 to facilitate their adoption of various innovative technologies in construction projects, with a view to further enhancing productivity and built quality; and	Task on track. As at mid-September 2024, funding for about 340 enterprises were provided under the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund to facilitate their adoption of various innovative technologies in construction projects. It is expected that the number of funded enterprises will be increased to more than 400 in end-2024, thereby achieving the indicator for the task.

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	The Construction Industry Council to utilise government funding and its own resources to increase the training quota for skilled construction workers from 10 000 places in the 2022/23 academic year to at least about 12 000 places in each of the academic years from 2023/24 to 2027/28. (DEVB)	Task on track. The training places provided by the Construction Industry Council for skilled construction workers in the 2024/25 academic year is about 13 000, thereby exceeding the target of 12 000 places.
47	In order to enhance building safety within 2024: Complete the review on the Buildings Ordinance to, among others, explore streamlining prosecution procedures, lowering the prosecution threshold and increasing penalties for unauthorised building works, non-compliant notices served under the MBIS/Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme and non-compliant repair orders, and formulating legislative proposals;	Task on track. Proposals will be put forward for public consultation by end-2024.
	Repair/rectify 1 000 dilapidated/dangerous buildings by their owners or Government contractors, including the default works undertaken by the Government for no less than 200 buildings classified as Category 2 buildings under “Operation Building Bright 2.0”;	Task on track. From January to September 2024, a total of 917 dilapidated/dangerous buildings were repaired/rectified. The target will be met by the end-2024.
	Instigate no less than 2 500 prosecutions mainly against OCs failing to comply with notices served under the MBIS without reasonable excuse; and	Task on track. From January to September 2024, a total of 1 860 prosecutions were instigated against owners/OCs failing to comply with notices served under the MBIS without reasonable excuse. The target will be met by end-2024.
	Instigate no less than 3 600 prosecutions against non-compliant removal orders. (DEVB)	Task on track. From January to September 2024, a total of 2 875 prosecutions were instigated against non-compliant cases. The target will be met by end-2024.

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48	Submit a bill to amend the Building Management Ordinance by end-2023 to encourage owners to involve in the affairs of OCs, and enhance the transparency and accountability of OCs. (HYAB)	Task completed. The Government introduced the Building Management (Amendment) Bill 2023 into the LegCo in December 2023, and the bill was passed by the LegCo in July 2024. The amendments will come into operation in July 2025.
49	Establish the Fire Services Department Building Improvement Support Centre by end-2023 to provide one-stop support services for owners and occupiers of old commercial, residential or industrial buildings for complying with requirements of relevant legislation on enhancing fire safety of buildings. (SB)	Task completed. The Fire Services Department Building Improvement Support Centre was officially established on 18 December 2023 to provide one-stop support services for owners and occupiers of old commercial, residential or industrial buildings for complying with requirements of relevant legislation on enhancing fire safety of old buildings.
50	Invite local and overseas suppliers and operators to submit expressions of interest for the smart and green mass transit system project in East Kowloon and Kai Tak within 2024 to finalise the details including tender conditions. (TLB)	Task completed. The Government invited suppliers and operators in August 2024 to submit expressions of interest regarding the smart and green mass transit systems in East Kowloon and Kai Tak, with a view to finalising the basic technical details and implementation mode of the project within 2025.
51	Complete the second stage study for the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu-Qianhai) jointly with the Shenzhen authorities in mid-2024. (TLB)	Task completed. The governments of Hong Kong and Shenzhen have completed the second stage study for the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu-Qianhai) and are working together to commence the preparatory work for the next stage.
52	Support families with newborns: Starting from Q1 2024, effect payment to parents eligible for the one-off Newborn Baby Bonus of \$20,000 for each newborn, and conduct a review after its three-year implementation; (DCSO, relevant bureaux)	Task completed. As at end-September 2024, some 25 800 applicants were disbursed of the bonus.

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	Starting from the year of assessment 2024/25, raise the deduction ceiling for home loan interest or domestic rents under salaries tax and personal assessment from the current \$100,000 to \$120,000, representing an increase of 20%, for taxpayers who will live with first child born on or after 25 October 2023 until the child reaches the age of 18; (FSTB)	Task completed. The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions and Two-tiered Standard Rates) Bill 2024 was passed by the LegCo on 22 May 2024.
	Starting from mid-2024, reserve an additional 10% of the total number of SSFs for balloting and priority flat selection by family applicants with newborns until the children reach the age of three under the “Families with Newborns Flat Selection Priority Scheme”; and (HB)	Task completed. The “Families with Newborns Flat Selection Priority Scheme” has been introduced under the Sale of Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) Flats 2024.
	Starting from April 2024, introduce the “Families with Newborns Allocation Priority Scheme” under which family applications with newborns will have their waiting time for PRH reduced by one year. (HB)	Task completed. The “Families with Newborns Allocation Priority Scheme” has been implemented since 1 April 2024.
53	Strengthen support for assisted reproductive services: Over five years starting from 2024-25, the HA will gradually increase the annual service quota for in-vitro fertilisation treatment from 1 100 to 1 800 treatment cycles; and (HHB)	Task on track. The Hospital Authority (HA) increased the subsidised assisted reproductive service quota for in-vitro fertilisation treatment by 100 in 2024-25 and will continue to gradually increase the quota as planned.
	Starting from the year of assessment 2024/25, the Government will provide tax deduction for expenses on assisted reproductive services under salaries tax and personal assessment, subject to a deduction ceiling of \$100,000 per year. (HHB, FSTB)	Task on track. The Government will introduce a bill into the LegCo by end-2024 to provide tax deduction for expenses on assisted reproductive services starting from the year of assessment 2024/25.

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54	Establish within 2024 an Advisory Panel on Silver Economy comprising experts, which will conduct research and provide recommendations for development in one year's time. (CEDB)	Task completed. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) established the Advisory Panel on Silver Economy in February 2024, and provided recommendations for development.
55	Enhance child protection by increasing the incentive payment to foster families starting from April 2024 for encouraging willing individuals to become foster families. For ordinary foster care service, the increase will be more than doubled, from about \$5,000 to about \$11,000 per month. For emergency foster care service, the increase will be doubled from around \$6,600 to about \$13,000 per month. (LWB)	Task completed. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has started to disburse the increased incentive payment to foster families since April 2024.
56	Strengthen support for ethnic minorities (EMs): • Provide two additional support service centres for EMs in Kowloon Central and New Territories East within 2024, adding up to 10 centres across the city, and set up an EM Care Team in each centre to assist EMs' integration into the community; (HYAB)	Task on track. The two support service centres for EMs in Kowloon Central and New Territories East will be commissioned by end-2024. Eight EM Care Teams have commenced services since July 2024 and the remaining two teams will start their work by the end of the year.
	• Regularise the support services for EM new arrivals and youth to benefit no less than 10 000 attendance annually starting from 2024, and continue to organise the District-based Programmes for Racial Harmony to benefit no less than 15 000 attendance annually; (HYAB)	Task completed. The support services for EM new arrivals and youth and the District-based Programmes for Racial Harmony were regularised in 2024.

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	Expand the Summer Bridging Programme on Chinese learning to include non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students progressing to Primary 5 and Primary 6 starting from the 2023/24 school year, launch the Online Chinese Language Self-learning Resources designed for NCS students, prepare to try out the provision of after-school Chinese language courses for lower primary NCS students using adapted learning materials for the Youth Chinese Test, and increase the number of schools that provide school-based life planning services for NCS students to 20 schools; (EDB)	Task completed. Starting from the 2023/24 school year, the Summer Bridging Programme on Chinese learning has been expanded to cover the whole primary course. The Online Chinese Language Self-learning Resources was also launched to offer after-school Chinese language courses and enhanced school-based life planning services.
	Implement the regularised Racial Diversity Employment Programme, with the aim of providing one-stop employment support for 400 EMs each year; (LWB) and	Task on track. The Labour Department (LD) has regularised the Racial Diversity Employment Programme since November 2023 and employment support was provided for 326 EMs in 2023-24.
	Extend the EM District Ambassador pilot scheme by three years to 2026, engaging 46 EMs or designated persons to support EMs in the welfare service units of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Social Services Department. (LWB)	Task completed. The SWD has extended the pilot scheme since October 2023 to continue providing the welfare service units of NGOs and the SWD with resources for engaging 46 EMs or designated persons to support EMs.
57	Set up a dedicated fund of \$500 million within 2024 to help NGOs operating subvented welfare services meet their development needs. (LWB)	Task completed. The SWD set up the Dedicated Fund in Q2 2024 for a period of five years. The fund is to be used by NGOs for staff training and system enhancement, particularly in enhancing professional knowledge of their staff, strengthening inter-disciplinary collaboration, encouraging and promoting the application of information technology, etc.

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58	Continue to take forward the strategy of targeted poverty alleviation: Roll out the second round of the Strive and Rise Programme by October 2023, enabling no less than 70% of mentees who have completed the one-year programme to achieve improvement in terms of personal development and positive thinking; (LWB)	Task completed. The Government has rolled out the second round of the Strive and Rise Programme, and completed an evaluation of the first round of the Programme which showed that the relevant indicator had been achieved.
	Launch the first project under the Pilot Programme on Community Living Room within 2024, with the target of enabling no less than 70% of service users to experience an enhancement in their living space, sense of belonging to the community and interpersonal networks; and (LWB)	Task on track. The Sham Shui Po CLR, the first project under the Pilot Programme, was launched in December 2023. Besides, CLR projects in To Kwa Wan, Hung Hom and Nam Cheong were officially launched in Q3 2024.
	Launch the School-based After School Care Service Pilot Scheme in about 50 primary schools in the 2023/24 school year, with the target of having no less than 70% of student beneficiaries who have completed the pilot scheme to indicate that they have received more appropriate care and learning support, and no less than 70% of parent/guardian beneficiaries to indicate that the pilot scheme helps reduce their child care pressure and allows them to consider seeking/ taking up jobs. (LWB, EDB)	Task on track. More than 50 primary schools participated in the School-based After School Care Service Scheme in the 2023/24 school year. Upon completion of the extended pilot period by the end of the 2024/25 school year, the Government will fully assess the effectiveness of the Scheme.
59	Announce the way forward for the Statutory Minimum Wage review mechanism within the first half of 2024. (LWB)	Task completed. The way forward for the Statutory Minimum Wage review mechanism was announced on 30 April 2024.

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60	Strengthen the training for local workers and promote re-employment: • Increase the maximum monthly retraining allowance from \$5,800 to \$8,000 in Q1 2024 to encourage more people to attend training and enter the workforce;	Task completed. The maximum monthly retraining allowance has been increased to \$8,000 since 23 February 2024.
	• Roll out a two-year pilot scheme through the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) in Q1 2024 to provide pre-employment training and training allowance for trades facing severe manpower shortage, with a target of preparing 1 000 trainees for immediate employment upon completion of training;	Task completed. The ERB rolled out the One-stop Training and Employment Scheme in February 2024 to provide enterprise-based pre-employment training courses for trades facing severe manpower shortage.
	• Commence a comprehensive review on the service scope, training strategies and operation mode of the ERB by end-2023 for publishing the findings and recommendations in Q3 2024; and	Task on track. The ERB completed the review, and a report with its recommendations was submitted to the Government in August 2024.
	• Launch a three-year Re-employment Allowance Pilot Scheme in Q3 2024 to encourage the elderly and middle-aged persons to enter the labour market, 6 000 persons are expected to be benefitted. (LWB)	Task completed. The LD launched the Re-employment Allowance Pilot Scheme on 15 July 2024.
61	Develop a health and medical innovation hub: • Set up the preparatory office for the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation within 2024 to conduct preliminary work for enhancing the regulatory and approval regime for medicine, medical device and technology;	Task completed. The Government set up the Preparatory Office for the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation under the Department of Health (DH) on 5 June 2024 to comprehensively study and plan a regulatory and approval regime for medicine and medical device suitable for Hong Kong, and to put forward proposals and steps for the establishment of the Centre.

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	Set up the Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute in the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone within 2024 to provide a one-stop clinical trial support platform for medical research institutions;	Task on track. The “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute” is anticipated to come into full operation by end-2024 in the Hetao area.
	Establish the Cluster Clinical Research Support Office under the HA within 2024-25 to facilitate clinical researches and trials in the public healthcare system; and	Task completed. The HA has established a Cluster Clinical Research Support Office in each cluster and is gradually launching measures to facilitate clinical researches and trials in the public healthcare system.
	Establish a new “1+” mechanism under the existing drug regulatory regime by end-2023 to expedite the approval of pharmaceutical products containing new chemical or biological entities for life-threatening or severely-debilitating diseases. (HHB)	Task completed. The DH implemented the new “1+” mechanism for approval of new drugs on 1 November 2023. Since the operation of the mechanism, the DH has received about 250 enquiries from over 70 pharmaceutical companies (including those from overseas and the Mainland). Registration applications of two new drugs for treating metastatic colorectal cancer, one for treating paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria, and two new drugs for treating hypercalcaemia in patients with parathyroid carcinoma and in certain patients with primary hyperparathyroidism have been approved, bringing new hope for treatment to patients.
62	Enhance oral health of the community: Launch the Primary Dental Co-Care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents within 2025 to motivate them to maintain a habit of having regular dental checkups upon leaving the School Dental Care Service;	Task on track. The pilot scheme will be rolled out on schedule within 2025.
	Improve the dental treatment services for low-income elderly persons through enhancing the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme under the Community Care Fund in Q3 2024;	Task completed. Relevant services were improved on 2 July 2024.

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	Enhance the special care dental services currently provided by the Department of Health to cover an additional 900 new patients with special needs and disabilities per year in Q3 2024; and	Task completed. Relevant services were enhanced on 16 July 2024.
	Enhance the emergency dental service for vulnerable groups within 2025 covering all 18 districts through collaboration with non-governmental organisations. (HHB)	Task on track. Relevant services will be enhanced on schedule within 2025.
63	Enhance support for persons in mental recovery and those with mental health needs: The HA will optimise the ratio of case manager to patients with severe mental illness to no higher than 1:40 under the Case Management Programme by end-2023. For new cases triaged as Priority 1 (urgent) and Priority 2 (semi-urgent) at psychiatric specialist outpatient clinics, the median waiting time will be maintained at no longer than one week and four weeks respectively; (HHB)	Task completed. The HA has achieved and will maintain the relevant indicator.
	Introduce a pilot scheme in three District Health Centres within 2024 to provide mental health assessment for members of the public in need and provide follow-up, as well as early referral for high-risk cases; (HHB)	Task completed. The Health Bureau (HHB) and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust launched a pilot scheme at six DHCs/ DHC Expresses in Eastern District, Southern District, Wong Tai Sin, Tuen Mun, Yau Tsim Mong and Sai Kung in August 2024.
	Enhance the services of Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness in the second half of 2024 and commence scaling up training for about 1 000 social workers in community mental health service units; (LWB)	Task completed. The SWD has allocated additional resources to Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness for increasing the manpower of social workers and enhancing staff training, and has commissioned training institutions to organise training courses for about 1 000 social workers in community mental health service units.

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	• Increase the number of full-time peer supporter positions from 40 by 75% to at least 70 by Q4 2024; and set up four additional Parents/Relatives Resource Centres by Q3 2025; (LWB) and	Task on track. The SWD has increased the number of full time peer supporter positions to 71, and is preparing the setting up of four additional Parents/Relatives Resource Centres in Q3 2025.
	• Launch a suitable “Mental Health Literacy” resource package for learning at upper primary and junior secondary levels within the 2023/24 school year. (EDB)	Task completed. The “Mental Health Literacy” resource packages suitable for upper primary and junior secondary levels were launched in the 2023/24 school year. Resource packages suitable for senior secondary and lower primary levels will be released in the 2024/25 school year.
64	Strengthen healthcare manpower supply and personnel exchange: • Introduce amendment bills to the Nurses Registration Ordinance and the Dentists Registration Ordinance by mid-2024 to provide new pathways for admitting qualified non-locally trained dentists and nurses to practise and serve in specified institutions;	Task completed. The amendment bills to the Dentists Registration Ordinance and the Nurses Registration Ordinance were passed by LegCo in July 2024.
	• Gradually increase training places of dental hygienist and dental therapist starting from the 2023/24 academic year from 95 to 185 by 2024/25 academic year; and	Task on track. It is anticipated that training places of dental hygienist and dental therapist will be increased to a total of 185 in Q1 2025 as planned.
	• The HA to establish a two-way personnel exchange channel with Shanghai by Q2 2024. (HHB)	Task completed. With strong support from the Shanghai Municipal Government and the Hong Kong SAR Government, the HA instituted a two-way talent exchange mechanism with the relevant authority of Shanghai in April 2024.
65	Promote the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong: • Launch the Digitalised Chinese Medicines Information Platform in early 2024 for access by the public, industry, and international research institutions for Chinese medicine drug identification or educational purposes;	Task completed. Digital Herbarium for Chinese Medicines, a website of the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute under the DH, was open for access by the public, the industry, and international research institutions on 26 March 2024.

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	Establish a strategic partnership mechanism between Hong Kong's first Chinese Medicine Hospital and a Mainland Chinese medicine hospital within 2024 to support the commissioning preparation and continuous development of the hospital; and	Task completed. The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong and the Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine signed the strategic collaboration agreement in January 2024. The HHB will continue to assist in taking forward subsequent work.
	Publish the Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint within 2025. (HHB)	Task on track. The Chinese Medicine Unit of the HHB is extensively engaging various organisations and stakeholders of the Chinese medicine sector to exchange and share their views, which will facilitate the formulation of the Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint.
66	Further promote sports in the community: Set up 18 self-test fitness corners in the LCSD sports centres in all 18 districts within 2024. Around 100 000 attendance are expected each year upon completion of all the test fitness corners; and	Task on track. Self-test fitness corners have been set up in the sports centres in eight districts. The scheme will be extended to the sports centres in the remaining ten districts by end-2024.
	Set up smart fitness stations in 4 parks in 2024/25. Around 50 000 attendance are expected each year upon completion of all these smart fitness stations. (CSTB)	Task on track. Funding applications and engineering feasibility studies are underway as planned. Smart fitness stations are expected to be set up within 2024-25.
67	Complete the feasibility study on the establishment of the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park by the first half of 2024. (EEB)	Task completed. A report of the feasibility study will be released in Q4 2024.

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68	Press ahead the building of an International Hub for Post-secondary Education: Starting from the 2024/25 academic year, double the quota admission of non-local students to post-secondary institutions funded by the Government to 40% to allow gradually increased intakes from universities for attracting more students from abroad as well as the Mainland to further their studies in Hong Kong, thereby expanding the capacity of the institutions and developing Hong Kong into an international hub for post-secondary education; and	Task completed. The admission quota of non-local students to Government-funded post-secondary institutions has been relaxed starting from the 2024/25 academic year.
	Starting from the 2024/25 academic year, increase the quota of the B&R Scholarship by 50%, and gradually increase that of the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme by one-third from 300 to 400 places per academic year, in order to attract more outstanding talents to study and conduct researches in Hong Kong. (EDB)	Task completed. Starting from the 2024/25 academic year, the annual quota of the B&R Scholarship has been increased by 50% to 150 places. Task on track. The number of fellowships under the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme was increased to 350 places in the 2024/25 academic year, and will be further increased to 400 in the 2025/26 academic year.
69	Press ahead with the development of UASs: Join hands with the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications and draw on international experience to set out and promulgate within 2024 the prerequisites for UASs covering admission, curriculum, accreditation, career articulation and industry participation etc.;	Task completed. The prerequisites for the University of Applied Sciences (UAS) were set out and promulgated in February 2024. As announced in March 2024, the Hong Kong Metropolitan University has become the first UAS in Hong Kong upon passing a successful review.

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	Promulgate the details of the financial and ancillary support for UASs, which include providing additional subsidies to encourage institutions to offer more applied degree programmes related to the technical professional field, and increase the enrolment incentives within 2024; and	Task completed. The details of the financial and ancillary support for UASs were promulgated in November 2023.
	Set up the University Alliance in Applied Sciences within 2024. (EDB)	Task on track. Prospective post-secondary institutions were invited to join the Alliance. A start-up fund of \$100 million was granted, and a steering committee was established to follow up on the relevant work. The launching ceremony of the Alliance will be held in November 2024 and the Alliance will commence operation then.
70	Strengthen our vocational talent pool and promote vocational and professional education and training starting from the 2024/25 academic year: Launch at least four applied degree programmes; and (EDB)	Task completed. As announced in September 2023, four applied degree programmes are covered under the second round of the pilot project. These four programmes were launched in the 2024/25 academic year.
	Provide training allowance for more than 7 000 registered apprentices and subsidise graduated apprentices in undertaking upskilling courses of relevant trades, each for a period of three years. (LWB)	Task on track. Since the launch of the measure in April 2024 and up to end-September 2024, more than 4 500 registered apprentices were provided with additional training allowance. It is anticipated that a total of 7 000 apprentices will be benefitted within three years as planned.

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71	Organise the Youth Development Summit in mid-2024 as the opening and highlight of the 2024 Youth Festival and invite participation of guests and youth groups from the Mainland and overseas to promote youth development in Hong Kong, with an estimated attendance of no less than 1 000 persons. (HYAB)	Task completed. The first Youth Development Summit was successfully held on 10 August 2024. The HYAB plans to organise another summit in 2025 to promote youth development in Hong Kong.
72	Organise/provide at least 10 youth development activities for members of the Youth Link by end-2024. (HYAB)	Task completed. More than 20 activities were organised for members of the Youth Link as at end-September 2024. Opportunities will continue be offered to develop the participants' diverse talents and strengthen their communication and trust with the Government.
73	Continue to promote the Security Bureau Youth Uniformed Group Leaders Forum and complete the following initiatives by end-2023: • Arrange the Leaders Forum to tender advice to the Security Bureau on matters including enhancing young people's sense of national identity and national security awareness, as well as select new members; and	Task completed. The Leaders Forum was arranged in September 2023 to give presentations on their research. New members were also selected, with the new term training activities kick-started.
	• Establish the Leaders Forum Alumni Association and organise at least one sharing activity every quarter to facilitate sharing of views and experience among former and current members of the Leaders Forum. (SB)	Task completed. The Leaders Forum Alumni Association was established. At least one sharing activity would be organised every quarter starting from Q4 2023 to foster sharing of views and experience among former and current members of the forum.

(II) On-going and Valid Indicators for Specified Tasks Introduced in the 2022 Policy Address

No.	Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
1	Establish a new Working Group on Patriotic Education under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee within 2024 to strengthen the promotion of patriotism, and continue to step up the promotion of the Constitution, the Basic Law and patriotism by organising no less than 700 promotional activities with no less than 900 000 participants and no less than 25 million views via online publicity in 2024. The above indicators are expected to increase by 5% in 2025. (CSO, CMAB, relevant bureaux)	Task on track. The Working Group on Patriotic Education was officially established in April 2024 and is actively studying the formulation of policy measures on patriotic education for effective promotion. The relevant indicators on promotion are also progressing on track and expected to be achieved on schedule.
2	Launch the second phase of the Rule of Law Education Train-the-Leaders Programme within 2024 to train more than 200 people from various sectors of the community so as to continue strengthening the promotion of rule of law education on all fronts in the community. (DoJ)	Task completed. The second phase of the Rule of Law Education Train-the-Leaders Programme was successfully organised, with the third phase of the programme under active preparation.
3	The Chief Executive to attend not less than four Chief Executive's Question and Answer Sessions in each legislative session. (Admin Wing of CSO)	Task on track. The relevant target was met in the 2023 legislative session. Since the commencement of the 2024 legislative session, the Chief Executive has attended two Chief Executive's Interactive Exchange Question and Answer Sessions.
4	The Chief Secretary for Administration to have either meetings or telephone meetings with the House Committee (HC) Chairman and Deputy Chairman after each HC meeting to foster close liaison and collaboration. (Admin Wing of CSO)	Task on track. The relevant target was met in the 2023 legislative session. Since the commencement of the 2024 legislative session, the Chief Secretary for Administration has had either meetings or telephone meetings with the HC Chairman and Deputy Chairman after each HC meeting.

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5	Launch 110 new digital government and smart city initiatives from 2024 to 2025, including using blockchain technology for electronic issuance and verification of certain licences and certificates, and employing artificial intelligence (AI) and video analytics to improve security of public cargo working areas. (ITIB)	Task on track. The e-government audit for all departments has been completed. Around 20 new digital government and smart city initiatives will be launched by end-2024.
6	Increase the annual usage of open data from 22 billion in 2021 to 58 billion in 2025. (ITIB)	Task on track. The increase in the annual usage of open data is in line with expectations. The usage of open data exceeded 50 billion in 2023 and reached 37 billion as at Q3 2024.
7	Continue to promote “iAM Smart”: • Increase the annual usage of “iAM Smart” (total transactions) progressively from 10 million in 2023 to 17.5 million in 2025, a threefold increase as compared to 2021; and	Task completed. The annual usage of “iAM Smart” (total transactions) reached 30 million in 2023, meeting the annual usage target for 2025 ahead of schedule.
	• Achieve the adoption of “iAM Smart” by all government departments to provide citizens with convenient and one-stop electronic services by 2025. (ITIB)	Task on track. The upgrade of the “iAM Smart” Platform is in progress, in a bid to realise “single portal for e-Government services” by 2025.
8	Digitalise all licences, services and forms involving application and approval by mid-2024. If in-person submission or collection of documents is required by law or international practice, applicants will only need to visit the government office concerned once. (ITIB)	Task completed. All licences and services (about 1 480 in total) have fully met the target.
9	Issue the draft updated Civil Service Code for consultation with the staff side in Q1 2024 or earlier. (CSB)	Task completed. The updated Civil Service Code (Draft for Consultation) was issued in December 2023. Having considered the views of various stakeholders, the updated Civil Service Code was promulgated in June 2024.

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10	Continue to attract enterprises and investment: The OASES will reach out to no less than 300 strategic enterprises in 2024 to negotiate for establishing their foothold or expanding their operations in Hong Kong; and (FSO)	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises (OASES) reached out to more than 280 strategic enterprises to negotiate for establishing their foothold or expanding their operations in Hong Kong. The OASES will continue with its efforts to attract quality strategic enterprises from around the globe to Hong Kong. The OASES will also provide continuous aftercare services to enterprises that have set up their business in Hong Kong, encouraging them to seize the new opportunities arising from initiatives such as the development of the Northern Metropolis and cross-boundary data flow and progressively increase their investments in Hong Kong.
	Attract by 2027 at least 100 I&T enterprises of high potential and representativeness to set up operations or expand their presence in Hong Kong, including at least 20 top-notch I&T enterprises. (ITIB)	Task completed. The Government will continue to proactively attract Mainland and overseas I&T enterprises to establish or expand their presence in Hong Kong.
11	Increase inward investment by attracting at least a total of 1 130 companies to set up or expand their operations in Hong Kong from 2023 to 2025, an increase of 16% over the annual average number in 2020 and 2021, thereby bringing in direct investment of at least HK\$77 billion and creating at least 15 250 job opportunities. (CEDB)	Task on track. The InvestHK assisted over 780 Mainland and overseas companies to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong during the period from 2023 to September 2024. Calculated on a pro-rata basis, the number has exceeded the indicator set in the 2022 Policy Address for the task.
12	Facilitate no less than 200 family offices to set up operations or expand their business in Hong Kong from 2022 to 2025. (FSTB)	Task on track. As of end-September 2024, the InvestHK's dedicated FamilyOfficeHK team has assisted 110 family offices to set up operations or expand their business in Hong Kong.

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13	Admit at least 35 000 talents annually with an intended duration of stay of at least 12 months through the talent admission schemes from 2023 to 2025, an increase of 40% over the annual average number in 2020 and 2021. (LWB)	Task completed. As at end-August 2024, over 150 000 talents were admitted to Hong Kong through various talent admission schemes. The total number of talents admitted in about two years has already exceeded 105 000, the minimum target originally set for three years.
14	Promote commercialisation of R&D outcomes: Complete vetting of the first round of applications under the Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme and announce the results in Q1 2024; and	Task completed. The Government has completed vetting of the applications, and signed Memoranda of Understanding for the 24 projects with relevant universities in May 2024.
	Increase the commitment of private capital in R&D projects under various ITF schemes from \$800 million in 2022 to \$1.6 billion in 2027. (ITIB)	Task completed. The private capital commitment for R&D projects under various ITF schemes reached \$1.75 billion in 2023.
15	Nurture start-ups: Increase under the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund the cumulative private investment attracted for local I&T start-ups from \$1.7 billion in 2022 to at least \$4 billion in 2027; and	Task on track. The cumulative private investment attracted under the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund for local I&T start-ups has increased to over \$2.7 billion.
	Increase the cumulative number of very early stage start-ups to be subsidised under the Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities from 330 in 2022 to 600 in 2027. (ITIB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, the cumulative number of start-ups subsidised under the scheme increased to 539.
16	Attract I&T talents: Increase the cumulative number of applications approved for subsidising the recruitment of R&D talents under the Research Talent Hub scheme from around 10 500 in 2022 to 18 500 in 2027; and	Task on track. As at end-August 2024, the ITC approved a cumulative number of about 13 600 applications for subsidising the recruitment of R&D talents under the scheme.

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	• Increase the percentage of primary and secondary schools joining “Knowing More About IT” and “IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools” programmes from 54% in the 2021/22 school year to 90% in the 2024/25 school year. (ITIB)	Task completed. The percentage of primary and secondary schools joining the two programmes has reached 94%.
17	Expand under the STEM Internship Scheme the number of student interns from 3 000 in 2022 to 5 000 in 2027. (ITIB)	Task on track. Internship opportunities provided under the scheme increased to over 3 800 in 2023-24.
18	Promote new industrialisation: • Increase under the New Industrialisation Funding Scheme the cumulative number of funded smart production lines in Hong Kong from about 30 in 2022 to over 130 in 2027; with corresponding cumulative skilled employment opportunities increasing from about 260 to over 1 050; and during the same period cumulative matching private investment rising from about \$340 million to no less than \$1.3 billion; and	Task on track. As at mid-September 2024, applications involving about 70 production lines were supported by the Vetting Committee of the scheme. Among the projects for which funding agreements have been signed, the number of corresponding cumulative skilled employment opportunities increased to about 330. During the same period, the cumulative matching private investment rose to about \$675 million.
	• Double the supply of floor area for advanced manufacturing in the InnoParks from over 100 000 square metres (sq.m.) in 2022 to over 200 000 sq.m. in 2027. (ITIB)	Task in progress. The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation is exploring the feasibility of refurbishing some of the re-entered buildings for use as advanced manufacturing space so as to increase the supply of floor area for advanced manufacturing in the InnoParks to about 200 000 sq.m..

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19	Continue to implement the 10-year development blueprint for arts and cultural facilities for the improvement and development of culture facilities with the following proposals: Phase 1 (2022-2027) - the total number of seats in performance venues is expected to increase from 30 000 to 34 000 (increase by 13%); and - the average annual attendance of performance venues is expected to increase from about 3 million to about 3.4 million (increase by 13%).	Task on track. The East Kowloon Cultural Centre has opened some of its facilities in phases such as outdoor public spaces, and has begun organising audience-building activities. The main construction works of the New Territories East Cultural Centre are underway, targeted for completion in 2028.
	Phase 2 (2027-2032) - the number of museums (including those under planning) is expected to increase from 15 to over 20 (increase by more than 33%); - the average annual museum attendance is expected to increase from 5 million to 9 million (increase by 80%); - the total number of seats in performance venues (including those under planning) is expected to increase from 30 000 to about 50 000 (increase by 67%); and - the average annual attendance of performance venues is expected to increase from about 3 million to about 5 million (increase by 67%). (CSTB)	Task on track. The construction works of the Heritage Conservation and Resource Centre are underway. The centre is expected to be open for public use in 2028.
20	Support under the Mega Arts and Cultural Events Fund annually four events with total attendance of at least 100 000. (CSTB)	Target for 2024 exceeded. Since the establishment of the Mega Arts and Cultural Events Fund in 2023, 17 applications have been approved. As at September 2024, 13 events were completed, attracting a cumulative total of over 4.5 million participants.

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21	Enhance support for young artists by sponsoring annually 20 new small and medium-sized arts groups (mainly composed of artists graduated from tertiary institutions within five years) and 30 new individual artists who graduated from tertiary institutions within five years to engage in the arts and culture industry. (CSTB)	Target for 2024 completed. Since the launch of the Emerging Artists Development Grant in July 2023, 58 applications from small and medium-sized arts groups/new individual artists have been approved.
22	Organise the Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival annually to offer over 20 programmes/exhibitions, with an estimated annual attendance of over 300 000. (CSTB)	Target for 2024 completed. The second Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival offered over 20 programmes and attracted an audience of over 640 000. The Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival will continue to be organised in 2025.
23	Organise the GBA Culture and Arts Festival within 2024 to attract: • 5 000 local and Mainland artists engaged in around 100 performances/activities with 140 000 attendance; and • 100 000 live web broadcast views of the opening gala. (CSTB)	Task on track. The 4th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Culture and Arts Festival will be held from 19 October to 24 November.
24	Seek early accession to the RCEP by holding or participating in 70 related events with RCEP members and stakeholders within 2024. (CEDB)	Task on track. The Trade and Industry Department and the overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (HKETOs) will continue to actively liaise with RCEP members and stakeholders so as to rally support from all parties and sectors for Hong Kong's early accession to the RCEP. It is expected that the relevant target will be met.

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25	Promote Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities through the following activities by overseas Economic and Trade Offices in 2024, an increase of 20% as compared to 2022, by: • paying no less than 2 700 visits to governments and organisations of host countries; • attending no less than 1 000 speaking occasions; • conducting no less than 1 100 media interviews or briefings; and • staging no less than 1 300 forums, exhibitions, seminars and promotional activities. (CEDB)	Task on track. The overseas HKETOs will continue to promote Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities in countries and places under their purview through paying visits to governments and organisations of their host countries, attending speaking occasions, conducting media interviews or briefings, and staging forums, exhibitions, seminars and promotional activities. It is expected that the relevant targets for 2024 will be met as scheduled.
26	Continue to promote Hong Kong as the functional platform for the B&R Initiative in 2024: • Organise promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 7 400 persons; • Reach out to no less than 530 professional and business associations, chambers and community groups; and • Organise business missions to five B&R countries with about 110 participants in total. (CEDB)	Task on track. The CEDB has organised and initiated preparation for relevant promotional programmes and networking sessions. Efforts have been made to reach out to various professional and business associations, chambers and community groups. Business missions have also been organised.
27	Promote the opportunities in the GBA in 2024 by organising and participating in promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 8 800 persons; reaching out to no less than 1 100 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms; and increasing the above indicators by 10% in 2025. (CMAB)	Task on track. It is expected that the indicators will be achieved.

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28	Promote Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities in the Mainland by the Mainland Offices in 2024 by organising no less than 3 200 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies; attending no less than 270 speaking occasions; conducting no less than 330 media interviews or briefings; participating in no less than 800 business and trade meetings; and increasing the above indicators by 5% in 2025. (CMAB)	Task on track. It is expected that the indicators will be achieved.
29	Continue to promote the development of the C&E industry: • Support more than 200 exhibitions over a three-year period through the new incentive scheme launched in July 2023; and	Task on track. As at end-August 2024, over 110 applications for completed events were approved under the Incentive Scheme for Recurrent Exhibitions, exceeding the target on a pro-rata basis.
	• Continue to expand C&E facilities, including AsiaWorld-Expo and the construction of new C&E facilities in Wan Chai North. (CEDB)	Task on track. The Government is taking forward the project for constructing new C&E facilities in Wan Chai North as planned, and has also announced that the site of the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre would be released for the AAHK to commence the expansion project of the Asia World-Expo as soon as possible.
30	Publish the Action Plan on Modern Logistics Development by end-2023 to put forward strategies and actions conducive to the sustainable development of the logistics industry. (TLB)	Task completed. The Action Plan on Modern Logistics Development was promulgated on 31 October 2023, with the various strategies and action measures thereunder under progressive implementation to consolidate and promote Hong Kong's position as an international logistics hub.
31	Expand the issuance of government green bonds, with an increase in the total issuance amount by more than five times within the five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26 as compared with the pre-2021-22 situation. (FSTB)	Task completed. As at end-September 2024, the issuance of government green bonds since 2021-22 totalled about HK\$193 billion, an increase by around six times as compared with the pre-2021-22 situation.
32	Align with international standards by implementing a risk-based capital regime for the insurance industry within 2024. (FSTB)	Task completed. The risk-based capital regime was implemented on 1 July 2024 to strengthen insurance regulation in Hong Kong and align with international standards.

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33	Foster the development of the patent system in Hong Kong: Take the lead in discussing with the patent agent sector and stakeholders within 2024 to plan for the establishment of regulatory arrangements for local patent agent services, covering professional qualification requirements, registration, as well as the regulatory model and framework; and	Task on track. The Intellectual Property Department (IPD) has held regular meetings with the patent agent sector and stakeholders to seek and collect their views on the establishment of regulatory arrangements.
	Acquire institutional autonomy in conducting substantive patent examination in 2030. (CEDB)	Task on track. The IPD will continue to enhance the substantive examination capability of patent examiners under the original grant patent system, with a view to acquiring institutional autonomy in conducting substantive patent examination in 2030.
34	Continue to forge ahead with the preparatory work for implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong in 2024. (CEDB)	Task on track. The CEDB and the IPD will continue to forge ahead with the preparatory work for implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong.
35	Promote IP public education, capacity building and professional services within the five years from 2022 to 2027 by: - reaching out to 100 000 students; - providing IP training to 5 000 personnel across different industries; and - attracting about 10 000 local, Mainland and overseas participants to attend the annual Business of IP Asia Forum. (CEDB)	Task on track. The IPD has met the target of reaching out to over 100 000 students through programmes like school visits and interactive drama, and has provided IP training to over 3 700 personnel across different industries under the IP Manager Scheme. Besides, the Business of IP Asia Forum 2023 attracted the attendance of more than 2 500 local, Mainland and overseas participants.

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36	Continue to enhance port efficiency and data sharing in the shipping and port industry by setting up a brand new data sharing platform for trial by phases, with a view to scaling it up for wider use by 2025. (TLB)	Task on track. The Government has set up a data sharing platform for trial by phases starting from 2023 and consolidated the experience gained from testing the platform. The Government will complete the setting up of the port community system with functions such as cargo tracking, real-time transportation information, electronic information and document access and port data analytics within 2025.
37	DoJ to lead local delegations comprising professionals from the legal sector to visit different regions, such as the ASEAN member states, as well as other Southeast Asian and Middle East countries annually. (DoJ)	Task on track. The Secretary for Justice led a delegation to visit the Middle East (Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, as well as Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah in United Arab Emirates) and the ASEAN member states (Vietnam and Malaysia) to promote Hong Kong's legal and dispute resolution services in 2024.
38	Progressively promote the establishment of the cultural tourism zone in Sha Tau Kok: Gradually open up Sha Tau Kok (STK) (except Chung Ying Street) from January 2024 by offering in the initial stage a daily quota of 1 000 visitors to apply online for Closed Area Permits to enter STK for sightseeing so as to progressively promote the tourism development of STK Frontier Closed Area, with the effectiveness of the project to be reviewed and the visitor quota adjusted in the first half of 2024; (SB)	Task completed. The second-phase opening up of STK was smoothly launched in January 2024. After a mid-term review, the SB has piloted the increase of the daily quota for visitors to 3 000 (individual visitors: 2 300; tour group visitors: 700) on weekends and holidays since July 2024.
	Together with relevant bureaux and departments, formulate an action plan within 2024 for fostering the establishment of the Sha Tau Kok Cultural Tourism Zone; and (CSTB)	Task on track. To tie in with the action plan for the establishment of the STK Cultural Tourism Zone, the TC will extend the "Design District Hong Kong" creative tourism project to cover STK in December 2024, with a view to further enhancing tourism experiences.

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	Launch a pilot scheme at the re-provisioned Chung Ying Street Checkpoint in Q4 2024 by applying facial recognition technology to facilitate the flow of people with permission to access Chung Ying Street and to enhance the visitor handling capacity in parallel so as to support future tourism development. (SB)	Task on track. The SB will allow persons living or working in Chung Ying Street Checkpoint ("CYS") to access the Mainland side of CYS seamlessly and smoothly through facial recognition technology by end-2024 as scheduled.
39	Continue to promote green transport: Formulate a citywide green transformation roadmap and timetable for public buses and taxis in the first half of 2024, with a view to achieving zero vehicular emissions by 2050; and provide support to realise the goal of introducing about 700 electric buses and about 3 000 electric taxis by end-2027; (EEB)	Task on track. The Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) has already formulated a citywide green transformation roadmap and timetable for public buses and taxis, and is now consulting relevant stakeholders including the taxi trade, franchised bus companies and vehicle importers. The target is to announce the finalised arranged by end-2024.
	Formulate the Strategy of Hydrogen Development in Hong Kong in the first half of 2024, and commence the preparatory procedure for amending legislation relating to the production, storage, transportation and application of hydrogen fuel for introducing a bill into LegCo in 2025; (EEB)	Task on track. The Strategy of Hydrogen Development in Hong Kong was announced on 17 June 2024, and commenced the drafting work of a bill to amend the Gas Safety Ordinance in order to regulate hydrogen fuel. The bill is expected to be introduced into the LegCo in the first half of 2025.
	Complete a feasibility study within 2024 on providing quality green methanol and liquefied natural gas bunkering for both local and ocean-going vessels; (TLB, EEB)	Task on track. The feasibility study on providing green fuel bunkering for both local and ocean-going vessels was completed in Q3 2024. The Government will soon promulgate the Action Plan on the Development of Green Fuel Bunkering, under which a series of measures will be introduced to develop Hong Kong as a high-quality green fuel bunkering centre.

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	The AAHK to co-ordinate with operators of the HKIA fuel infrastructure to attain certification by sustainability standards, and collaborate with relevant government departments to simplify the approval process for the transportation and storage of sustainable aviation fuel within 2024; (TLB)	Task completed. Operators of the HKIA fuel infrastructure attained certification by sustainability standards in end-2023, and renewed their licences in accordance with the newly amended Dangerous Goods Ordinance in early 2024.
	Test out electric ferries with all four in-harbour ferry operators by end-2024; (EEB)	Task on track. Among the four in-harbour ferry operators that signed subsidy agreements with the Government, three have entered into contracts with shipbuilders for gradually commencing the construction of vessels. The trial scheme will commence progressively by end-2024 as scheduled, during which consultants will be engaged to collect and analyse operating and business data of electric ferries for assessing their operational effectiveness and environmental performance.
	Provide about an additional 7 000 parking spaces with electric vehicle chargers in government premises by end-2025 (an increase in such parking spaces from 30% to 100% in government premises just completed or soon to be completed); (EEB)	Task on track. All parking spaces for private cars, motorcycles and light goods vehicles in newly-built government buildings will be equipped with medium chargers for electric vehicles. Chargers will also be installed in government buildings under construction or planning. It is expected that 7 000 additional parking spaces with chargers will be provided by 2025.
	Conduct trials for at least 180 electric commercial vehicles, with a view to mapping out the way forward around 2025; and (EEB)	Task on track. Currently, trials of about 150 e-CVs have commenced/completed, and preparations are being made for about 50 e-CVs to undergo trials. It is expected that the target of conducting trials for at least 180 e-CVs will be met within 2025.

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	• Increase the number of public and private parking spaces with charging infrastructure to about 200 000 by mid-2027. (EEB)	Task on track. As at mid-September 2024, about 70 600 parking spaces across the city were equipped with charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. It is expected that the target of increasing the number of parking spaces with charging infrastructure to about 200 000 will be met by mid-2027.
40	Increase the local mariculture production by 100% as compared to 2022 within 2027. (EEB)	Task on track. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department commenced operation of the two new Fish Culture Zones (FCZs) in Wong Chuk Kok Hoi and Mirs Bay in December 2023. It is anticipated that Marine Fish Culture Licences will be issued within 2025, and five sets of modern deep sea cages will be provided in phases for lease by the trade. Upon the start of production at the new FCZs, local mariculture production is expected to increase progressively and meet the specified target.
41	Increase public housing supply: • Increase public housing (including traditional PRH, Light LPH, Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme and HOS flats) production in the five-year period from 2024-25 to 2028-29 to about 172 000 units, which is 9% more than the about 158 000 units in the previous five-year period from 2023-24 to 2027-28;	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, more than 90% of traditional public housing flats planned to be completed from 2024-25 to 2028-29 were completed or under construction.
	• The first batch of about 2 100 LPH units will be completed in 2024-25, and a total of about 30 000 LPH units will be completed by 2027-28; and	Task on track. The first batch of about 2 100 LPH units will be completed and ready for intake in Q1 2025. The target of completing a total of about 30 000 units by 2027-28 remains unchanged.

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	Rationalise PRH resources by vetting no less than 450 000 Income and Assets Declaration Forms under the Well-off Tenants Policies within a two-year cycle, and conducting in-depth investigation of no less than 10 000 households involving cases related to income and asset declaration and occupancy position per year. (HB)	Task on track. The targets in respect of vetting Income and Assets Declaration Forms and conducting in-depth investigation of cases within the two-year cycle of 2022-24 have been met. A new two-year cycle already began in April 2024. Actions on vetting and conducting investigation are on track towards the targets.
42	Shorten the waiting time for PRH: Reduce the Composite Waiting Time for Subsidised Rental Housing to about 4.5 years in 2026-27, on the basis that the number of new PRH applications and the number of recovered PRH units available for allocation will remain at the current level. (HB)	Task on track. As at end-June 2024, the Composite Waiting Time for Subsidised Rental Housing for PRH general applicants was 5.5 years. The target of reducing the waiting time to about 4.5 years in 2026-27 remains unchanged.
43	Speed up construction: Continue to identify more suitable projects for adoption of the MiC approach, including the second generation MiC (MiC 2.0) currently under development, to meet the target of having no less than half of the projects scheduled for completion from 2028-29 to 2032-33 to adopt the MiC approach; and adopt the Design for Manufacture and Assembly approach for the remaining projects; and	Task on track. The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) will continue to identify additional projects suitable for adoption of the MiC approach to meet the target of having no less than half of the projects expected to be completed from 2028-29 to 2032-33 to adopt the MiC approach. In addition, starting from 2025-26, the HKHA will apply MiC 2.0 in new MiC projects planned and designed by the MiC approach, and adopt the Design for Manufacture and Assembly approach for the remaining projects.
	Adopt the “Design and Build” procurement model in at least half of the total number of public housing flats scheduled for completion from 2028-29 to 2032-33. (HB)	Task on track. The HKHA will continue to identify additional “Design and Build” projects to meet the target of having at least half of the total number of public housing flats scheduled for completion from 2028-29 to 2032-33 to adopt the “Design and Build” procurement model.

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44	Improve PRH amenities: Complete the “Well-Being” design guidelines within 2024, and proceed with the phased study and implementation of various improvement measures in five PRH estates under a pilot scheme by 2027; and	Task on track. The “Well-Being” design guidelines were completed in September 2024 for adoption in future public housing development, and will serve as a reference for refurbishment of existing PRH units. The consultation exercise concerning the five existing PRH estates included in the pilot scheme has commenced progressively. The subsequent design work and improvement works will also commence in phases starting from 2024-25.
	Select about 10 PRH estates for façade beautification and/or minor estate improvement works, and about 20 PRH estates for landscape improvement per year. (HB)	Task on track. The consultant commissioned by the Housing Bureau (HB) has refined the design having regard to the views collected in the questionnaires and design workshops, and the overall design is mostly completed. The improvement works have commenced in phases starting from Q1 2024.
45	Arrange PRH applicants to move in earlier-than-scheduled by advancing the completion of around 12 000 PRH units by phases from 2023-24 to 2027-28, reaching a total of about 14 000 PRH units from 2023-24 to 2032-33. (HB)	Task on track. So far, 2 147 PRH units have been completed ahead of schedule, and the ultimate target of advancing the completion of around 14 000 units in total in phases by 2032-33 will be met, thus enabling PRH applicants to move in earlier-than-scheduled.
46	Publish the information on public housing projects in the first five-year period on a quarterly basis, and the progress of land production of public housing projects in the second five-year period on a yearly basis. (HB, DEVB)	Task on track. The HB will continue to publish information on public housing projects in the first five-year period on a quarterly basis. The DEVB has also updated the latest progress of land production of public housing projects in the second five-year period, which will be published by end-2024.

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47	Ensure timely land supply: Based on the updated annual forecast, duly deliver about 3 370 ha of newly formed land in the coming 10 years (2024-25 to 2033-34), including no less than 1 400 ha in the Northern Metropolis and about 400 ha in the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands;	Task on track. The DEVB duly delivered about 120 hectares of spade-ready sites in 2023-24 through various land creation projects, and is expected to achieve the target of delivering around 180 hectares of spade-ready sites in 2024-25. The spade-ready sites in these two years are primarily from Tung Chung New Town Extension, the Northern Metropolis and individual rezoned sites. Land creation in the Northern Metropolis remains in full swing. The Government commenced the Second Phase Development of the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (NDA) and the Remaining Phase Works in the Kwu Tung North/Fanling North NDA in 2024, and plans to submit the funding application for site formation and infrastructure works for the first batch of sites in the San Tin Technopole (outside of the Loop) to the LegCo by end-2024. As for the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands project, the Government announced at the 2024-25 Budget that the project would be slightly delayed due to fiscal control considerations. The Committee on the Financing of Major Development Projects led by the Financial Secretary will explore specific financial arrangements for the project. The DEVB will also formulate specific implementation strategies for the artificial islands according to the progress of studies on detailed works design and financial assessments, with a view to commencing reclamation works by mid-2027.
	Make land available for the production of around 80 000 private housing units for disposal in the market through land sale or railway property developments in the next five years (2024-25 to 2028-29); and	Task on track. Land production for 80 000 private housing units in the next five years is in progress.

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	Publish a 10-year supply forecast of developable land on a yearly basis. (DEVB)	Task on track. The DEVB has updated the next 10-year supply forecast to be published shortly.
48	Increase land supply: Conduct feasibility studies for rezoning 255 ha of “Green Belt” (GB) sites identified for housing development in the latest round of GB review, with a view to rezoning the first batch of land by 2024;	Task on track. Rezoning of the first batch of land completed in September 2024.
	Resume over 700 ha of private land for government projects in five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28 (with the total area exceeding five times of the 140 ha of land resumed in the past five years), and further resume about 200 ha of land in the ensuing three years;	Task on track. About 290 hectares of land were resumed from 2023-24 to end-September 2024, and land resumption of the remaining land will continue according to the progress of the development projects.
	Release within 2024 the development proposals for Tsim Bei Tsui/Pak Nai/Lau Fau Shan area, New Territories North New Town (including Lo Wu/Man Kam To), Ngau Tam Mei and Ma Tso Lung in the Northern Metropolis;	Task on track. The development proposals for Tsim Bei Tsui/Pak Nai/Lau Fau Shan area were announced, with those for Ngau Tam Mei, New Territories North New Town and Ma Tso Lung to be announced by end-2024.
	Commence the statutory procedures for the environmental impact assessment for the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands by end-2023; and	Task in progress. The 2024-25 Budget has announced that the timetable of the project would be adjusted due to fiscal control considerations. It is currently planned to commence the relevant procedures by end-2024, and complete the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in 2025.
	Commence works in Tseung Kwan O Area 137 in 2025, with first resident intake in 2030. (DEVB)	Task on track. The DEVB is conducting EIA and detailed technical assessment for the projects in Tseung Kwan O Areas 137 and 132, and expects to commence the relevant works in 2025 after the completion of the town planning and other necessary procedures.

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49	Streamline development procedures: Regularise the arrangement for charging land premium at standard rates for redevelopment of old industrial buildings and extend by phases the arrangement for charging land premium at standard rates to agricultural land in the New Territories by end-2023;	Task completed. A practice note has been issued in end-December 2023 announcing the regularisation of the arrangement for charging land premium at standard rates for redevelopment of old industrial buildings and the introduction of a standard rates pilot scheme applicable to agricultural land in the New Territories outside NDAs.
	Introduce an amendment bill into LegCo by end-2023 to lower the compulsory sale application thresholds and streamline the legal procedures, and set up a dedicated office within 2024 to provide one-stop support services to minority owners affected by compulsory sale;	Task completed. The amendment ordinance was passed by the LegCo and will take effect on 6 December 2024 at the earliest. The dedicated office also came into operation in end-August 2024.
	Promote the use of BIM by promulgating a roadmap for the adoption of BIM in the preparation of building plans and the submission of these plans for approval by the authorities by 2023, and launching an application software to automate compliance checks on the floor area information in building plans in Q1 2024; and	Task completed. An initial roadmap was promulgated in end-2023 and the industry was generally supportive in the subsequent consultations. Relevant application software was launched in March 2024.
	Streamline the procedures for extension of land leases expiring from 2025 by introducing a bill into LegCo by end-2023. (DEVB)	Task completed. The Extension of Government Leases Ordinance came into effect on 5 July 2024.
50	Promulgate the Hong Kong Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint by end-2023 to outline the implementation of all major transport infrastructure in a holistic manner, with a view to improving the railway and major road networks. (TLB)	Task completed. The Government promulgated the Hong Kong Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint on 12 December 2023, which consolidated all the major transport infrastructure projects under planning, design and construction in a forward-looking manner, with a view to outlining holistically and planning in advance the development layout of the strategic transport infrastructure.

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51	Formulate the initial recommendations under the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study by end-2023 and roll out various pilot schemes progressively starting from 2024, with a view to promulgating a long-term strategy blueprint in 2025 for maintaining a reliable, safe, smart, environmentally friendly and highly efficient overall transport system for Hong Kong. (TLB)	Task on track. The Government has put forward nine initial transport strategy recommendations under the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study and consulted the LegCo Panel on Transport in December 2023. The Smart Traffic Fund has subsidised three study projects relating to autonomous vehicles, and one of them is expected to be launched by end-2024.
52	Strengthen child care: • Increase the Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy from a maximum of \$600 to \$1,000 per month starting from April 2024. The subsidy is applicable to all government-aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens;	Task completed. The Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy has been increased to \$1,000 starting from April 2024.
	• Increase the number of service places under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project from 954 to about 2 000 starting from Q4 2024;	Task completed. The number of service places under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project has been increased to about 2 000 starting from September 2024.
	• Increase the number of beneficiaries under the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme of the After School Care Programme for low income families to 4 600 by end-2026/27 school year, an increase of more than 60% over the 2021/22 school year;	Task on track. As at end-June 2024, the number of beneficiaries under the Fee-Waiving Subsidy Scheme of the After School Care Programme was increased to 4 009, an increase of around 40% over the 2021/22 school year.
	• Increase the number of service places under the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children from 672 to 1 176 by end-2027; and	Task on track. The SWD has invited NGOs to submit proposals for providing additional service places.
	• Increase the number of Aided Standalone Child Care Centre service places for parents who cannot take care of their young children temporarily by 84% to about 1 900 by end-2027. (LWB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, the number of Aided Standalone Child Care Centre service places was increased to 1 288, an increase of around 25% over 2022-23.

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53	Improve elderly services: Extend the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong within 2024 to specific residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) operated by Mainland organisations; (LWB)	Task on track. The number of RCHEs joining the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong will increase from four to 11 starting from November 2024.
	Extend the coverage of the Residential Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly to nursing home places and provide 1 000 more vouchers starting from Q2 2024, so that more eligible elderly persons can be admitted to participating RCHEs without waiting; (LWB)	Task completed. The total number of Residential Care Service Vouchers for the Elderly has been increased by 1 000 to a total of 5 000 in June 2024. The coverage of the scheme has been extended to nursing home places.
	About 2 200 elderly and rehabilitation service units eligible to apply to the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care in 2024-25 to procure, rent and trial technology products; (LWB)	Task completed. About 2 200 eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units can now apply to the I&T Fund to procure, rent and trial technology products.
	Put forward, within 2024, proposals for incorporating the concept of universal design and accessibility into the building design manual developed by the BD; (DFS0, relevant bureaux)	Task on track. The task force headed by the Deputy Financial Secretary has reviewed the relevant measures. The Government will put forward proposals for consultation with stakeholders by end-2024.
	Provide around 15 000 learning places under the Elder Academy Scheme in 2024-25 to encourage lifelong learning and integration into the community by more elderly persons; (LWB)	Task on track. From April to September 2024, around 10 000 learning places were provided under the Elder Academy Scheme.
	Provide 6 200 additional subsidised residential care service places for the elderly by end-2027; (LWB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, about 2 800 additional subsidised residential care service places for the elderly have been provided.

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	Provide 900 additional subsidised day care service places for the elderly by end-2027; and (LWB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, about 300 additional subsidised day care service places for the elderly have been provided.
	Increase the number of beneficiaries to 12 000 in 2025-26 following the regularisation of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. (LWB)	Task completed. The number of eligible elderly persons holding Community Care Service Vouchers has exceeded 12 000.
54	Improve rehabilitation services and enhance the support for persons with disabilities: Launch a three-year pilot scheme from Q3 2024 to provide an additional subsidy of \$500 per month to employed disabled recipients of CSSA as a means to encourage employment. This will benefit some 6 800 persons with disabilities; (LWB)	Task completed. “Stepping Stone” - Pilot Scheme on “Subsidy to Encourage Employment of Disabled Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme” was officially launched in September 2024.
	Achieve zero waiting time from 2024-25 in respect of On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Service for children with special needs; (LWB)	Task completed. Zero waiting time has been achieved in respect of the On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Service for children with special needs.
	Increase the number of day rehabilitation, residential care and respite service places for persons with disabilities by 10% from about 35 100 in 2021-22 to about 38 800 by 2026-27; (LWB)	Task on track. The number of day rehabilitation, residential care and respite service places for persons with disabilities has been increased to about 37 300.
	Strengthen the existing establishment of resource teachers for the primary and secondary sections of aided special schools and extend the initiative to schools for social development starting from the 2024/25 school year, allowing them to provide additional learning and growth support for about 4 000 students with autism spectrum disorder. (EDB)	Task completed. The details of the initiative to optimise the establishment of resource teachers for related aided special schools starting from the 2024/25 school year was announced in April 2024, so as to enhance the support for students with autism spectrum disorder.

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	• Provide in 2024 additional resources to increase nursing staff in some 200 residential care homes for persons with disabilities; and (LWB)	Task completed. The SWD has provided additional resources to increase nursing staff in some 200 residential care homes for persons with disabilities.
	• Gradually increase around 500 service places of the Extended Care Programme in Day Activity Centres and about 800 places of the Work Extension Programme within three years from 2024-25. (LWB)	Task on track. The SWD planned to increase around 750 service places under the Extended Care Programme in Day Activity Centres and the Work Extension Programme by end-2024, and the remaining 550 or so within three years thereafter.
55	Better support carers: • Continue to implement an array of support measures, including the introduction of a one-stop information gateway and a designated hotline, increase the service quota for respite services and improve the service enquiry system, spearhead community-based peer support service for carers, and launch a territory-wide publicity campaign to increase public awareness of the carers' needs;	Task completed. The SWD has introduced an information gateway and a designated hotline for carers, increased the service quota for respite services and improved the service enquiry system, spearheaded the community-based peer support service for carers, and launched a citywide publicity campaign, etc.
	• Starting from Q1 2024 and piloting in Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts, engage the Care Teams to help identify carers of elderly persons and carers of persons with disabilities, singleton and doubleton elderly households requiring support through visits or contacts, and to refer cases requiring assistance to relevant social welfare service units for follow-up;	Task completed. The Care Teams in Tsuen Wan and Southern District have commenced the requisite services since March 2024.
	• Starting from Q2 2024, assist and subsidise eligible elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers referred by the Care Teams to install emergency alarm systems as necessary; and	Task completed. The SWD has commenced the requisite services since April 2024.

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	Set up in Q2 2024 a designated team in each of the 21 District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities across the territory to support special school leavers and their carers. (LWB)	Task completed. The SWD has set up a designated team in each of the 21 District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities across the territory since April 2024 to support special school leavers and their carers.
56	Strengthen occupational safety and health: Reduce the five-year average industrial accident rate per 1 000 construction workers by at least 10% from 29.8 in 2021 to 26.8 in 2026. (LWB)	Task on track. There has been continuous improvement in the occupational safety and health performance of the construction industry, with the five-year average industrial accident rate per 1 000 construction workers at 28.2 in 2023, lower than that of 29.1 in 2022.
57	Continue to strengthen primary healthcare: Strengthen co-ordination and governance of primary healthcare services provision across the public and private sectors, set standards and devise quality assurance mechanisms by establishing the Primary Healthcare Commission within 2024;	Task completed. The Government transformed the Primary Healthcare Office under the HHB into the Primary Healthcare Commission on 15 July 2024.
	Launch a three-year Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme from November 2023 onwards, under which District Health Centres (DHCs) will refer people who are screened to be at high risk of hypertension or diabetes mellitus to the private sector for further examination and appropriate treatment;	Task completed. A three-year Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme was launched on 13 November 2023. As at end-September 2024, over 64 800 citizens and over 570 family doctors enrolled in the scheme.

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	Enhance the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme for a period of three years starting from November 2023 by increasing the annual voucher amount from the existing \$2,000 to \$2,500¹. It is estimated that about 1.7 million eligible elderly persons can be benefitted; and	Task completed. The three-year Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Reward Scheme was launched in November 2023 to further incentivise elderly persons by guiding them to make better use of healthcare vouchers for continuous preventive healthcare and chronic disease management services, so as to achieve the original policy objective of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme, and tie in with the main development direction focusing on disease prevention as put forward in the Primary Healthcare Blueprint.
	Launch the “Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme” within 2024 to extend the coverage of Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme to suitable medical institutions in the GBA cities as well as designated medical institutions providing dental services. (HHB)	Task completed. The “Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme” was launched in mid-2024. The coverage of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme has been extended to seven medical institutions in the GBA cities.
58	Continue to improve public hospital specialist out-patient clinic services:	
	Reduce the 90th percentile waiting time of stable new case bookings for the specialty of Medicine at HA’s specialist out-patient clinics (SOPCs) by 20% in 2023-24;	Task completed. As at March 2024, the relevant indicator was 92 weeks and the target has been reached successfully. The HA will continue to implement measures to manage the waiting time for specialist out-patient services.
	Reduce the 90th percentile waiting time of stable new case bookings for the specialties of Ear, Nose and Throat as well as Orthopaedics and Traumatology at HA’s SOPCs by 10% in 2024-25;	Task on track. The waiting time of stable new case bookings for the specialties of Ear, Nose and Throat as well as Orthopaedics and Traumatology at SOPCs is gradually improving.
	Set up the first chest pain centre in Queen Mary Hospital in accordance with national accreditation standards and a “Green Channel” for chest pain patients within 2025; and	Task on track. The “Green Channel” for chest pain patients was piloted by the Queen Mary Hospital in April 2022 and has been operating smoothly. The hospital will continue to review and optimise the workflow for setting up the chest pain centre in 2025.

¹ The additional \$500 will be allotted to the elderly persons’ voucher accounts upon their claiming of at least \$1,000 for designated primary healthcare services, such as disease prevention and health management. The additional amount should also be used for such designated services.

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	Establish a breastmilk bank and a mechanism for breastmilk donation within 2025. (HHB)	Task on track. The HA expects to set up the first breastmilk bank at the Hong Kong Children's Hospital in Q1 2025 to provide donated breastmilk services for public hospitals with neonatal intensive care units.
59	Continue to promote the wider use of Electronic Health Record Sharing System to attain the following results by end-2024: 3.4 million eHealth App users; and - a monthly average of 190 000 record access. (HHB)	Task completed. As at end-August 2024, the number of eHealth App downloads reached about 3.5 million, and the monthly average access of electronic health records exceeded 230 000 in the past three months.
60	Launch the next-phase tobacco control initiatives within 2024 with a view to reducing smoking prevalence from the existing 9.5% to 7.8% within 2025. (HHB)	Task on track. Following the tobacco duty increase in early 2024, the HHB announced the next-phase tobacco control initiatives in June 2024.
61	Continue to take forward the 10-year development blueprint on sports and recreation facilities with the following targets: Phase 1 (2022-2027) 16 projects with implementation launched; and 15 projects with technical feasibility study launched. Phase 2 (2027-2032) 15 projects (with technical feasibility established under Phase 1) with implementation launched. (CSTB)	Task on track. Among the 16 projects for implementation, two projects have obtained funding approval and commenced works. Technical feasibility studies of 11 projects have been completed, and the remaining three projects are at the preliminary stage of preparation for technical feasibility studies. As for the 15 projects for conducting technical feasibility studies, one project has been completed.
62	Promote urban sports to 8 000 participants every year starting from the 2023/24 school year. (CSTB)	Target for 2023/24 school year completed. In the 2023/24 school year, around 190 schools organised over 400 training courses in total, offering the opportunity for about 8 000 participants to participate in urban sports training.

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63	Support at least 10 major international sports events under the “M” Mark system with at least 350 000 attendance every year. (CSTB)	Target for 2024 exceeded. Up to September 2024, there are 17 major international sports events supported under the “M” Mark system, with an attendance of over 500 000 during the year.
64	Continue to promote waste reduction and recycling: Introduce a bill into the LegCo in early 2024 to regulate the proper handling of recyclables in residential buildings;	Task in progress. In view of the public concern over waste reduction and recycling, the Government announced the launch of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter (the Charter) in June 2024 to encourage the source separation of wastes and clean recycling in private residential premises. The Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) considers that the level of participation and effectiveness of the charter would be of significant relevance for drafting the bill. It plans to review the progress and consult the stakeholders in mid-2025, including on the way forward, the <i>modus operandi</i> of the proposed legislation and the timetable, etc..
	Introduce a bill into LegCo within 2024 to establish a common legislative framework for producer responsibility schemes, with a view to extending the schemes gradually to cover plastic beverage containers, beverage cartons, electric vehicle batteries, vehicle tyres and lead-acid batteries starting from 2025;	Task on track. The Government is working at full steam on the legislative amendment exercise to establish a common legislative framework for producer responsibility schemes, and consultation with stakeholders and the industry is continued in parallel. The Government will introduce the bill into the LegCo once the drafting of the legislation is completed.
	Install smart recycling bins progressively in all PRH estates in Hong Kong within 2024 to collect food waste; and	Task completed. The installation of Food Waste Smart Recycling Bins in all PRH estates was completed two months ahead of schedule.
	Implement the first phase of regulation of disposable plastic tableware and other plastic products in Q2 2024. (EEB)	Task completed. The first phase of the regulation scheme has been in force since 22 April 2024 with the first six months designated as the adaptation period. The implementation is going smoothly overall.

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65	Continue to enhance energy efficiency: Consult the trade by end-2023 on the proposal of amending the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance, including extending the scope of regulation to more types of buildings, mandating the disclosure of information in energy audit reports, and shortening the interval of energy audit. Our target is to commence the legislative exercise within 2024; and	Task on track. Consultation with the trade on the proposal to amend the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance has been completed. The EEB is drafting the relevant bill and aims to consult the LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs by end-2024.
	Improve the overall energy performance of government buildings and infrastructure by more than 6% in 2024-25, using 2018-19 as the baseline year. (EEB)	Task on track. As at 2022-23, the overall energy performance of the Government was improved by around 5.3% (over the baseline year of 2018-19). All departments will continue to implement various energy saving measures, and small-scale renewable energy installations will be deployed in suitable government buildings and infrastructure to boost the overall energy performance.
66	Complete the designation of about 500 ha of land at Robin's Nest as country park within 2024. (EEB)	Task completed. The Robin's Nest Country Park was officially established on 1 March 2024.
67	Continue to enhance environmental hygiene and cityscape: Remove 60% of the remaining environmental hygiene blackspots identified by various departments by end-2024 as compared to end-2023; (DCSO, relevant bureaux)	Task on track. Of the 738 blackspots across the city, over 90% have seen significantly improved conditions.
	Conduct anti-rodent operations at the remaining and newly identified rodent blackspots, with a view to removing 60% of the rodent blackspots by end-2024; (EEB)	Task on track. The situation of most of the priority rodent blackspots has significantly improved. It is expected that the indicator will be achieved as scheduled.
	Launch the "Shining City Project" within 2024 to enhance the beautification work of our city; (DCSO, relevant bureaux)	Task completed. The LCSD has implemented the "Shining City Project" by planting plants with conspicuous flowers in its venues and roadside areas across the city, and by carrying out landscaping works in flowerbeds at central medians and roundabouts on some main roads.

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	Introduce an amendment bill into the LegCo within 2024 on the second-stage legislative review, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and deterrence effect of the environmental hygiene-related legislation; and (EEB)	Task on track. The drafting of the legislative amendment is underway, with the aim of introducing the amendment Bill to the LegCo by end-2024.
	Conduct about 500 joint environmental hygiene operations with different stakeholders in PRH estates under the HKHA on a yearly basis. (HB)	Task completed. The target of conducting over 500 joint environmental hygiene operations on a yearly basis has been completed in PRH estates under the HKHA.
68	Harbourfront promenade: Extend the total length of promenade on both sides of the Victoria Harbour by over 30% from the existing 25 kilometres to 34 kilometres by end-2028; (DEVB)	Task on track. The total length of promenade on both sides of the Victoria Harbour will be extended to 29 kilometres by end-2024, and is expected to be further extended to 34 kilometres by 2028.
	Stage at least 30 events/activities at harbourfront sites every year; and (DEVB)	Task on track. Between January and end-September 2024, over 30 events/activities organised by various government departments, non-governmental organisations and private parties were staged at harbourfront sites on both sides of the Victoria Harbour.
	Reduce the pollution load at identified highly polluted outfalls along the Victoria Harbour, including Tsuen Wan, Sham Shui Po and Kowloon City, by 50% by end-2024. (EEB)	Task completed. As at end-September 2024, the pollution load at the rainwater outfalls concerned in priority areas was reduced by about 80%.
69	Progressively commence works for improving some sections and providing missing links of a 60-kilometre long Round-the-Island Trail (the Trail) from 2023 onwards, with a view to connecting 90% of the Trail by end-2027 and substantially completing the remaining larger scale works by end-2031. (DEVB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, over 80% of the Trail was connected.

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70	Continue to enhance post-secondary education by encouraging UGC-funded universities to increase relevance of their programmes to future economic development such that: students in UGC-funded universities studying in STEAM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) will reach around 35% by the 2026/27 academic year; and	Task on track. The UGC officially commenced the Planning Exercise for the 2025-28 triennium in March 2024, and will submit its recommendations on the allocation of student places and recurrent grants to the Government by end-2024.
	students in UGC-funded universities studying in disciplines relevant to “the eight centres” will reach around 60% by the 2026/27 academic year. (EDB)	
71	Continue to step up promotion of STEAM education: Arrange for STEAM co-ordinator/ teachers of at least 75% of publicly-funded schools to undergo core professional training on I&T within the 2023/24 school year;	Task completed. All publicly-funded schools arranged for their STEAM co-ordinator/ teachers to undergo core professional training on I&T in the 2023/24 school year.
	Organise or participate in quality STEAM activities of reasonable scale at the school, inter-school, citywide or international level by all publicly-funded schools starting from the 2023/24 school year;	Task completed. Starting from the 2023/24 school year, all publicly-funded schools have been organising or participating in quality STEAM activities of reasonable scale at the school, inter-school, citywide or international level on an annual basis.
	Implement a pilot scheme on mathematical modelling at primary level within the 2023/24 school year, and complete all tryout lessons by the 2024/25 school year;	Task on track. The pilot scheme on mathematical modelling at the primary level has been implemented in the 2023/24 school year. All tryout lessons of the scheme are expected to be completed within the 2024/25 school year.

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	Announce the curriculum framework of the Science subject in primary school stage within the 2023/24 school year for implementation starting from the 2025/26 school year, with a view to strengthening students' scientific and creative thinking;	Task completed. The EDB announced the Primary Science Curriculum Framework in March 2024. The curriculum will be implemented starting from the 2025/26 school year.
	Implement the enriched coding education and incorporate learning elements of I&T (e.g. AI) in the relevant curricula at the upper primary and junior secondary levels respectively in at least 75% of publicly-funded schools, and set up school-based student talent pool in at least 75% of the publicly-funded primary and secondary schools to identify and nurture gifted talents by the end of 2024/25 school year; and	Task completed. As at the 2023/24 school year, almost all publicly-funded schools have implemented the enriched coding education at the upper primary level and incorporated learning elements of I&T (e.g. AI) in the relevant curricula at the junior secondary level. Over 75% of the publicly-funded primary and secondary schools have set up school-based student talent pools.
	Arrange for at least one Mathematics teacher in each publicly-funded secondary school to undergo professional development training on mathematical modelling by the end of 2025/26 school year. (EDB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2024, about 35% of publicly-funded secondary schools have arranged for at least one Mathematics teacher to participate in the professional development training on mathematical modelling. It is expected that all the relevant training will be completed by the end of the 2025/26 school year.
72	Continue to promote Mainland and international exchanges: Establish the first teacher training and exchange base in collaboration with the authorities or institutions of the Mainland within the 2023/24 school year, with a view to organising regular training, exchange and collaboration projects in the Mainland;	Task completed. Hong Kong's first Teacher Training and Exchange Base was established at the South China Normal University in January 2024.

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	• Provide a five-year grant for secondary schools starting from the 2023/24 school year to organise study tours exploring workplaces in the GBA, with around 100 secondary schools to be subsidised in the first year for organising 100 relevant tours;	Task completed. More than 100 secondary schools joined the “Greater Bay Area Career Exploration Tours” Programme for the 2023/24 school year. Participating schools have gradually commenced study tours starting from June 2024.
	• Launch the “Guangdong-Hong Kong Sister Kindergarten Exchange Programme” starting from the 2023/24 school year, with 50 kindergartens to be benefitted in the first year;	Task completed. The EDB launched the “Guangdong-Hong Kong Sister Kindergarten Exchange Programme” in the 2023/24 school year. Fifty kindergartens from Hong Kong and 50 kindergartens from the Guangdong Province joined the programme in the first year to form a learning circle.
	• Continue to provide more opportunities for students to participate in Mainland study tours with the following targets: ➢ Reserve adequate places for all students in publicly-funded schools to participate in at least one subsidised Mainland exchange programme each in their primary and secondary stages under the Mainland Exchange Programme for Junior Secondary and Upper Primary Students and the Mainland Exchange Programme for Secondary School Students; ➢ Participate in a Mainland study tour for all students taking the senior secondary Citizenship and Social Development subject; and	Task completed. The EDB provided over 100 000 exchange places for primary and secondary students in the 2023/24 school year for their exchange and study in different provinces and municipalities in the Mainland. The EDB also arranged for about 50 000 senior secondary students to participate in Mainland study tours for the Citizenship and Social Development subject in the 2023/24 school year.
	• Provide opportunities of learning experience outside Hong Kong for around 50% of local undergraduate students of UGC-funded universities within the 2025/26 academic year. (EDB)	Task on track. UGC-funded universities are actively using the Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience to provide learning experience activities outside Hong Kong for more local undergraduate students.

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73	Continue to enhance youth participation in public affairs: • Increase the number of participating advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) under the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY) from over 60 in 2022 to no less than 125 by end-2024 and no less than 180 by mid-2027;	Task on track. The MSSY Phase 7 commenced in August 2024. It is expected that the total number of participating ASBs will be no less than 180 by mid-2027.
	• Increase the total number of posts in ASBs directly offered through the MSSY from around 130 in 2022 to no less than 250 by end-2024 and no less than 360 by mid-2027; and	Task on track. The MSSY Phase 7 commenced in August 2024. It is expected that the total number of posts in ASBs directly offered through the MSSY will be no less than 360 by mid-2027.
	• No less than 70% of responding appointees to consider the MSSY useful in assisting them to take part in public policy discussion and debate. (HYAB)	Task completed. In the questionnaire survey of the MSSY Phase 6, all of the responding appointees considered the MSSY useful in assisting them in taking part in public policy discussion.
74	Continue to cultivate positive thinking of young people: • Nurture positive thinking of young people through youth-led projects involving cross-sectoral efforts to benefit no less than 30 000 attendance, including about 6 000 attendance in the first round of the relevant initiative in mid-2025;	Task on track. The activities of the first round of the relevant initiative will be completed by mid-2025. It is expected that they will benefit over 6 000 attendees. A new round is expected to be rolled out in 2025.
	• Provide systematic and quality adventure training activities to young people for no less than 50 000 attendance, including about 10 000 attendance in the first round of the relevant initiative in mid-2025; and	Task on track. The activities of the first round of the relevant initiative will be completed by mid-2025. It is expected that they will benefit over 10 000 attendees. A new round is expected to be rolled out in 2025.
	• No less than 70% of responding participants to consider themselves having developed a positive outlook on life after joining either of the above schemes. (HYAB)	Task on track. The HYAB will review the feedback collected from the participants after the completion of the first round of the above schemes.

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75	Continue to enrich the experience of young people: • Increase the number of beneficiaries under various youth exchange and internship programmes in the Mainland and overseas under the HYAB from about 17 000 in 2019 to no less than 30 000 in 2024;	Task on track. The number of beneficiaries under various exchange and internship programmes in the Mainland and overseas is expected to be no less than 30 000 in 2024.
	• No less than 90% of participants surveyed to consider themselves having benefitted from the programmes and that the programme objectives have been attained; and	Task completed. In the latest round of questionnaire survey, over 90% of participants surveyed consider themselves having benefitted from the programmes and that the programme objectives have been attained.
	• No less than 80% of employers surveyed to consider the Mainland and overseas internship experience valuable and participants of such programmes more competitive than non-participants. (HYAB)	Task completed. In the latest round of questionnaire survey, over 80% of employers surveyed consider the Mainland and overseas internship experience valuable and participants of such programmes more competitive than non-participants.
76	Continue to promote the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA: • No less than 100 funded youth start-up teams in aggregate to have settled in Mainland cities of the GBA by 2026; and	Task on track. As at March 2024, 71 funded youth start-up teams settled in Mainland cities of the GBA. The HYAB will continue to support youth start-up teams in establishing a presence in these cities by launching a new round of the funding scheme.
	• No less than 80% of the participants surveyed to consider their understanding of business start-up to increase after joining the scheme. (HYAB)	Task on track. Over 90% of responding participants in the funding scheme considered the scheme useful in enhancing their understanding of business start-up. The HYAB will collect feedback from participants after the completion of the new round of the funding scheme.
77	Expand the Youth Hostel Scheme to hotels and guesthouses with a view to providing around 3 000 additional places between 2022 and 2027. (HYAB)	Task on track. Five projects have been approved since the launch of the scheme, providing a total of 1 349 places.

Abbreviations

AAHK	Airport Authority Hong Kong
AFRC	Accounting and Financial Reporting Council
AI	artificial intelligence
ASBs	advisory and statutory bodies
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATPs	advanced therapy products
AV	autonomous vehicles
Blueprint 2.0	Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0
B&R	Belt and Road
BTRi	Building Technology Research Institute
BUD Fund	Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales
Care Teams	District Services and Community Care Teams
CCPO	Chinese Culture Promotion Office
CCTVs	closed-circuit televisions
CDCC	Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme
CDI	Commercial Data Interchange
CEDB	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
CEPA	Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement
CITF	Construction Innovation and Technology Fund
CM	Chinese medicine
CMAB	Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau
CMPR	Centre for Medical Products Regulation
CPPCC	Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
CSB	Civil Service Bureau
CSEPs	civil service eligible persons
CSD	Correctional Services Department
CSO	Chief Secretary for Administration's Office
CSTB	Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau
CYS	Chung Ying Street Checkpoint
DCs	District Councils
DCSO	Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration's Office
DEVB	Development Bureau
DFSO	Deputy Financial Secretary's Office
DH	Department of Health
DHCs	District Health Centres
DoJ	Department of Justice
EDB	Education Bureau

EEB	Environment and Ecology Bureau
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMs	ethnic minorities
EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
ERB	Employees Retraining Board
ETF	Exchange Traded Fund
FCSs	fast charging stations
FCZs	Fish Culture Zones
FSD	Fire Services Department
FSO	Financial Secretary's Office
FSTB	Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau
GB	Green Belt
GBA	Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
GOPCs	general out-patient clinics
HA	Hospital Authority
HB	Housing Bureau
HC	House Committee
HHB	Health Bureau
HKACC	Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps
HKCH	Hong Kong Children's Hospital
HKETOs	Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices
HKEX	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
HKHA	Hong Kong Housing Authority
HKIA	Hong Kong International Airport
HKILTTA	Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy
HKMA	Hong Kong Monetary Authority
HKNSL	Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
HOS	Home Ownership Scheme
HKP	Hong Kong Port
HKPF	Hong Kong Police Force
HK SAR	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
HKSF	Hong Kong Shopping Festival
HKTB	Hong Kong Tourism Board
HKTDC	Hong Kong Trade Development Council
HKTE	Hong Kong Talent Engage
HYAB	Home and Youth Affairs Bureau
HZMB	Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge
IBs	industrial buildings

ICAC	Independent Commission Against Corruption
ICRCs	Integrated Community Rehabilitation Centres
IPD	Intellectual Property Department
IOMed	International Organisation for Mediation
ISSB Standards	International Financial Reporting Standards - Sustainability Disclosure Standards
IT	information technology
I&T	innovation and technology
ITC	Innovation and Technology Commission
ITIB	Innovation Technology and Industry Bureau
KTSP	Kai Tak Sports Park
LCSD	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
LD	Labour Department
LegCo	Legislative Council
LPH	Light Public Housing
LWB	Labour and Welfare Bureau
mBridge	Multiple Central Bank Digital Currency Bridge
MCHCs	Maternal and Child Health Centres
MiC	Modular Integrated Construction
MiC 2.0	second generation MiC
MoUs	memoranda of understanding
MPF	Mandatory Provident Fund
MSSY	Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth
NCS	non-Chinese speaking
NDA	New Development Area
NEXT	Navigators for Excellence in Education Training
NGOs	non-governmental organisations
NPC	National People's Congress
NSAs	national sports associations
OASES	Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises
PE	Physical Education
PHCC	Primary Healthcare Commission
PRH	public rental housing
RCHEs	residential care homes for the elderly
R&D	research and development
RMB	Renminbi
RTHK	Radio Television Hong Kong
SAF	sustainable aviation fuel
SB	Security Bureau

SDUs	subdivided units
SFC	Securities and Futures Commission
SF&OC	Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
SIM	Subscriber Identification Module
SMEs	small and medium enterprises
SNSO	Safeguarding National Security Ordinance
SOPCs	specialist out-patient clinics
sq.m.	square metres
SSFs	subsidised sale flats
STEAM	Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics
STK	Sha Tau Kok
SWD	Social Welfare Department
TC	Tourism Commission
TID	Trade and Industry Department
TLB	Transport and Logistics Bureau
UAS	universities of applied sciences
UN	United Nations
URA	Urban Renewal Authority
VA	virtual assets
VTC	Vocational Training Council
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WKCD	West Kowloon Cultural District
WKCDA	West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
WSM	White Form Secondary Market Scheme
YHS	Youth Hostel Scheme

