

# Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the GBA), as a key development strategy in China, comprises the two Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macao, and nine cities of Guangdong Province. It is one of the most open and economically vibrant regions in the country with great development potential.



## Objectives



Deepen cooperation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao



Leverage the complementary advantages of the three places



Promote coordinated regional economic development



Develop an international first-class bay area ideal for living, working and travelling



Area:

~ 56 110 km<sup>2</sup>

Population:

> 8 700 million

Statistics as at end-2024

# Tapping into the Greater Bay Area through Hong Kong

## Financial Services

As an international financial centre and the world's largest offshore Renminbi business hub, Hong Kong serves as a two-way bridge for international investors to enter the Chinese Mainland market and for Chinese Mainland investors to go global. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government is committed to strengthening the interconnectivity between financial markets of Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland. For example, the launch of Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect in the GBA has significantly facilitated cross-boundary investment for residents in the region and created new opportunities for financial institutions across the three places.



## Innovation and Technology



The HKSAR Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government are working closely to develop the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone. Following the promulgation of the Development Outline for the Hong Kong Park of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone in November 2024, the Hong Kong Park has entered a fast-track development phase and officially opened in December 2025. Concurrently, the HKSAR Government is pressing ahead with the development of San Tin Technopole in the Northern Metropolis, joining forces with Shenzhen to develop an international innovation and technology hub of the GBA.

## Maritime, Aviation and Logistics

The Airport Authority Hong Kong has been developing the "sea-air intermodal cargo transshipment" mode in collaboration with Dongguan, which has greatly improved the efficiency of cross-boundary air cargo transshipment. The HKSAR Government will continue to strengthen co-operation with other GBA cities in the logistics sector, and make good use of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to expand the catchment area of cargo services and facilitate more goods to go through Hong Kong, thereby consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's status as an international shipping and trade centre.



## Trade

In October 2024, the HKSAR Government and the Ministry of Commerce signed the Second Agreement Concerning Amendment to the Agreement on Trade in Services under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA). This further enhances the Chinese Mainland's level of liberalisation in a number of service sectors where Hong Kong enjoys competitive advantages, and support the implementation of the measures "allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law" and "allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose Hong Kong as the seat of arbitration" for Hong Kong-invested enterprises registered in the GBA, creating more favourable conditions for Hong Kong enterprises and professionals to expand into the Chinese Mainland market.

# Greater Bay Area Opportunities Abound for Youth Development

## Youth Entrepreneurship

The Youth Development Commission has launched the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA (Entrepreneurship Scheme) and HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases (Experiential Scheme) under the Youth Development Fund to support innovation and entrepreneurship by Hong Kong young people in the GBA.



Introduction of Entrepreneurial Scheme and Experiential Scheme

## Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the GBA



Opening ceremony to welcome new member organisations of the Alliance

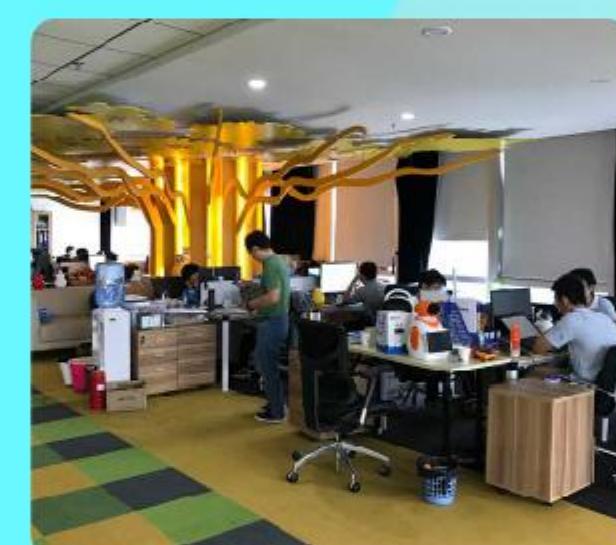
Jointly established by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Human Resources and Social Security Department of Guangdong Province in December 2023, the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the GBA (the Alliance) has gathered around 70 member organisations from various sectors in the GBA, including innovation and entrepreneurial bases in nine Mainland cities in the GBA. The Alliance provides a one-stop information, publicity and exchange platform for Hong Kong youth entrepreneurs in the GBA.



Dedicated Website of the Alliance

## Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in GBA

Youth innovation and entrepreneurial bases in the GBA provide substantial hardware and software support, such as assistance in creativity nurturing, and commercialisation of research results, etc.



Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in GBA

## Youth Employment



The GBA Youth Employment Scheme (GBA YES) encourages enterprises to employ Hong Kong's young people to work in the Mainland cities of the GBA, with a view to fostering their career development and talent exchange in the region.

Enterprises joining GBA YES shall employ Hong Kong young people in accordance with Hong Kong laws, offer young people awarded bachelor's degree or above a monthly salary of not less than HK\$18,000 and those with sub-degree qualifications a monthly salary comparable with the market rate, station them in the Mainland cities of the GBA to work and receive on-the-job training. Enterprises are eligible for a subsidy of each youth employed, lasting up to 18 months.

The Scheme of 2026 is now open for applications. Hong Kong young people aged 29 or below with educational attainment at sub-degree level or above are welcome to apply.



GBA YES

## Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates

Non-local students who have obtained an undergraduate or higher qualification in a full-time and locally-accredited programme in Hong Kong, and persons who have obtained an undergraduate or higher qualification in a full-time programme offered by a higher education institution in the Mainland cities of the GBA jointly established by universities of the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong in accordance with relevant regulations, may apply to stay/return/come and work in Hong Kong. The relevant arrangements are quota-free and non-sector specific.



Immigration Department

# On-the-ground Support for Hong Kong People and Enterprises

## Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre

- Established by HKSAR Government in Guangzhou in April 2023
- To provide support to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland
- To organise various activities to promote opportunities in the GBA
- To fully leverage Hong Kong's dual roles in "going global and attracting foreign investment"

### Organising Seminars and Exhibitions



The Greater Bay Area AI+ & Investment Exchange Seminar in Shenzhen



Seminar on Creating Business Value through Intellectual Property in the Greater Bay Area in Guangzhou

### Promoting GBA Opportunities to Mainland-based Hong Kong Groups and Enterprises



Meeting with Hong Kong designer delegations at the 15th China International Animation Copyright Fair

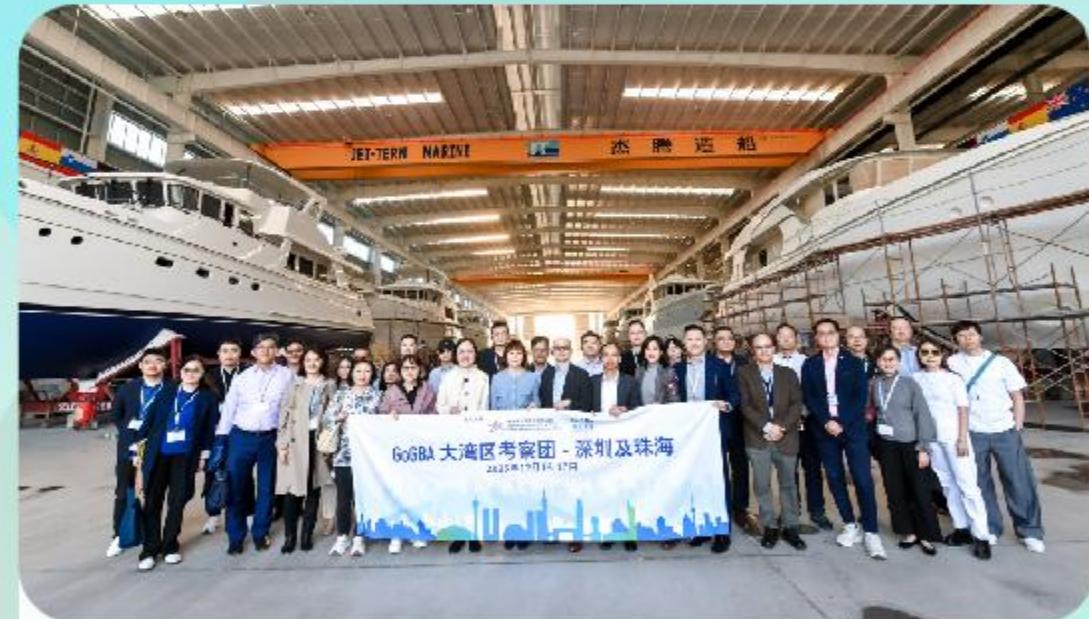


Lunch gathering for Hong Kong people and enterprises in Jiangmen

### Providing Support to Visits to Forge New Opportunities



Visiting a drone enterprise in Zhuhai with Hong Kong business mission



Visiting a yacht enterprise in Zhuhai with Hong Kong business mission

### Supporting Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship



The GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Carnival in Nansha, Guangzhou



Innovation tour for Hong Kong youngsters to the Huawei (Songshan Lake) developer village in Dongguan

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Promotion Centre



Promotion Centre's Activities

# About Us

## The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (GBA Office)

- To closely liaise with the Mainland authorities and other GBA cities
- To coordinate the work of the HKSAR Government
- To maintain liaison with local, Mainland and overseas stakeholders
- To publicise and promote significant opportunities of the GBA development

## More Information

### GBA Thematic Website



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### Official WeChat Account



Please use WeChat to scan and follow

### TV Programmes

Provide practical and interesting information about the GBA in various aspects through different thematic reports and stories.



“Hong Kong: Connecting the World and Converging Business in the Greater Bay Area”

Introduces the success stories of Hong Kong as a dual platform for “going global” and “attracting foreign investment”, underlining how Hong Kong leverages its unique advantages under the “One Country, Two Systems” principle to play the crucial roles of a “super connector” and “super value-adder”

“Hello GBA,  
Hello Nansha!”



Introduces the planning and development of Nansha in an easily understandable manner. It showcases how Nansha, through its five development directions, deepens mutually complementary cooperation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.



Scan QR code to watch videos  
(Chinese only)

### GBA Office Newsletters

Introduce the latest work of the GBA Office and the significant progress of the HKSAR Government in taking forward GBA development.



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