

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

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) comprises the two Special Administrative Regions (SARs) of Hong Kong and Macao, and nine municipalities of Guangdong Province (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing). With a population of about 87 million and a combined GDP of about RMB 14 trillion (about US\$2 trillion) in 2023, it is one of the most open and economically vibrant regions in the country with great development potential.

Objectives of GBA Development

Deepen co-operation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and leverage the complementary advantages of the three places to promote synergistic economic development

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

Enhance the supporting and leading role of the GBA in the country's economic development and opening up

Outline Development Plan for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

The Central Government promulgated on 18 February 2019 the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, which is an important outline document guiding the development of the GBA.

The four core cities of Hong Kong, Macao, Guangzhou and Shenzhen serve as the core engines to drive regional development of the GBA.



Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

Role and Positioning of Hong Kong



Consolidate and enhance Hong Kong's status as international financial, transportation and trade centres as well as an international aviation hub

Strengthen Hong Kong's status as a global offshore Renminbi business hub and role as an international asset management centre and a risk management centre

Promote the development of high-end and high value-added financial, commercial and trading, logistics and professional services, etc.

Develop the innovation and technology industries, nurture emerging industries

Establish itself as the centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific Region



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Innovation and Technology

The HKSAR Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government are actively pursuing the development of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone (Co-operation Zone) in full swing so as to develop an innovation and technology hub of the GBA.

The HKSAR Government promulgated the Development Outline for Hong Kong Park of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone in November 2024, outlining the major development directions, strategy and target of the Hong Kong Park of the Co-operation Zone, and the facilitation measures to promote the flow of cross-boundary elements between the Hong Kong Park and the Shenzhen Park, etc., with a view to setting out a clear development plan for the Hong Kong Park.



Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau



Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park



Financial Services

As an international financial centre and the largest offshore Renminbi business centre in the world, Hong Kong acts as a two-way bridge for international investors to access the Mainland market and for Mainland investors to reach out to the overseas market. In order to strengthen the financial connectivity, a number of important measures have been introduced continuously, such as the further enhanced "Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme 2.0" commenced in late-February 2024 which brings new opportunities for the financial industry.



Financial co-operation with the Mainland

Maritime, Aviation and Logistics

The Airport Authority Hong Kong has been cooperating with Zhuhai Municipal Government in enhancing passenger and cargo connectivity between Hong Kong and Zhuhai, and promoting the cooperation in high-end aviation industry. The HKSAR Government will also continue to enhance the logistics co-operation with other GBA cities, making good use of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to expand the catchment area of our cargo services and facilitate more goods to go through Hong Kong, so as to consolidate and enhance Hong Kong's status as an international shipping and trade centre.



Legal Services

Pursuant to the revised pilot measures for Hong Kong and Macao legal practitioners to obtain Mainland practice qualifications and to practise as lawyers in the nine Mainland municipalities in the GBA, the practice experience threshold of Hong Kong and Macao legal practitioners for enrolling in the GBA Legal Professional Examination has been lowered from five years to three years. Upon passing the examination and obtaining the GBA Lawyer's Licence, they are allowed to provide legal services in the nine Mainland cities in the GBA on specified civil and commercial legal matters to which the Mainland laws apply. The examination has been successfully held four times since 2021, providing Hong Kong legal practitioners with more room for career development in the nine Mainland cities in the GBA.



Department of Justice

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Youth Entrepreneurship

Launched by the HKSAR Government and the Youth Development Commission under the Youth Development Fund, the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA and the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases support innovation and entrepreneurship of Hong Kong's young people in the GBA. The new rounds of both schemes have been launched in April 2024.



Website of
Funding Scheme for
Youth Entrepreneurship
in GBA

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



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 has jointly established the Alliance in December 2023, which gathers nearly 60 member organisations, with a view to providing a one-stop information, publicity and exchange platform for Hong Kong youth entrepreneurs in the GBA.



Alliance of Hong Kong
Youth Innovation and
Entrepreneurial Bases
in GBA

Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in GBA

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

Apart from enjoying the concessionary policy initiatives introduced by various municipal governments in the GBA, Hong Kong's young people who have successfully established a foothold can also benefit from the incubation and guidance services offered by the entrepreneurial bases in the GBA.



Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial
Bases in GBA



Information about
"We Venture Map" in the Website of
the Alliance of Hong Kong
Youth Innovation and
Entrepreneurial Bases in GBA

Youth Employment



The GBA Youth Employment Scheme (GBA YES) encourages enterprises to offer jobs to Hong Kong's young people to work in the Mainland cities of the GBA, with a view to fostering their career development and facilitating talent exchange in the GBA. With a monthly allowance provided by the HKSAR Government up to a maximum of 18 months, enterprises joining GBA YES should employ Hong Kong's young people with a monthly salary of not less than HK\$18,000 and station them in the Mainland cities of the GBA to work and receive on-the-job training.



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 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

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

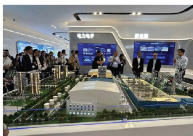
To further enhance the publicity and promotional efforts in the Mainland cities of the GBA, as well as to provide support for Hong Kong residents and enterprises there, the HKSAR Government sets up the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre (Promotion Centre) in Guangzhou

The Promotion Centre has forged strategic co-operation with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Invest Hong Kong and relevant organisations and institutions, and organise different types of activities to promote the GBA opportunities, including

Organising seminars and exhibitions



Arranging Hong Kong trade missions to meet with local officials and organisations



Meeting with Hong Kong people, groups and enterprises in the Mainland



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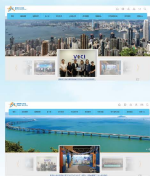


Promotion Centre's
Activities

More Information

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (GBA Office) closely liaises with the Mainland authorities, strengthens internal co-ordination within the HKSAR Government, fosters exchanges with stakeholders, as well as through diversified channels disseminates more comprehensive information about GBA development to different sectors of the community

GBA Thematic Website



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GBA Information Station (GBAIS)

GBAISs are set up in all districts of Hong Kong. With a simple and easy-to-use interface, the GBAIS provides useful information about the GBA



List of GBAIS Locations



Content of GBAIS

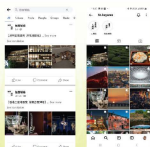
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GBA Office Newsletters

GoGBA One-stop Digital Platform

The GBA Office has supported the Hong Kong Trade Development Council in developing and launching the GoGBA one-stop digital platform, which offers important business and trade information about the GBA as well as practical tools for business travel



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