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The 67th Issue of "CEPA Newsletter" has been released. The Mainland and Macao Economic and Trade Cooperation Committee held its first meeting on 12 December this year at the Government Headquarters, marking the two places' joint effort to take forward their economic and trade exchange and cooperation to a higher level. The meeting considered and confirmed the meeting mechanism of the Committee, and introduced 19 policy measures for mutually beneficial cooperation by exchanging opinions on major cooperation areas, such as promoting the enhancement and implementation of CEPA, jointly advancing the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, supporting Macao in participating in the development of the "Belt and Road" Initiative, supporting Macao's development as a platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and strengthening the economic and trade exchanges between the two places. After the meeting, the Ministry of Commerce of China and the Macao SAR Government signed the Agreement on Trade in Goods of CEPA, which is an integral part to enhancement of CEPA that completed the work on the goal of enhancing CEPA alongside with the Agreement on Trade in Services, the Investment Agreement and the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation, which were previously signed under CEPA.

In addition, to enhance exchanges in multiple areas of cooperation in the Economic and Technical Cooperation Work Programme under the HK-Macao CEPA, especially the cooperation and exchanges related to technical barriers to trade concerning product safety, four representatives of the Macao Economic Bureau visited the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department on 6 November as both sides held a working meeting on realising information flow on product safety under the HK-Macao CEPA, during which they carried out initial communication and reached a consensus on the future flow of public information and training on product safety between the two places.

The Guangdong-Macao Intellectual Property Working Group held its fourth meeting in Guangzhou on 8 October 2018. At the meeting, representatives of the Guangdong side and of the Macao side exchanged on the current development of intellectual property in the two places and summarised the completion of the cooperation projects in the previous

phase in order to fully implement the Framework Agreement on Guangdong/Macao Co-operation, materialise the spirit of the Guangdong/Macao Cooperation Joint Conference, and promote closer cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in the area of intellectual property.

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