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**Editor’s Notes:**

To implement the proposal delivered by Premier Wen Jiabao at the Third Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, aimed at jointly establish a fund with a total amount of USD1 billion by the China Development Bank Capital Corporation Ltd. and the Industrial and Commercial Fund for Development of Macao, the China Development Bank Capital Corporation Ltd. and the Secretariat for Economy and Finance of the Macao SAR Government jointly held the “Introduction Conference of the Fund for Co-operation and Development between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries ” in Macao at the end of March. The objective of the Conference is to introduce the operational management and progress of the fund. To guarantee safety of the food supplied to Macao from the Mainland, the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC, together with several departments of the Mainland including the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of PRC and Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, visited Macao. They held seminars with related government departments and representatives of the industries, and paid a site visit to understand the situation of agricultural by-products supplied to Macao from the Mainland, and expressed that the Mainland attached great importance to the quality of food supplied to Macao and would conduct strict checks to ensure its quality.

***1. Introduction Conference of the Fund for Co-operation and Development between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries was held in Macao***

The “Introduction Conference of the Fund for Co-operation and Development between China and

Portuguese-speaking Countries” was jointly held by the China Development Bank Capital Corporation Ltd. and the Secretariat for Economy and Finance of the Macao SAR Government on 27 March in Macao, with the aim to introduce the operational management and investment standard of the Fund for Co-operation and Development between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, as well as to announce the progress of establishment of the fund.



Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Jiang Zengwei delivered speech in the conference.

Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC, Mr. Jiang Zengwei, Secretary for Economy and Finance of the SAR government, Mr. Tam Pak Yuen, Vice President of China Development Bank Capital Corporation Ltd., Mr. Zheng Zhijie, ambassadors of the member countries of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, several ministers of the Mozambique government, as well as more than 200 representatives from the sectors of finance, commerce and industry of the Portuguese-speaking Countries and Macao participated in the Introduction Conference. The Fund for Co-operation and Development between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries was approved to be established by

the State Council, formally announced by Premier Wen Jiabao at the Third Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, as well as jointly initiated by the China Development Bank Capital Corporation Ltd. and the Industrial and Commercial Fund for Development of Macao. Total amount of the fund was USD1 billion, with an initial capital injection of USD 200 million currently under preparation. The major investment areas of the fund included infrastructure, transportation, telecommunication, energy, agriculture and natural resources, with the aim to reinforce the economic and trade cooperation between China and the Portuguese Speaking Countries, promote joint development, encourage and expand bilateral investment. It mainly supported the enterprises of China and Macao to enter the Portuguese Speaking Countries and the enterprises of the Portuguese Speaking Countries to develop in China.

***2. The Ministry of Commerce led a delegation to visit Macao to investigate the safety and supply of by-products from the Mainland to Macao***

Vice Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and Deputy China International Trade Representative, Mr. Zhong Shan led a delegation to visit Macao on 15 and 16 January. Members of the delegation included related persons in charge from the Ministry of Commerce, the General



Representatives of the two sides jointly consulted on the work of supplying the agricultural by-products to Macao (Courtesy photo from the Government Information Bureau)

Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of PRC, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and the People’s Government of Guangdong Province, as well as representatives from related suppliers. The delegation held a seminar on the topic of the supply of by-products from the Mainland to Macao with representatives of the SAR government and the industries led by Secretary for Economy and Finance, Mr. Tam Pak Yuen, and conducted a site investigation on the situation of supply to market. Mr. Zhong Shan expressed that the Central Government has always attached great importance to the supply of agricultural by-products to Macao. Related departments of the Mainland, as well as those of the provinces and municipalities had established a very close and effective communication and liaison mechanism with related departments of the SAR government for a long time. On the other hand, the Mainland had nurtured a number of high-standard manufacturing and processing bases for the supply to Hong Kong and Macao, in which the food supplies must pass the examination of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine before exporting to Macao so as to ensure their safety.

### ***3. Macao Economic Services and the Economic and Information Commission of Guangdong Province held the 2012 Guangdong-Macao Co-operation Meeting on Service Industry***

On 21 February, Deputy Director of Macao Economic Services, Ms Chan Tze Wai led a delegation of five people to hold the 2012 Guangdong-Macao Co-operation Meeting on Service Industry in Guangzhou, with Deputy Secretary of Party Committee and Counsel of the Economic and Information Commission of Guangdong Province, Mr. Qi Zhen Li, as well as other representatives of the Commission such as Head of Department of Market Development, Mr. Luo Fang Shu and Head of Department of Manufacturing and Service Industries, Mr. Huang Jian Ming.



Group photo of the representatives of the two sides

During the meeting, the two sides reviewed and concluded the experience of cooperation, and reached consensus on giving play to the mechanism of the taskforce of cooperation of service industries of the two places in order to more effectively promote cooperation in the service industry. The two sides expressed the hope, on the basis of consolidating the results achieved, to further integrate the demand for

economic and industrial development of the two places, and to strengthen exchanges and interaction. Capitalizing on the favourable opportunities of the upcoming implementation of Supplement VIII to CEPA, the two sides would reinforce cooperation among the small and medium-sized enterprises of Guangdong and Macao, and emphasize on the promotion of cooperation on multiple areas, which included inviting the officials from Guangdong to hold “Promotion Seminar on Cooperation in the Service Industries of Guangdong and Macao” at the end of April to explain about CEPA and the new advantages for cooperation

between Guangdong and Macao. Furthermore, through the association of the industry, local wine enterprises would be organized to participate and visit the “2012 Guangdong International Wine Spirits Expo” held in Guangzhou at the end of May. The two sides looked forward to building and strengthening the exchange platform for the wine enterprises of the Mainland and Macao through the Wine Spirits Expo.

#### ***4. The First China (Beijing) International Fair for Trade in Services Promotion Event was held in Macao***

In order to strengthen the economic and trade exchanges between Beijing and Macao, the First China (Beijing) International Fair for Trade in Services (hereinafter referred to as “CIFTIS”) Promotion Event jointly organized by Department of Trade in Services of Ministry of Commerce, Beijing Municipal Committee of Commerce, supported by Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute, was held in Macao on 14 February. Mr. Guo Jinlong, Mayor of Beijing led a delegation to attend the Promotion Event, and introduced to the participants the latest development of service industry and cultural and creative industry in Beijing.

The first CIFTIS will be organized by Ministry of Commerce and co-organized by the People’s Government of Beijing Municipality, from 28 May to 1 June, at the China National Convention Center, Beijing, with the theme of “Trade in services: new prospect, new opportunities, and new development”. The Conference will cover twelve service sectors such as finance, telecommunications, commerce, construction, entertainment and education, and will include a series of activities such as the summit forum, professional trade negotiation, comprehensive exhibition, theme promotion and conference of authorities.

Mr. Tam Pak Yuen, Secretary for Economy and Finance of the Macao SAR addressed in his speech that trade in services has become one of the most important components of the international economic system. Macao SAR Government will continuously play the role of business and trade service platform, accelerate the construction of economic and trade cooperation service platform between China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries, so as to joint develop the international market. In the Promotion Event, representatives from Beijing WTO Affairs Center and Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute signed the memorandum of cooperation for the first CIFTIS, defining their mutual support in holding large conventions and exhibitions in respective cities. The two sides will actively send active dispatch of exhibitors to participate in the exhibitions, with a view to enhancing exchange and cooperation in service industry of the two places.

#### ***5. Representatives from Macao Economic Services attended the Seventh China Henan International Investment and Trade Fair***

The Seventh China Henan International Investment and Trade Fair was held in Zhengzhou of Henan

Province during 22-25 March. Ms. Chan Tze Wai, Deputy Director of Macao Economic Services was invited to attend the Fair and met with Mr. Shi Jichun, Minister of the United Front Work Department of Henan Provincial Party Committee, the leaders of Henan Provincial Commerce Department and Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office during the Conference, to discuss and exchange views on the economic and trade cooperation between Henan and Macao.



Opening Ceremony of the Seventh China Henan International Investment and Trade Fair

Last year, the State Council of PRC issued the “Guideline on supporting Henan Province to be built into a Central Plains Economic Zone”, with a view to sustaining and accelerating the construction of Central Plains Economic Zone in Henan Province. In line with international and domestic tendency of industrial transfer, the Fair attracted domestic and foreign capital and projects to be invested in Henan. During the Fair, 415 projects were signed, with a total investment volume of RMB 300.6 billion and contract capital of RMB286.6 billion, of which there are 87 foreign projects, with a total investment volume of USD10.2 billion.

#### 6. “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair” was held in Hefei of Anhui Province



The officiating guests attended the opening ceremony of “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair, Hefei of Anhui”

The large and comprehensive trading road-show “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair”, had been successfully held for eight stations, was solemnly held in Hefei of Anhui Province from 23 to 25 March. A series of activities comprise business symposium of Anhui and Macao, Portuguese-Speaking Countries’ investment and business environments seminar, and sales promotion of products, for exhibiting to the Mainland people and strengthening the role of

Macao as a world tourism and leisure center and a regional business and trade service platform. Mr. Chui Sai On, Chief Executive of Macao SAR, Mr. Zhang Baoshun, Secretary of Anhui Provincial Party Committee, Ms. Gao Yan, Deputy Director of the Central Liaison Office in Macao hosted the opening ceremony of the Fair. Mr. Tam Pak Yuen, Secretary for Economy and Finance of the Macao SAR expressed that the exchange and cooperation in the areas of economy and trade between Anhui and Macao have been further deepened in recent years, with progressive development in multiple fields and levels. Macao will continuously play its role as a service platform to assist Anhui Province “going global, bringing in” and explore the international market, in particular to play its role of close relationship between Macao and



## Portuguese-Speaking Countries.

The Fair covered an exhibition area of more than 10,000 square meters, with up to 300 booths. The theme exhibition included economic development exhibition, Macao tourism exhibition, Macao trade investment exhibition, China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries economic and trade cooperation Seminar, and youth entrepreneur exhibition; meanwhile, in the product exhibition area, more than 130 Macao well-known enterprises showcased souvenirs with distinguishing features, “Made in Macao” products, as well as red wine, coffee, canned fish and other renowned products of Portuguese-Speaking Countries, abundant in varied products. The field sales were responded enthusiastically. Moreover, enterprises of the two places signed a number of agreements in the aspects of cultural tourism, design of network animation and hotel construction during the opening ceremony.

### ***7. New Directory on Prohibition of Carrying and Mailing Imported Animals and Plants became effective in the Mainland***

To prevent animal and plant diseases and pests entering into the Mainland, as well as to protect the production safety of agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fishery and the public health, “Directory of the People’s Republic of China on Prohibition of Carrying and Mailing Imported Animals and Plants and Their Products and Other Quarantine Objects”, was amended by Ministry of Agriculture, the State General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, in accordance with the provisions of “Law of the People’s Republic of China on the Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine”, “Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People’s Republic of China” and “Seed Law of the People’s Republic of China” and came into force on 13 January 2012. In the meantime, “Directory of the People’s Republic of China on Prohibition of Carrying and Mailing Imported Animals, its products and Other Quarantine Objects” which was promulgated in 1992 had been abolished. The new Directory prohibits importation, by mail or in person, of three categories, including 16 items, of animals and plants and their products, namely, animals and animal products, plants and plant products, as well as other items subject to quarantine. The new Directory clarifies and refines the limitation on live animals, meat, dairy products, vegetables, bird’s nest and other items. The genetically modified organisms are also included in the Directory. For details of the Directory, please refer to the following website:

[http://www.moa.gov.cn/zwillm/tzgg/gg/201202/t20120224\\_2489665.htm](http://www.moa.gov.cn/zwillm/tzgg/gg/201202/t20120224_2489665.htm)