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### ***Editor's Note:***

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closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

To further deepen the intellectual property cooperation and exchange between the Mainland and Macao, members of the DSEDТ travelled to Beijing to have working meetings with the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) on 24 and 25 May 2021. The two sides had discussions focusing on policy initiatives such as the 14<sup>th</sup> national Five-Year Plan and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), as well as launching a new data transmission solution. The DSEDТ's members also visited the CNIPA's Trademark Office and Patent Examination Cooperation (Beijing) Center, where they learnt about the latest development of the Trademark Office and the operation of the trademark figure smart search system and trademark online service system, as well as acquired a deeper understanding of the progress of the Mainland's work on trademark and patent examination.

To protect Macao residents' rights in purchasing Mainland real estates and prevent disputes arising from residents' lack of understanding of the Mainland's real estate transaction legislation, the DSEDТ and Consumer Council has started to establish a joint safeguard mechanism on monitoring real estate sales and advertising with cities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) since January this year to strengthen the cooperation between the two places on information exchange and law awareness promotion. The 9 Mainland cities in the GBA have been invited one by one to join the joint safeguard mechanism.

## 1. DSEDТ and authorities visit GACC in Beijing to discuss customs facilitation for PSCs food and CBEC products

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The delegation, led by the DSEDТ's Director Tai Kin Ip, IPIM's Chairman Lau Wai Meng, SA's Deputy Director-General Vong Vai Man and IAM's Member of Administrative Committee on Municipal Affairs Ung Sau Hong, met with representatives of the GACC in Beijing on 1 April and was warmly

received by the GACC's Director-General of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Zhang Baofeng, as well as subordinate units such as the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine and Bureau of Import and Export Food Safety.

During the meeting, the SAR delegation articulated to the GACC the difficulties and problems met by Macao's business sector in the entry of PSCs food and CBEC products into the Mainland, including appealing for expansion of the list of goods subject to supervision under the Cooperation Arrangement for Supervision of Safety of Made-in-Macao Food Products Entering the Mainland, improving the supervision of the local quarantine system for products of animal and plant origin, entry of PSCs food ingredients into the Mainland market after deep processing in Macao, disassembly and re-export of PSCs food products in Macao and spot checking of CBEC products. In-depth exchange and discussion on these topics was made between the two sides.

The GACC recognized Macao's active bolstering of China-PSCs trade and development

towards a commercial and trade cooperation service platform between China and PSCs and expressed gratitude to the views conveyed by the Macao side, to which they would give thorough consideration. In the future, they will actively support the work related to Hengqin's Intensive Cooperation Zone to coordinate with Macao's promotion of industrial diversification. They hoped that the two sides will maintain concrete communication to jointly advance the relevant tasks.

Participants of the meeting also included: the GACC's Director-General of Plant Quarantine Division II of the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine Wu Hao; Director-General of Food

Safety Division II of the Bureau of Import and Export Food Safety Xiong Xianjun; Director-General of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Division of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Zhuang Yan; Deputy Director-General of Office of Origin of the Department of Duty Collection Ding Nan, Deputy Director-General of Courier and Mail Items Supervision Division of the Department of Supervision and Internal Auditing Bai Qianmin; the DSED's Head of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Department Chan Weng Tat; IPIM's Senior Manager of Lusophone Markets Economic and Trade Promotion Department Lei Chi Wai and others.



The DSED and authorities visit the GACC



## 2. DSEDТ visits CNIPA for deeper bilateral cooperation and exchange

To further deepen the intellectual property (IP) cooperation and exchange between the Mainland and Macao, a delegation led by the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSEDТ)'s Deputy Director Chan Tze Wai visited the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) in Beijing on 24 and 25 May 2021 and received a warm reception by the Administration's Deputy Commissioner GanShaoning, Director-General of Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Bai Guangqing, as well as subordinate units such as the Patent Office, Trademark Office and Patent Examination Cooperation (Beijing) Centre. The two sides had a deep exchange on IP policy planning, A further strengthening of cooperation and other issues.

The DSEDТ's Deputy Director Chan Tze Wai expressed gratitude to the strong support that the CNIPA has been offering on patent substantial examination, patent dispute handling and training. She looked forward to alignment with the national IP planning through this meeting; meanwhile, further learning from the experiences of CNIPA in patent public services for strengthening the capacities of the manufacturing, academia and research sectors in utilizing patent information, so as to support the technological development of the SAR.

The CNIPA's Deputy Commissioner GanShaoning welcomed the visit of the DSEDТ. He stated that on the existing basis of good cooperation and exchange between the two agencies, more active support will be given to the Macao SAR's IP matters in the future with assistance on enhancing the efficiency of patent examination to foster IP commercialization and utilization. He hoped that the two sides will maintain close exchange and cooperation for jointly advancing the related work.

At the meeting, the two sides had a deep exchange on refining the IP policy system and administration system, comprehensively enhancing IP creation, utilization and protection, actions on increasing the ability of IP in driving innovation, with a focus on policy initiatives such as the 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

During the meeting, the two agencies also discussed on launching a new data transmission solution, explored using a safer and more convenient smart system to further shorten the patent examination cycle in order to satisfy the demands of patent owners for earliest possible confirmation of patent rights and facilitate the patent planning in Macao for invention patents already authorized in the Mainland.

The DSEDТ delegation also visited the CNIPA's Trademark Office and Patent Examination Cooperation (Beijing) Center to get an understanding and learn the smart trademark and patent search technology.



The CNIPA's Vice Commissioner Gan Shaoning meets with the DSEDТ's Deputy Director Chan Tze Wai and delegates



Work exchange between members of the DSED and representatives of the CNIPA's Trademark Office



Members of the DSED visit the CNIPA's Patent Examination Cooperation (Beijing) Center

### 3. Joint safeguard mechanism for Macao buyers of Mainland real estate now covering 9 GBA cities

To protect Macao residents' rights in purchasing Mainland real estates and prevent disputes arising from residents' lack of understanding of the Mainland's real estate transaction legislation, the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED) and Consumer Council (CC) has started to establish a joint safeguard mechanism on monitoring real estate sales and advertising with cities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) since January this year to strengthen the cooperation between the two places on information exchange and law awareness promotion. The 9 Mainland cities in the GBA have been invited one by one to join the joint safeguard mechanism. With the relevant agencies in the GBA cities expressing support and responding positively, the joint safeguard mechanism was established expeditiously with all of the cities within four months. As a part of the mechanism, the "Mainland Real Estate Purchase Information" page allows residents to verify the numbers of the "Five Permits" and check the locations of developers and real estates, uses of flatted units, sales status, flat area and other information, as well as the monitor account for the transaction proceeds of the relevant real estate, so that residents can be better informed of the Mainland real estates they are looking to purchase. The page has now been fully connected to the online real estate transaction information monitoring platforms of the 9 cities of Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing.



Photo taken after the meeting between the DSED and CC and Zhaoqing's Administration for Market Regulation, Municipal Housing and Urban-Rural Development Bureau and Consumer Council



The CC website contains the information about real estate transaction of the 9 GBA cities

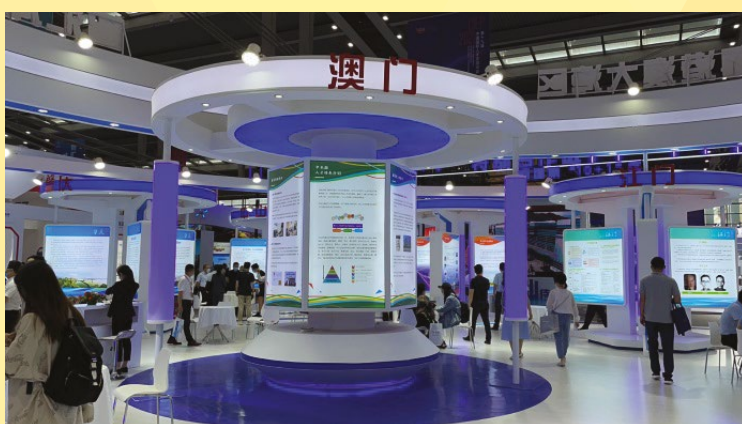


## 4. DSEDТ participates in the Conference on International Exchange of Professionals

Jointly organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China and the Shenzhen Municipal Government, the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference on International Exchange of Professionals (CIEP) was held in Shenzhen from 24 to 26 April 2021. The Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSEDТ) and representatives of Macao’s business sector participated together in the opening ceremony and related activities of this year’s conference on invitation.

Themed “Innovation, Development, Cooperation, Win-Win”, this year’s CIEP adopted an approach that focused on both online and on-site activities. A “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Zone” was established in the exhibition discussion area to comprehensively display the technology, talent and innovation policies and development achievements of the 9+2 cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

On invitation, the DSEDТ set up a booth for Macao to comprehensively display Macao’s technology and innovation policies and current development by means of display panels and others. The DSEDТ’s Head of Technology Department Che Weng Keong gave a detailed presentation to the visiting Chinese Minister of Science and Technology Wang Zhigang. In his presentation, Che pointed out that in active coordination with China’s “innovation-driven development” strategy, Macao is making use of the technology research resources of the existing four State Key Laboratories and tertiary schools to gradually build up the size of technology innovation institutions and promote integration of the manufacturing, academia and research sectors. Furthermore, Macao’s attractiveness to global talents will be boosted in the future through Hengqin-Macao cooperation to encourage more outstanding global talents to set foot in Macao and the GBA for development.



Macao’s display panels at the 19<sup>th</sup> CIEP





The DSED's Head of Technology Department Che Weng Keong presents Macao's recent technology development to Chinese Minister of Science and Technology Wang Zhigang at the CIEP



Photo of representatives of Macao and technology-related agencies of Guangdong and Zhuhai taken in front of the Macao booth

## 5. Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High Value Patent Portfolio Contest 2021 officially launched in Foshan

Jointly hosted by the Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation (Intellectual Property Office), Intellectual Property Department of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR, Economic and Technological Development Bureau of the Government of the Macao SAR and Foshan People's Municipal Government, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High Value Patent Portfolio Contest 2021 (GBAHVPPC) was officially launched in Foshan on 28 May 2021. The launch, which was held both virtually and physically, was attended by around 30 representatives of the hosts, organizers, Foshan's five district governments and enterprises.

This year's GBAHVPPC, themed "Gathering High Value Patents for the Future of Greater Bay Area", is held from May to November 2021. All participating projects will be categorized into the Invention Start-up Group, Invention Growth Group

and Outlook Design and Integrated Circuit Layout Design Group. A total of 35 Gold and Excellence awards will be granted with a total prize money of 4 million renminbi.

Since the first edition in 2019, the GBAHVPPC has in aggregate attracted 1,096 participating projects and successfully discovered and attracted a number of high-value patent projects to set foot in the Greater Bay Area (GBA). This has offered support to the high-quality development of the GBA economy and facilitated the clustering of various innovation resources and factors in the GBA.





Launch ceremony of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High Value Patent Portfolio Contest 2021



Venue of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High Value Patent Portfolio Contest 2021

## 6. DSED and AIM co-host briefing session to boost “made in Macao” and enterprise upgrading

The Subsidy Scheme for Encouraging Enterprise Upgrading and Development has been launched since 16 March. To better inform various sectors of Macao of the scheme, the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED) has held a number of briefing sessions in an ongoing manner, and it recently co-hosted a briefing session with the Industrial Association of Macao (AIM) for the industry and commerce sector to encourage the sector in Macao to make use of the policy for supporting the upgrading of enterprises.

With the AIM's strong support, the DSED held a briefing session for the industry and commerce sector on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of Edf. A.I.M. on 15 April. The DSED's Head of Industry and Commerce Support Division Chan Hoi Si, the speaker, gave a detailed presentation on investment projects eligible to the subsidy, financing criteria, mode of subsidization, application procedures, obligations of beneficiaries and other information. The session had around 50 attendees, including the DSED's Head of Economic Activities Development Department Yau Yun Wah and Head of Business Promotion Division Lau Kit Lon, the AIM's Vice Presidents Wang Sai Man, Lau Fong Leng and Chong Sok Lan, and a number of industrial and commercial enterprise representatives.

During the discussion and Q&A session, enterprise representatives asked questions on the scheme's application eligibility, application timeframe and subsidized investment projects. They also actively raised a number of issues on practical operation. All of these were addressed in detail by the DSED's representatives.

Since the introduction of the new legislation, the DSED has in an ongoing manner held 8 dedicated briefing sessions in collaboration with various organizations. They will continue to visit the major banks of Macao to present the scheme in detail and exchange opinions with a view to jointly promoting the upgrading and transformation of Macao's enterprises.

The encouragement scheme introduced by the new legislation is further improved. According to the Subsidy Scheme for Encouraging Enterprise Upgrading and Development, or Administrative Regulation No. 7/2021, eligible investors investing in projects beneficial to Macao's economic development through bank loans or financial lease will be granted interest or lease subsidies for a maximum period of four years.





The DSED and the Industrial Association of Macau co-host a briefing session for the industry and commerce sector to present the new legislation



Participating enterprise representatives ask questions actively



Representatives of the DSED address the questions of attendees in detail

## 7. GBA IPR Talent Development Conference held in Guangzhou

The opening ceremony and thematic forums of the GBA IPR Talent Development Conference and IPR Talent Supply and Demand Matchmaking Series was held in Guangzhou on 18 May 2021. The event was jointly hosted by the Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation (Intellectual Property Office), Intellectual Property Department of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR and Economic and Technological Development Bureau of the Government of the Macao SAR. The thematic forums included “Focusing on the opportunities and challenges in international industrial competition and cooperation; Discussing on the cultivation and enhancement of IPR talents”, as well as two sub-forums namely “IPR Talent Market Demand Forum” and “IPR Deans Forum”. There were also talent supply and demand matchmaking booths. The event attracted almost 300 participants from enterprises, high schools,

scientific research institutions from Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao and other parts of China and was also simultaneously live-streamed.

Activities such as thematic forums and talent supply and demand matchmaking have provided a discussion and exchange platform for intellectual property (IP) talents. With a joint effort on promoting the talent flow, cultivation and development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), IP talents will support the high-quality development of the GBA.



The DSEDT's Deputy Director Chan Tze Wai delivers opening remarks at the opening ceremony and thematic forums of the GBA IPR Talent Development Conference and IPR Talent Supply and Demand Matchmaking Series

## 8. Third Guangdong-Macao “Single Window” working meeting convened in Zhuhai

To continue advancing the development of the “one submission” service offered by the “Single Window” integrated service platform for Guangdong-Macao cargo trade, the two sides convened the third working meeting on 22 April in Zhuhai under the co-chairpersonship of Deputy Director-General of the Department of Commerce (Office of Port of Entry and Exit) of Guangdong Province Fu Yongge and Deputy Director of the Economic and Technological Development Bureau of the Government of the Macao SAR (DSEDT) Chan Tze Wai. The Guangdong side included the Department of Commerce (Office of Port of Entry and Exit) of Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of Guangdong Province, Guangdong Sub-Administration of the General Administration of Customs of China, Gongbei Customs District, Bureau of Port of Entry and Exit of Zhuhai, Guangdong E-Port Company and Zhuhai E-Port Company; the Macao side included representatives of the DSEDT, Macao Customs Service, Statistics and Census Service and others. During the meeting, the two sides made work briefings, which showed good progress especially on real operation tests and commodity code conversion. Endeavour will be made to complete these two tasks in the

short-term, so as to actively implement the development of “Single Window” for Guangdong-Macao cargo trade.



The third Guangdong-Macao “Single Window” working meeting is held in late April



## 9. DSEDT launches new electronic customs declaration platform on 1 June

The Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSEDT) has started to exercise full administration over the electronic customs declaration platform since 1 June this year, and a new platform website (<https://eservice.edi.gov.mo/ecustoms>) was launched on the same date. To accommodate the preference of the existing enterprise users of electronic customs declaration, the new platform offers all the existing functions of electronic customs declaration and keeps the customs declaration application processes unchanged, so as to continue providing safe, efficient and convenient public services to Macao's external trade operators.

The electronic customs declaration system offered by the DSEDT consists of customs declaration services such as import/export

declarations for general goods, import/export licences for a number of controlled goods, as well as e-manifest and Certificates of Origin. In the future, more value-added services will be included, the electronic customs declaration processes will be refined and customs declaration functions will be extended to more licence categories and goods to advance the application and development of electronic customs declaration with a view to facilitating the import/export and re-export activities of external trade operators.

