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**Editor’s note:**

To further strengthen the regional cooperation with the Central and Western Region of the Mainland and drive the development of moderate economic diversification of Macao, Macao Economic Services supported the local exhibition services industry to hold a large-scale activity in Chongqing to promote Macao products, and signed 《Memorandum about Trade and Economic Cooperation》 with Chongqing Foreign Trade and Investment Commission, to strengthen liaison and cooperation between the two places, drive the trade and economic development, as well as create more business opportunities. Coping with the liberalization of telecommunication services under Supplement VI to CEPA, related departments of the Mainland and Macao signed 《Memorandum about the Distribution of Macao Phone Cards in Guangdong Province》 in Beijing at the end of September. This not only brings convenience to the Guangdong travellers visiting Macao, but also expands the market for local telecommunication enterprises to develop in the Mainland.

***1. Multiple implementing rules and regulations on relevant laws under Supplement VI to CEPA have been promulgated by the Mainland***

Recently related departments in the Mainland promulgated and implemented multiple laws and regulations under CEPA, in which amendments have been made to relevant laws and regulations in the areas of construction services, individually owned stores and licensed pharmacist under Supplement VI to CEPA. Regulations and implementing rules on cross-boundary Rmb trade settlement pilots have also been added.

- In the area of construction services, Hong Kong and Macao service suppliers are allowed to provide real estate project services on a wholly-owned basis in the Mainland. Moreover, it is explained that before and after the new “Construction Enterprise Qualification Standards” are promulgated, the recognition policy of the Ministry of Construction on Hong Kong and Macao project managers in the original examination of the Hong Kong and Macao construction enterprise qualification shall remain unchanged.

<http://tga.mofcom.gov.cn/aarticle/a/b/200907/20090706374137.html>

- Notice Concerning Allowing Individually Owned Stores Set Up by Hong Kong and Macao Residents in the Mainland to Operate Solo Clinics and Other Services.

<http://tga.mofcom.gov.cn/aarticle/a/b/200907/20090706374141.html>

- Notice on the Practice and Registration as Licensed Pharmacists by Hong Kong/Macao Permanent Residents after obtaining the Licensed Pharmacist's Qualification Certificate.

<http://tga.mofcom.gov.cn/aarticle/a/b/200908/20090806478033.html>

- The People's Bank of China, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, General Administration of Customs, State Administration of Taxation and China Banking Regulatory Commission jointly issued “Administrative Measures for Piloting Cross-Border Trade Settlement in RMB”.

[http://big5.gov.cn/gate/big5/www.gov.cn/zwgk/2009-07/02/content\\_1355475.htm](http://big5.gov.cn/gate/big5/www.gov.cn/zwgk/2009-07/02/content_1355475.htm)

- Notice of the People's Bank of China on issuing the “Implementing Rules of the Administrative Measures for Piloting Cross-Border Trade Settlement in RMB”

[http://big5.gov.cn/gate/big5/www.gov.cn/gzdt/2009-07/04/content\\_1357112.htm](http://big5.gov.cn/gate/big5/www.gov.cn/gzdt/2009-07/04/content_1357112.htm)

## **2. *The Mainland and Macao signed 《Memorandum about the Distribution of Macao Phone Cards in Guangdong Province》***

Coping with the liberalization of telecommunication services under Supplement VI to CEPA, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China, Guangdong Communications Administration and Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation of Macao S.A.R. signed 《Memorandum about the Distribution of Macao Phone Cards in Guangdong Province》 in Beijing on 22 September. Content of the 《Memorandum》 mainly regulates the Macao service suppliers to distribute phone cards in Guangdong Province and establishes the approach for the two places to co-operate in supervision. It is planned for Guangdong Province to be a pilot spot for a trial period of 2 years. For more details and implementing guidelines about the 《Memorandum》, please refer to the following websites:

Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China

<http://www.miit.gov.cn/n11293472/n11293832/n11293907/n11368223/12674603.html>

Guangdong Communications Administration

<http://www.gdca.gov.cn/cepa/index.asp>

Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation of Macao S.A.R.

<http://www.dsrt.gov.mo>

## **3. *Forum on Mainland and Hong Kong / Macao CEPA was held in Xiamen***

To further advertise and promote CEPA, facilitate competent commercial departments of the Mainland to better understand and master CEPA, and ensure the implementation of CEPA to be more in place, the Ministry of Commerce continues to hold training sessions in different provinces and cities in the Mainland.

To familiarize the officials under the commerce system in different places of the Mainland with CEPA, the Ministry of Commerce had held “National Commerce System CEPA Training Class” in Chongqing, Shandong, Guangdong and Fujian respectively in the last few years. During the 13<sup>th</sup> China International Fair for Investment & Trade held at Xiamen, Fujian, the Ministry of Commerce hosted “Forum on Mainland and Hong Kong / Macao CEPA” and invited Director-General of the Department of Taiwan, Hong Kong & Macao Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Tang Wei, to deliver speech at the opening ceremony of the forum. Director-General Tong indicated that ever since CEPA

was signed in 2003, different measures including trade in goods and trade in services, etc were implemented considerably well, fostering the recovery and development of the economy of Hong Kong and Macao, as well as enhancing the trade and economic exchange with the Mainland. Deputy-Director of Division under Department of Taiwan, Hong Kong & Macao Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Dan Xing Xuan, explained the background and aim of signing CEPA, and further interpreted the laws and regulations regarding different service sectors under CEPA and its supplements so as to make the participants have more in-depth understanding of CEPA. Moreover, the Trade and Industry Department of Hong Kong S.A.R. and Macao Economic Services represented Hong Kong and Macao respectively to introduce implementations of CEPA in the two places, and analyzed the positive effects brought to the economy of Hong Kong and Macao since the signing of CEPA.

**4. *Macao Economic Services led local entrepreneurs to attend “FoShan (International) Modern Service Industry Namely The 6th Foshan (International) Logistics Symposium 2009”***



Officials of Guangdong Province and Macao delegation

To facilitate the implementation of CEPA and foster development of logistics industries between Guangdong and Macao under the framework of Guangdong-Macao Cooperation in Service Sectors, the Economic and Trade Commission of Guangdong Province (GDET) and Macao Economic Services successfully co-organized the “Guangdong-

Macao Logistics Cooperation Conference” last year. This year both sides co-organized the “2009 Guangdong-Macao Logistics Cooperation Exchange Activity” by participating “FoShan (International) Modern Service Industry Namely The 6th Foshan (International) Logistics Symposium 2009” for a 2-day session from 30th June to 1st July 2009. After the symposium, the Economic and Trade Commission of Guangdong Province organized officials of different departments of Guangdong Province including Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Department of Transportation, Administration for Industry and Commerce, General Administration of Customs Guangdong Sub Customs to hold a seminar with Macao entrepreneurs from logistics and transportation

industries, to reinforce the communication with competent logistics departments of Guangdong, and to increase their understanding towards the related policies and administration procedures of the Mainland. Moreover, the delegation had explored Jiujiang Town of Foshan, and visited several newly constructed logistics facilities, including Nan Kun Harbour Terminal, Sinotrans Terminal, Pearl Silver Steel Electronic Exchange Center and Timber Plywood Market, etc.

**5. *The 2nd Meeting on Product Safety Cooperation 2009 between the Mainland and Macao was held in Changchun***

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of PRC and Macao Economic Services jointly held “The 2<sup>nd</sup> Product Safety Working Group Meeting 2009” on September 26, 2009 in Changchun, Jilin Province. The meeting was presided over by Director General of the Department of Supervision on Inspection, Mr. Wang Xin, together with the Director of Macao Economic Services, Mr. Sou Tim Peng. At the meeting both sides made a review on the content of Product Safety Cooperation in this year, and deeply explored the direction and planning regarding regional cooperation. Both sides



Delegates of both sides took photo after the meeting

agreed to further strengthen technical assistance, keep on broadening the scope of cooperation on information notification and market monitoring, etc. on original basis.

In accordance with the “Cooperation Arrangement on Product Safety and Place of Origin” signed by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine and Macao Economic Services in April 2004, both sides undertook to set up dedicated product safety working group to handle follow-ups of the Arrangement. In February and June this year, both sides held the annual meeting activity and “Seminar on Product Safety of Toys” respectively in Macao, and this meeting is the second of this kind of meeting after the annual meeting held in February this year.

In the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on the setting up of regulations on product safety in the Mainland and Macao, current working status of product safety supervision, product safety and regional trade development, quality and safety of products circulating in the market, notification and handling of unqualified products, etc. Moreover, it was

suggested to further deepen cooperation on product market supervision, information exchange, training of law enforcement personnel, technical assistance from product laboratory in the Mainland, etc. In addition, both sides agreed to continue reinforcing collaboration and exchange of opinions on consumer products, such as toys and other products for children, home electrical appliances and like products, apparels, cosmetics, etc., gradually build up a systematical information notification mechanism. The Mainland would also provide assistance for Macao Economic Services to set up product safety standard on products such as apparel, cosmetics in Macao in the future. Through this meeting, both sides further strengthened the understanding and collaboration on the area of product safety and quality, and contributed to the mutual protection of health and safety of consumers of the two places, protection of the environment, as well as promotion of trade development.

#### **6. Macao Economic Services and Chongqing signed Memorandum about strengthening trade and economic cooperation between the two places**

Jointly held by Macao Convention and Exhibition Association (MCEA) and Chongqing Commission of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, supported by



Director of Macao Economic Services, Mr. Sou Tim Peng and Deputy Chairman of Chongqing Commission of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Mr. Sung Xiao Guo signed 《Memorandum about strengthening trade and economic cooperation》

Macao Economic Services, “Dynamic Macao Business and Trade Fair, Chongqing” was held in Chongqing from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of August. The aim of this trade fair is to promote Macao products to the Central and Western Region of the Mainland, further promote the economic and trade exchange between Macao and Chongqing, as well as enhance the

communication and collaboration among the industry of the two places. During the trade fair, Macao Economic Services and Chongqing Foreign Trade and Economic Relations Commission signed 《Memorandum about strengthening trade and economic cooperation》between the two places. The content of the 《Memorandum》mainly includes strengthening liaison and collaboration, as well as fostering development of both sides; extending business and creating business opportunities for the commercial and industrial sectors of the two places, as well as fostering cooperation of entrepreneurs of both sides; mutual development of markets of Portuguese speaking countries; promoting

collaboration within different professional service sectors such as law, accounting, design consulting and telecommunication, etc. under the framework of CEPA; supporting the entrepreneurs of the two places to participate different international convention and exhibition held in Macao and Chongqing; bringing the advantages of each other into full play, developing the textile and clothing industry through joint-venture cooperation, and expanding the market influence of Macao brands in the Western Region. Signing of the 《Memorandum》 will help the local entrepreneurs to develop the markets in the Central and Western Region, as well as to jointly develop the markets of Portuguese speaking countries with the entrepreneurs of Chongqing.

### ***7. Macao Economic Services organized delegates to attend 2009 Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum in Nanning***

2009 Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum was grandly held in Nanning, Guangxi Province from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of August. The theme of the forum is “Co-building a New Growth Pole of China and ASEAN — Turning Crisis into Opportunities by Expanding the Cooperation”, surrounding the topics of “Global Financial Crisis and Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation”, “Infrastructure Project



Macao delegation at the Forum

Construction and Cooperation of Pan-Beibu Gulf Region” and “Cooperative Development of Beibu Gulf Region and ASEAN sub-regions” for discussion. The Forum invited many directors of national ministries and commissions, important officials of Pan-Beibu Gulf nations, representatives of international organizations, renowned experts, scholars and entrepreneurs, etc to attend. Macao Economic Services organized a delegation of representatives from the commercial and industrial sectors of Macao. After closing of the Forum, the Macao delegation visited Qinzhou Bonded Port Area, Guigang Jiangnan Industrial Park, etc., and had courtesy meeting with the directors of local government; both sides agreed to strengthen economic and trade exchanges as well as cooperation in order to seek mutual collaboration opportunities. Moreover, the delegation also visited the investment projects of Macao entrepreneurs in Nanning and Guigang.

Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum originated from “The first Forum on Economic Cooperation of the Beibu Gulf Rim” held in Nanning in July 2006. 《The Chairman’s Statement of the Beibu Gulf Rim Economic Cooperation Forum》 was issued at the forum, which proposed that “the Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Zone

should be constructed to expand and deepen China-ASEAN strategic partnership and be oriented towards East Asian Cooperation”. From then, the Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation was constructed including countries such as China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei and Thailand. Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation is a new sub-regional cooperation project under the constructed framework within the China and ASEAN Free Trade Zone, aiming to make full use of the advantages of Pan-Beibu Gulf Zone, and promote cooperation of the Beibu Gulf Rim and costal countries and regions of the South China Sea. The area of economic cooperation includes logistics, finance, tourism, fishing, agriculture, resource development and conservation, investment and trade, environmental protection, etc.