



發揮我們的大灣區潛力

《粵港澳大灣區發展規劃綱要》(綱要)自上月公布以來,便成為總商會會員的熱門議題。鑒於綱要對香港的未來舉足輕重,說我們對其翹首以盼良久,並沒有誇大其辭。

綱要亦為商界帶來大量的機遇,讓企業參與其中,共同構建這項重要的倡議。我們將著手制訂建議,再將之提呈香港政府,協助推進大灣區發展。

未來數月,總商會將為此忙個不停,而會員同樣肩負重任。我們知道,不少會員活躍於大灣區市場,因此亦深明哪些措施最能惠及香港企業。

總商會透過舉辦一系列午餐會和考察團,一直積極協助會員緊貼最新發展。我們下一個大灣區考察團將於4月出發,目的地為龍崗區。同月,我們也將舉行一場重大的大灣區論壇,並邀得粵港兩地的重要官員和企業家分享他們在區內的經驗。

此外,行政長官林鄭月娥於3月1日公布措施,加強香港在大灣區發展的角色,亦是可取的一步,尤其是擴展香港居民享有的稅務優惠至涵蓋大灣區內全數九個內地城市。總商會和香港商界一直就此提出倡議,我們深信這將可帶動更強勁的經濟發展,促進人才流動。我們期望政府就新推出的措施提供更多實施詳情。

加強跨境合作能為企業提供更便利的途徑,進軍日益增長的大灣區市場,加上我們作為環球商業樞紐的優勢,將可鼓勵更多國際企業來港設立地區總部。事實上,總商會正研究如何提升我們這方面的競爭力,例如透過向企業地區總部提供稅務寬免。

另一點值得注意的是,綱要強調了「一國兩制」的重要性——不僅是香港獨一無二的優勢,也是整個大灣區邁向國際化的重要基礎。事實上,這一詞組在整份文件中多次出現,凸顯「一國兩制」是綱要不可或缺的一部分。

對於香港和總商會來說,這是令人振奮的時刻。綱要為我們奠下了基礎。通過本會的政策工作,我們可推出更多具體措施,協助確保整個灣區發揮潛力,成為世界級的國際灣區。✿

Fulfilling Our GBA Potential

The Outline Development Plan for the Greater Bay Area (GBA) has been a major topic of conversation at the Chamber since its release last month. It's no exaggeration to say we have all been looking forward to this blueprint for quite some time, as it will have a significant influence on how Hong Kong will look in the future.

The plan also offers considerable opportunities for the business community to shape this key initiative. We will now start working on proposals to put to the Hong Kong Government to help steer the development of the GBA.

So we will be pretty busy at the Chamber in the coming months, and our members have an important role to play. We know that many of you are active on the ground in the GBA, and will therefore have valuable insights on the measures that will best help Hong Kong companies.

The Chamber has already been active in keeping our members up-to-date through a series of roundtables and missions. We will be organizing our next GBA mission to Longgang in April, and also an important GBA Forum in the same month. This forum will include high-level officials from Hong Kong and Guangdong as well as entrepreneurs talking about their experience in the region.

The measures announced by Chief Executive Carrie Lam on 1 March to enhance Hong Kong's role in the GBA are also very welcome, particularly the news that tax concessions for Hong Kong citizens will be introduced in all nine Mainland cities. This has been persistently advocated by the Chamber and the business community in Hong Kong and we are confident it will create even stronger economic development and facilitate the flow of talent. We look forward to more details on the implementation of the measure being rolled out.

Improved cross-border cooperation could also encourage more international companies to set up their regional headquarters (RHQ) in Hong Kong, as it provides easier access to the growing GBA markets in addition to our advantages as a global business hub. In fact, the Chamber is already looking at ways to enhance our competitiveness in this area, for example through tax concessions for RHQs.

Another point worth noting is that the plan emphasizes the importance of "one country, two systems" – not just as Hong Kong's unique advantage, but also as the key foundation for the internationalization of the whole GBA. In fact, the phrase occurs several times throughout the document, underlining the fact that "one country, two systems" is an integral part of the Outline Development Plan.

This is a very exciting time for Hong Kong, and for HKGCC. The Outline Development Plan has laid the foundations. Through our policy work we can add more specific measures to help ensure that the whole of the region fulfills its potential to become a world-class global bay area. ✿