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The once scenic but sleepy town of Huizhou in Guangdong Province is poised to benefit from its recent high-tech developments and links across the region. A Chamber delegation visited the town on 14-15 December to learn about the city's rapid growth, innovative industries and deepening cooperation with Hong Kong.

Huizhou, one of the cities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) initiative, lies in the south-east of the province, and is known as the gateway to eastern Guangdong.

"Huizhou used to be tranquil, relaxing and far away from the hustle and bustle," said mission leader and Chairman of the China Committee PC Yu. "However, the mission showed us the vitality and vigour of the city, which has managed to preserve its profound culture and beautiful ecosystem while helping many entrepreneurs realize their dreams."

In 2016, Huizhou's GDP grew 8.2% year-on-year to some 340 billion renminbi (US\$52 billion), ranking it fifth among 21 cities in Guangdong. It is primarily an export-oriented economy, with a focus on high-tech industries as well as services and tourism. The GBA initiative is expected to give a further boost to the city's development.

Key to nurturing industries in the city are the two national-level development zones – the Huizhou Daya Bay Economic and Technological Development Zone and the Huizhou Zhongkai Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone.

Such support has encouraged many businesses, including Hong Kong companies, to open bases in Huizhou. Biel Crystal, for instance, with close to 90,000 local employees, provides job opportunities and is helping to modernize manufacturing across the region. The company makes a variety of items with a focus on glass products for high-end smartphones and luxury watches.

Another Hong Kong company in Huizhou, Nameson Group, is a leading knitwear manufacturer in China, with most of its production for export.

The city's China-Korea Industrial Park has also attracted a number of Korean enterprises, which have helped drive Huizhou's technological advancement.



Delegates pose for a photo with Huizhou Mayor Mai Jiaomeng.
團員與惠州市市長麥教猛合照。



Meeting with Liu Zhihong, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Commerce of Huizhou Municipality.
團員與市商務局副局長劉志宏座談。

Exploring Scenic, Tech-Savvy Huizhou

探索惠州的秀麗風光與科技發展

High-tech development and GBA initiative give boost to Guangdong city
高科技發展和大灣區規劃促進廣東省城市發展



Mayor Mai Jiaomeng said the city will leverage the GBA initiative to strengthen its cooperation with Hong Kong and build Huizhou into a hub connecting Guangdong with the neighbouring Fujian and Jiangxi provinces. Mai added that development is aimed at creating a green, low-carbon and technologically innovative city.

Huizhou is also playing its part to facilitate faster and more efficient travel in the region, as Liu Zhihong, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Commerce of Huizhou Municipality, explained.

“With improvement of the transport network across the GBA, the ‘one-hour living circle’ will be realized soon,” Liu said. “Given that the total area of Huizhou accounts for one-fifth of Guangdong, and only 9% of the land has been developed so far, there is ample room for development.”

The total population of the GBA is almost 67 million, higher than the Tokyo Bay Area, the world’s largest city cluster with a population of 44 million. The aggregate GDP of the GBA amounted to US\$1.34 trillion, only behind the New York Bay Area (US\$1.7 trillion) and the Tokyo Bay Area (US\$1.78 trillion).

Yu said that the Chamber welcomes the GBA initiative and pointed out that Hong Kong and Guangdong have long been closely interlinked.

“Over the past 40 years, Hong Kong has made significant investments in Guangdong,” he said. “The two places are interdependent and complementary to each other. Currently, the economic scale of the GBA is comparable to the other major bay areas in the world. Cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao is expected to deepen.”

素以優美恬靜見稱的廣東省惠州市勢必受惠於近年的高科技發展和區內日益緊密的連繫。總商會於12月14至15日率領代表團考察惠州，了解當地的迅速發展、創新產業及與香港日漸深化的合作。

惠州位於廣東省東南部，是粵港澳大灣區九個廣東省城市之一，素有「粵東門戶」、「嶺南名郡」之譽。

中國委員會主席兼訪問團團長余鵬春表示：「惠州一向給人的感覺是恬靜舒泰、遠離繁囂。今次考察惠州，卻發現這城市充滿活力、孜孜不休，既保存著深厚的文化底蘊、優美的生態環境，同時承載著一個個實業家的夢想和創業成就。」

2016年，惠州的生產總值在全廣東省21市中排行第五，達3,400多億元（520億美元），按年增長8.2%。該市以外向型經濟為主，重點發展高科技、服務及旅遊業等高端產業。預料大灣區規劃將進一步帶動市內發展。



Members learn about the development of Nameson Group. 團員了解南旋集團的發展。

惠州市內有兩個國家級開發區，分別為大亞灣經濟技術開發區和仲愷高新技術產業開發區，培育出大批實業型企業集團，經濟發展不容小覷。

這些支援鼓勵不少企業包括香港公司到惠州開展業務。以伯恩光學為例，於當地僱用的員工接近九萬人，為當地提供大量就業崗位，同時亦帶動整個地區的現代化發展。該公司專門生產用於高端智能手機和名貴手錶的玻璃製品。

南旋集團是惠州另一家港企，是中國領先的針織品製造商之一，不斷創新，並引進先進技術，產品出口至世界各地。

惠州市內還有中韓產業園，匯聚多家韓國技術先進的企業，並形成完備的產業鏈群，對當地的科技進步起了重要的作用。

市長麥教猛表示，未來惠州市將依托粵港澳大灣區規劃，加強與香港合作，將惠州打造成為連接粵東、粵北，以及福建、江西的樞紐，並建設成為綠色、低碳、科技創新城市。

市商務局副局長劉志宏解釋，惠州有助提升區內交通運輸的速度和效率。

他說：「粵港澳大灣區交通網絡建設正逐步完善，一小時生活圈好快便會實現。惠州市全市面積是全個廣東省的五分之一，而現時已開發的土地只佔9%，因此可提供廣闊的發展空間。」

大灣區11個城市的總人口接近6,700萬，超過世界上最大的都市群——東京灣區的4,400萬人口。大灣區合計國內生產總值為1.34萬億美元，僅次於紐約灣區的1.7萬億美元和東京灣區的1.78萬億美元。

余鵬春表示總商會歡迎大灣區規劃，並指出香港和廣東省的關係一直密不可分。

他強調：「過去40年，香港在廣東的投資已經扎根深固，兩地各取所需、互補長短。今天粵港澳大灣區的經濟規模可媲美世界其他主要灣區，相信粵港澳合作會不斷加深。」

關於訪問團

總商會中國委員會主席余鵬春率領28位團員考察惠州，拜訪市長麥教猛、副市長余金富、市港澳辦主任李迅、市商務局副局長劉志宏。代表團考察了潼湖生態智慧創新區、仲愷高新技術產業開發區，並參觀三家港資企業，包括南旋集團、伯恩光學及澳寶化妝品，以及一家當地企業——藍微新源技術。

About the Mission

PC Yu, Chairman of the Chamber's China Committee, led a 28-member delegation to Huizhou where they met Mayor Mai Jiaomeng, Vice Mayor Yu Jinfu, Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of Huizhou Li Xun, and Deputy Director of the Bureau of Commerce of Huizhou Municipality Liu Zhihong. Delegates visited the Tonghu Ecological Smart Zone, the Huizhou Zhongkai Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone, three Hong Kong companies – Nameson Group, Biel Crystal and Opal – as well as a local enterprise, Blueway New Energy Technology Co., Ltd.



The Chamber delegation visits Biel Crystal. 代表團參觀伯恩光學展示廳。