



Celebrating Cooperation

As Shenzhen marks 40 years with plans for further reforms, more opportunities will emerge for Hong Kong businesses and residents



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深圳建區40載，迎來進一步改革開放，為港商港人開創更多機遇

深圳經濟特區成立40周年；這個位於香港以北的毗鄰城市發展一日千里，已成為各方關注的焦點。今天，深圳已然成為一座人口超過1,200萬、活力十足的現代化都市，發展步伐之快，實在令人驚嘆。

香港亦樂見深圳的驕人成就，因為我們有份參與協助深圳轉型，同時從中受益。

香港作為連接中國與世界各地的橋樑，這一獨特角色對推動深圳和其他城市的發展至關重要。憑藉本港健全的法律制度、世界級的金融業、充裕的專業人才及國際視野，我們得以為深圳科技企业提供所需的國際網絡、金融和專業服務。

國家主席習近平上月出訪深圳，期間公布了一系列深化改革措施，例如深圳將享有更大的自主權，可以在人工智能及大數據等發展迅速的科技領域自訂法規。

有意見認為，深圳經濟持續開放增長，有望取代香港。然而，觀乎習主席在深圳發表講話時重申「一國兩制」的重要性，可見這看法顯然與中央政府的規劃不符。粵港澳大灣區發展規劃亦強調深圳、香港及區內其餘九個

城市應加強合作，而不是互相競爭。

另一改革重點，是進一步放寬港人在深圳的工作簽證條件和居留限制。總商會一直提倡促進跨境人流，因此我們對這項舉措尤表歡迎。

機遇並非由企業家和高管人員獨享；年青人和學生亦可抓緊大灣區不斷湧現的機遇，在當地一些特定行業發展，開拓比香港更廣闊的工作機會及就業前景。

本會多年來不斷舉辦廣受歡迎的考察團，協助會員探索大灣區。這些實地考察活動讓會員有機會與區內的商家和政府官員直接交流，洽商合作。

雖然目前未有親身會面交流的機會，但我們仍不時舉辦形形色色、資訊豐富的網上研討會，繼續服務會員。我們亦透過政策建議書，促請政府確保香港商界能夠把握大灣區和其他地區的新興機遇。

隨著深圳一路蓬勃發展，香港將繼續發揮重要的橋樑角色，一方面協助吸納外資，一方面促進內地企業走出去。展望將來，深港兩地的經濟合作將會更趨深入。

The 40th anniversary of Shenzhen's Special Economic Zone has shone a spotlight on the remarkable development of our neighbouring city to the north. The evolution of Shenzhen into a dynamic, modern city of more than 12 million people has been extraordinary.

Here in Hong Kong, we should celebrate Shenzhen's success: not only have we helped to facilitate the city's transformation, but we have also benefited from its growth.

Hong Kong's unique role as the bridge between China and the rest of the world has been pivotal in the development of Shenzhen and other cities. With our robust legal system, world-class financial sector, deep talent pool and global outlook, we have been able to provide the essential international networks and the financial and professional services needed by Shenzhen tech companies.

During President Xi Jinping's visit last month, a range of further reforms for Shenzhen were announced. For example, the city will have more autonomy to make its own regulations in fast-moving technology areas like AI and big data.

Some local voices have suggested that Shenzhen could edge out Hong Kong as its economy continues to open and grow. However, this is clearly not part of the Central Government's plans, as President Xi also reiterated the importance of One Country, Two Systems in his Shenzhen speech. Plans for the Greater Bay Area have emphasized the centrality of increased cooperation between Shenzhen, Hong Kong and the

nine other GBA cities working together, not in competition.

Another important reform is the further relaxation of restrictions on work visas and residency for Hong Kong people. The Chamber has been calling for greater ease of people flow across the border, so we are particularly pleased to see this development.

The opportunities are not just for entrepreneurs and executives. Younger people and students can also tap into the growing opportunities in the GBA, where they can access a broader range of work exposure and career prospects in certain sectors than they would in Hong Kong.

The Chamber has for many years been helping our members to explore the GBA through our popular missions. These on-the-ground visits give members the chance to discuss the opportunities directly with businesspeople and government officials in the region.

Such face-to-face meetings are on hold for now, but we continue to serve members with a wide range of informative webinars. And, through our policy submissions, we continue to urge the Government to ensure Hong Kong businesses can access emerging opportunities in the GBA and elsewhere.

As Shenzhen continues its remarkable development path, Hong Kong will continue to be the key link in attracting overseas investors, and in helping Mainland firms go global. Looking to the future, economic cooperation between the two cities can only go deeper.

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