

Establishment of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) announced today (November 23) the establishment of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office to strengthen the promotion and co-ordination work of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government on the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area). Mr Tommy Yuen has taken up the post of Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

To strengthen the proactive participation of the HKSAR in the development of the Greater Bay Area, the Chief Executive announced in her 2018 Policy Address that a high-level Steering Committee for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Steering Committee) would be set up. The Chief Executive would be the chairperson while all Secretaries of Departments and Directors of Bureaux would be the members. The Steering Committee would be responsible for the overall coordination of matters relating to the HKSAR's participation in the development of the Greater Bay Area. Furthermore, CMAB would set up a Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office and appoint a Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

A spokesman for CMAB said, "The development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is a key development strategy in the country's reform and opening up. It would also provide a key direction for reviving Hong Kong's economy after the pandemic. Through further deepening co-operation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, the objectives of the development of the Greater Bay Area are to promote co-ordinated economic development in the Greater Bay Area, leverage the complementary advantages of the three places, and develop an international first-class bay area for living, working and travelling,"

The spokesman also said that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office is the focal point of liaison between the HKSAR Government and the Mainland authorities (at the central, provincial and municipal levels) and the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) Government. The major duties of the Office include strengthening internal co-ordination within the HKSAR Government in our participation in the development of the Greater Bay Area and providing secretariat support to the Steering Committee chaired by the Chief Executive; promoting exchange and co-operation with local stakeholders to gauge their views on the opportunities and the associated policy measures for taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area; strengthening liaison with the National Development and Reform Commission, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, other central government ministries, the Guangdong Provincial

Government, the Macao SAR Government, municipal governments of Greater Bay Area cities, and their respective offices for the development of the Greater Bay Area; as well as increasing the understanding of the development of the Greater Bay Area amongst various sectors of society and promoting the key opportunities for Hong Kong residents and enterprises brought about by the initiative through strategic publicity efforts.