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Guangzhou-HK Liaison Group for CEPA Market Entry Facilitation Mechanism

The “Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)” was launched in 2004, and there is the need for the establishment of a facilitating mechanism to help Hong Kong enterprises make use of the Arrangement to enter the Guangzhou market which, according to recent statistics, is the first choice city among Hong Kong enterprises in establishing their business under CEPA. The purpose of this mechanism is to provide a platform for assistance and communications to Hong Kong companies regarding their CEPA applications in Guangzhou.

The Guangzhou Municipal Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council has taken the lead in organising relevant government departments as well as trade and industrial organisations in Guangzhou and the HKSAR, including the FHKI, to form a liaison group for implementing this facilitation mechanism. The main role of the liaison group is to assist in the dissemination of CEPA information and referral of cases. The mechanism will start operation in early November, and the FHKI will refer any cases regarding CEPA applications reported by members to the relevant departments via this mechanism.

Before the mechanism officially operates in early November, the liaison group would like to collect and refer cases, and members of the FHKI are invited to report any problems they have encountered during their CEPA applications.

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