





New Shenzhen-Zhongshan Link forms 30-minute "living circle"

The Shenzhen-Zhongshan Link has opened for vehicular traffic, connecting Shenzhen and Zhongshan across the Pearl River Delta. The new crossing cuts the travel time between the two cities from two hours to less than 30 minutes. Journeys from Guangzhou's Nansha District to Zhongshan now take just 15 minutes while Zhuhai and Jiangmen to Shenzhen can be completed in less than one hour. (Xinhua)

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Non-Chinese HK and Macao residents eligible for mainland travel permit

To further ease travel between Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao, the National Immigration Administration has announced that non-Chinese permanent residents of the two Special Administrative Regions will be issued permits for visa-free mainland travel. The permits will be valid for five years, during which holders can travel to destinations in the mainland multiple times, with each visit not exceeding 90 days. (National Immigration Administration)

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One-stop Shenzhen business registration available in HK, Macao

As part of the city's efforts to continue improving business registration services, Shenzhen has made it possible for Hong Kong and Macao investors to carry out one-stop registration of a Shenzhen company without leaving their home base. The introduction of the new channel means that investors can now obtain a Shenzhen business licence using smart registration terminals located in both SARs. (Nanfang Daily; in Chinese only)



Guangzhou issues action plan to optimise business environment

Guangzhou has issued a three-year action plan aimed at promoting the development of a first-class international-standard business environment. The action plan includes a slew of measures to improve the overall business environment and help draw in foreign investment, including improving market access, optimising industrial land use policies and enhancing financial support for industrial development. (Guangzhou Municipal Development and Reform Commission; in Chinese only)



Shenzhen and Zhongshan push for coordinated city planning

The cities of Shenzhen and Zhongshan recently issued a joint action plan with the goal of advancing coordinated city planning. The action plan will focus on jointly conducting cross-city planning research and strengthening planning alignment in key areas. The main objective is to push for integrated development in the areas of functional layout, infrastructure development, industrial sci-tech innovation and the provision of public services. (Shenzhen Special Zone Daily; in Chinese only)