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### Two GBA ports to pilot document-free boundary crossing

A pilot scheme for document-free crossing at boundary checkpoints has been launched at Shenzhen Bay Port and Zhuhai's Gongbei Port. Under the pilot, eligible Hong Kong, Macao and mainland residents can cross the boundaries between these places without having to produce physical documents providing they agree to the collection and verification of facial and fingerprint information by the border inspection agency. ([China's Exit and Entry Administration](#))

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### Expanded opening-up measures to be promoted nationwide

Last year's pilot scheme to expand opening-up measures across six free trade zones (FTZs), including Guangdong, is now being further enhanced. The 30 measures involved in the pilot, covering six areas including the trading of goods and services, entry of personnel, digital trading and the business environment, will soon be replicated and promoted to all FTZs or even across the country. ([State Council](#))

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### Development outline for Hong Kong Park in Hetao tech zone released

The HKSAR Government has released details of its development outline for the Hong Kong Park in the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Cooperation Zone. The outline puts forward a target for driving the development of the Hong Kong Park over two five-year periods and facilitating the flow of personnel, materials, capital and data between the zone's Hong Kong Park and Shenzhen Park. The outline explains how Hong Kong will collaborate with Shenzhen to develop the Hetao cooperation zone into a world-class key innovation and technology platform. ([HKSAR Government](#))

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### Guangdong accelerates development of innovation ecosystem

Guangdong is working on accelerating the development of a complete innovation chain that will support every stage of the innovation process, from basic research to the transformation of sci-tech achievements. Under the plan, one-third of special funds allocated to technology innovation will be invested in basic research. The province will also promote the development of new technology transfer and transformation systems. The target is to increase total R&D investment to 4% of regional GDP within five years. ([Nanfang Daily](#); in Chinese only)

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### Hetao promotes “use first, pay later” scheme for technology advancements

Shenzhen has announced 36 measures aimed at speeding up improvements to the intellectual property protection system in the Shenzhen Park of the Hetao cooperation zone. The measures include encouraging the full inclusion of Hong Kong innovation entities into the scope of Shenzhen’s patent fast-track pre-examination services. Shenzhen will also assist colleges and research institutions in licensing their technology achievements to micro, small and medium enterprises on a “use first, pay later” basis. ([Shenzhen Special Zone Daily](#); in Chinese only)