





CEPA amendments come into effect in March

The Second Agreement Concerning Amendment to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Agreement on Trade in Services will be implemented on 1 March and will further ease the entry of Hong Kong companies and professionals into the mainland services market. The amendment will also introduce new measures to ease access across several service sectors. (China Daily)

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Adoption of HK law by HK-invested enterprises extended to more GBA locations

The mainland has extended the application of Hong Kong laws and Hong Kong arbitration services to more locations in the Greater Bay Area for Hong Kong-invested companies. Such enterprises registered in Shenzhen and Zhuhai can now agree on adopting applicable Hong Kong laws in their contracts, while those established in all nine mainland GBA cities can choose either mainland or Hong Kong as the arbitration venue for resolving commercial disputes. (China's Ministry of Justice)

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Action plan for stabilising foreign investment released

The Ministry of Commerce and the National Development and Reform Commission have jointly issued the 2025 Action Plan for Stabilising Foreign Investment. The plan introduces 20 measures to boost efforts to attract investment, including expanding pilot programmes to open up fields such as telecommunications, medical services and education. Other key measures include broadening the scope of industries encouraged to seek foreign investment and lifting restrictions on giving foreign investment companies access to domestic loans. (State Council)



## Blueprint for development of Guangdong modern industrial system unveiled

Guangdong has drawn up an action plan for the development of a modern industrial system in the province, with measures to speed up the launch of research and development projects in key fields such as humanoid robots, the low-altitude economy and commercial aerospace. The goal is to establish at least 30 provincial-level pilot platforms and the creation of one or two national-level pilot zones for future industries. (China Daily)



Guangdong to develop pilot zones for cross-border e-commerce/industrial clusters

The Guangdong Provincial Government has introduced 12 measures aimed at driving the deeper integration of manufacturing with production services such as technology services, design services and e-commerce. In addition to providing support in the form of provincial-level technology transformation funds for industrial enterprises, Guangdong also plans to create 20 pilot cross-border e-commerce/industrial clusters by 2027. (GD Today)