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The objectives of the sub-committee are to foster exchanges of information and development of our industry in the Greater China, and to strengthen the ties with governmental and logistics bodies in the Greater China region. During the term, the sub-committee, representing HAFFA, met with many officials, associations and industrial players from different provinces to network and exchange valuable business intelligence and experience on the logistics practices.

CEDB Seminar on Policy Measures of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone 中國 (廣東)自由貿易試驗區政策宣講會, 08 May 2015

中国(广东)自由贸易试验区示意图
(总面积116.2平方公里)



Launched in April 2015, the Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone (FTZ) of 116 square-kilometer is part of a pilot program loosening regulations in various sectors to strengthen economic ties with Hong Kong and Macau. The zone includes parts of Guangzhou's Nansha (南沙) New Area, Qianhai (前海) and Shekou (蛇口) in Shenzhen (深圳), as well as Hengqin (橫琴) in Zhuhai (珠海). It is positioned to leverage on Hong Kong and Macau, serve the Mainland and reach out globally, and to develop into an exemplary zone for in-depth co-operation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau as well as an important hub for the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road.

In order for the industry to gain a better understanding on the policy measures of the Guangdong FTZ, the People's Government of Guangdong Province (廣東省人民政府) and HKSAR jointly organized a seminar on 08 May 2015. Visiting officials introduced their preferential policy measures including China Customs' trade facilitation that are expected to deepen trade liberalization and enable regional integration. In response to HAFFA's request,

CEDB provided the seminar materials and video which were circulated to Members via HAFFA News. Please visit the following webpage to download and view the information for more details:

[After Login] <http://www.haffa.com.hk/portal/Page/Default.aspx?id=596>

Seminar on “Hong Kong-Zhuhai Cooperation and Development” 2015
港珠合作發展研討會, 09 May 2015

Organized by the Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre 智經研究中心, a seminar on “Hong Kong-Zhuhai Cooperation and Development” was held on 09 May 2015. Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman and Greater China Affairs Sub-committee Chairman) represented HAFFA to join the seminar and shared the following highlights:



- Upon the opening of the HK-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in 2017, it will shorten the distance between Hong Kong and Zhuhai:
 - HK International Airport to/from Zhuhai: around 40KM (current +200KM)
 - HK Kwai Chung Container Port to Zhuhai: around 65KM (current around 200KM)
- As the transportation time between Shenzhen and Hong Kong to the Zhuhai areas will be shortened, it is expected to have more economic activities in the Western side of Pearl River areas, including manufacturing and tourists.
- Zhuhai can supply much cheaper lands to Hong Kong forwarders for warehousing and storage.
- Before the opening of the HK-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the Hong Kong and Zhuhai Government authorities (especially the Customs) will need to have closer co-ordination and perhaps compromises on the smooth transitions of cargoes and trucks, areas including Customs clearance, documentations and inspection flows for imports and exports, to make sure it is justified to use the Bridge. If the Customs procedures are complicated which may cause cargoes delays by the Zhuhai Customs, it won't help our operations.
- The authorities also need to consider the fact that there is current shortage of cross-border drivers holding valid Hong Kong driver's license (for containers and trucks), we hope the authorities would improve the situation and to avoid a big increase of trucking cost which eventually will not be doing good to the forwarders and traders in Hong Kong.



Study Tour to Guangzhou & Nansha - Cross Border E-Commerce, 27-28 October 2015



Funded by the Government and organized by Hong Kong Sea Transport and Logistics Association (HKSTLA), a study tour to Guangzhou & Nansha was held on 27-28 October 2015 with aims to provide opportunities for the delegates to gain a better understanding on the latest development of the cross border e-commerce and logistics policy measures of the Nansha Free Trade Zone.

Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman and Greater China Affairs Sub-committee Chairman) represented HAFFA to join the study tour and shared the following highlights:

- Consumers buying overseas products online (海淘 – 海外/境外購物) are required to pay a “luggage and postal item tax” (行郵稅). For example:

Items	Luggage and Postal item tax
Food, Health product, Bag, Shoe, Mobile phone, Computer, Kitchen appliance	10%
Luxury watch, Golf equipment	30%
Cosmetics	50%

- In view of the situation that both governments are proactively cracking down on parallel goods (水貨) activities, many goods are stuck in Hong Kong and not allowed to carry across the border.
- More and more postal and courier shipments into China are being inspected and detained in case of problems found. The consignee is required to pay tax as necessary if the shipments are checked not meeting the rules.
- There are still new regulations to be implemented on the imports of the sensitive shipments using this e-commerce mode, e.g. healthy products, infant formula, cosmetics, etc.





Key activities in 2015-2016 at a glance:

Date	HAFFA	Event	Organizer(s) / Visitor(s)
08/05/2015	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman) and Mr. Ronnie Leung (Hon. Secretary)	Seminar on "Policy Measures of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone" 中國(廣東)自由貿易試驗區政策宣講會	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau 商務及經濟發展局 (CEDB)
09/05/2015	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman)	Seminar on "Hong Kong-Zhuhai Cooperation and Development" 2015 港珠合作發展研討會	Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre 智經研究中心
19/05/2015	Mr. Joseph Leung (Representative)	CEPA Seminar 工作座談會	中聯辦經濟部貿易處
06/07/2015	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman)	Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Study	中聯辦經濟部貿易處
28/07/2015	Mr. Cliff Sullivan (Chairman)	「2015 粵港經濟技術貿易合作開幕式及交流會」	Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) 香港貿易發展局

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05/08/2015	Mr. Cliff Sullivan (Chairman), Mr. Brian Wu (Vice Chairman), Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat)	「一帶一路」午餐會	Hon. Ip Lau Suk Yee, Regina, Executive Council Member
07/09/2015	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman)	Inauguration Ceremony of Maritime Silk Road Society	Maritime Silk Road Society 海上絲綢之路協會
19/10/2015	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman)	第五屆陝粵港澳經濟合作活動周開幕式	Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) 香港貿易發展局
27-28/10/2015	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman)	Study Tour to Guangzhou and Nansha	Hong Kong Sea Transport and Logistics Association (HKSTLA)
18/11/2015	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman), Mr. Elmen Chu (Executive Committee), Mr. Louis Lee (Greater China Affairs Sub-committee Vice Chairman) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat)	Courtesy Visit by Guangzhou Municipal Commission of Commerce to introduce the Association and exchange industrial information	廣州市商務委員會
27/11/2015	Mr. Brian Wu (Vice Chairman)	第十九屆京港會 – “互聯網+時代的發展機遇” – 跨境電商北京發展對接洽談會	香港中國商會
04/12/2015	Mr. Cliff Sullivan (Chairman) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat)	跨境電商產品進口中國：陽光通道上的物流解決方案	The Hong Kong Shippers' Council 香港付貨人委員會
07/01/2016	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman)	澳門空運暨物流業協會二十周年酒會	MAFFA 澳門空運暨物流業協會
08/01/2016	Mr. Louis Lee (Greater China Affairs Sub-committee Vice Chairman)	香港商界考察深圳前海蛇口自貿片區	GDETO 駐粵辦
11/01/2016	Mr. Cliff Sullivan (Chairman)	「一帶一路發展聯會」成立一周年典禮	「一帶一路發展聯會」
15/01/2016	Mr. Danny Wong (Vice Chairman) and HAFFA Executive Committee	Introduction of China-Malaysia Johore FTA and discussion of further collaboration	Hon. Ip Lau Suk Yee, Regina, Executive Council Member

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18/01/2016	Mr. Cliff Sullivan (Chairman)	中聯辦經濟部貿易處丙申年新春晚宴	中聯辦經濟部貿易處
09/03/2016	Mr. Raymond Chan (Greater China Affairs Sub-committee Chairman) and Mr. John Lui (Greater China Affairs Sub-committee)	GIFFA Spring Gathering 2016 新春聯誼會	Guangdong International Freight Forwarders Association (GIFFA) 廣東 省國際貨運代理協會
15/03/2016	Mr. Raymond Chan (Greater China Affairs Sub-committee Chairman) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat)	「推行跨境一鎖計劃」宣講會	Customs and Excise Department 香港海關
14/04/2016	Mr. Cliff Sullivan (Chairman), Mr. Danny Wong and Mr. Brian Wu (Vice Chairman)	Visit to Jiangmen Logistics Association	Jiangmen Logistics Association 江門市物流 行業協會



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