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The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address

Advice Sought

Members are invited to note the relevant contents of the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address (2023 PA) (**Annex 1**) and Policy Measures (**Annex 2**) that are related to the Hospital Authority (HA), public hospital services, primary healthcare and Chinese Medicine development, healthcare manpower, health technology, etc.

Highlights of Policy Address

2. The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) announced his 2023 PA on 25 October 2023 (full version available for public access on the Internet <https://www.policyaddress.gov.hk/2023/en/policy.html>). Extracts of the below Chapters which are relevant to HA or healthcare related matters are provided at **Annex 1** :

- (a) Chapter IV on Strive to Improve Governance;
- (b) Chapter V on Continue to Create Strong Impetus for Growth;
- (c) Chapter VII Work Together to Safeguard Harmony and Stability

3. Together with the Policy Address, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR also announced related Policy Measures to better serve our people and better develop Hong Kong, as well as the progress of the indicators for specified tasks in 2022 Policy Address (**2022 PA**). Chapters 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the Policy Measures and progress of the indicators for specified tasks in 2022 PA are copied at **Annex 2**, with sections relevant to HA or healthcare highlighted therein. Various indicators (including key performance indicators) for the 2023 PA and on-going and valid indicators for the 2022 PA are listed in the Policy Address for monitoring the progress and effectiveness for specified tasks and making timely

improvements. Those related to HA or healthcare are extracted at **Annex 3**. In accordance with the prevailing mechanism¹, progress on the implementation of HA's actions items under the Policy Address will be reported to the Executive Committee on quarterly basis and to the HA Board bi-annually to facilitate monitoring and follow up, as well as to timely address potential issues arising from unexpected events to ensure accountability.

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¹ As agreed at the Administrative and Operational Meeting on 22 October 2022 via Paper No. 1804 on "The Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address".

Extracts from the 2023 Policy Address

Chapter IV. Strive to Improve Governance

(extract from the sections on paragraphs 32 – 33 and 48-49)

32. Since taking office, the current-term Government has strived to improve governance systems, capability and efficacy. We are also working to strengthen our leadership and execution capabilities.

33. In the last Policy Address, I set 110 indicators for specific tasks, including key performance indicators (KPIs). The performance of departments has generally met my expectations. The indicators have enabled me to monitor work progress and outcomes more effectively. More importantly, they have helped cultivate a result-oriented culture within the Government. For this Policy Address, to sustain my governing belief of engaging in pragmatic efforts and delivering results, I have set a total of 150 indicators, of which 73 are new. The remaining 77 indicators, introduced last year, are still on-going and valid.

Enhance the Capability of Co-ordinated Emergency Management across the GBA

48. The Mainland has strong emergency-response capability, especially in terms of installation of heavy-duty equipment. A collaborative and complementary emergency-response mechanism will create synergy and benefit us all in the GBA. To that end, Hong Kong together with other GBA cities will formulate, negotiate and implement a new "Greater Bay Area Emergency Response and Rescue Operational Plan", establishing a systematic emergency-response mechanism that is mutually complementary and in the spirit of joint prevention and collaboration. This will strengthen the region's ability to prevent, mitigate and relieve natural disasters and other major public emergencies.

Cross-boundary Ambulance Service

49. The Government is discussing with the governments of other GBA cities on the provision of cross-boundary ambulance service so as to enable direct point-to-point hospital transfer of patients for better support.

Chapter V. Continue to Create Strong Impetus for Growth

(extract from the sections on paragraphs 50, 57, 60 – 61, 79 and 83 – 84)

Raise Competitiveness

50. The measures we launched last year to attract enterprises, investment and talents have generated positive results. On the trawl for talents, we have attracted about 160 000 applications, among which over 100 000 have been approved and around 60 000 talents have already arrived at Hong Kong as at end-September.

Attract and Retain Talents

57. The Government will endeavour to trawl for and retain talents. We will:

- (i) establish the physical office of the Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE) – Following the launch of the online platform for the HKTE last year, a physical office will be established by the end of this month. The office will provide support for incoming talents and follow up with their development and needs after arrival. In 2024, we will organise a "Global Talent Summit cum Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High-quality Talent Development Conference" to promote regional exchange and co-operation in talent attraction;
- (ii) expand the coverage of universities under the Top Talent Pass Scheme – To expand the network for attracting global talents, we will add eight top-notch institutions from the Mainland and overseas to the list of eligible universities under the scheme, making a total of 184 institutions, with effect from November;
- (iii) relax visa requirements – Starting from today, we will relax the visa policy in respect of employment for Vietnamese talents and the criteria for Vietnamese applying for "multiple-entry visas" for business and travel. We will also relax the visa policy for Laotian and Nepalese talents for employment, training and study in University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded institutions;
- (iv) implement the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme – Under the scheme, eligible investors who make investments of \$30 million or above in assets such as stocks, funds, bonds, etc. (excluding real estate) can apply for entry into Hong Kong. This will strengthen the development of our asset and wealth management business, financial services and related professional services. Details of the scheme will be announced by the end of this year; and
- (v) the Vocational Professionals Admission Scheme – To alleviate the manpower shortage in skilled trades, starting from the 2024/25 admission cohort, non-local

students of designated full-time professional Higher Diploma programmes of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) will be allowed to stay in Hong Kong for one year after graduation to seek jobs relevant to their disciplines. This pilot arrangement will be reviewed after two years.

Dovetail with National Strategies and Enhance the Development of the "Eight Centres"

60. The Government will consolidate and enhance Hong Kong's development of "eight centres" as outlined in the 14th Five-Year Plan, providing impetus for sustaining our competitiveness and economic growth.

International Innovation and Technology Centre

61. The Government promulgated last December the Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint for developing Hong Kong into an international I&T centre. On the Emerging Ecosystems ranking in 2023, Hong Kong ranks second in the world and first in Asia. To further implement the Blueprint, we will:(i) establish the physical office of the Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE) – Following the launch of the online platform for the HKTE last year, a physical office will be established by the end of this month. The office will provide support for incoming talents and follow up with their development and needs after arrival. In 2024, we will organise a "Global Talent Summit cum Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High-quality Talent Development Conference" to promote regional exchange and co-operation in talent attraction;

- (i) set up the New Industrialisation Development Office – Established under the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau and led by the Commissioner for Industry, the office will adopt an industry-oriented approach to promote new industrialisation in Hong Kong, support strategic enterprises to develop their businesses in Hong Kong, assist the manufacturing sector in upgrading and transformation by making use of I&T, and provide support for start-ups;
- (ii) facilitate the research and development of microelectronics – We will establish the Hong Kong Microelectronics Research and Development Institute next year to lead and facilitate collaboration among universities, R&D centres and the industry, which will include exploring the third-generation semi-conductor core technology and leveraging the GBA's well-developed manufacturing supply chains and enormous market. The newly-built Microelectronics Centre will also be commissioned next year to provide advanced infrastructure and hardware facilities designated for microelectronics;

- (iii) expedite the establishment of a supercomputing centre to foster AI development – From next year onwards, Cyberport will establish an AI supercomputing centre in phases, with a view to supporting the huge demand for computing power from R&D and relevant sectors and promoting industry development;
- (iv) support transformation of R&D outcomes from start-ups – The Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme seeks to promote the transformation and commercialisation of R&D outcomes from universities. The results of its first batch of applications will be announced in the first quarter next year. We will double the maximum funding provided for the Technology Transfer Office of each specified university to \$16 million, enabling universities to strengthen their support on technology transfer and expand marketing services. We will also attract more renowned Mainland and overseas start-up services agencies to set up their operations in Hong Kong for providing incubation services and development guidance;
- (v) set up a \$10 billion New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme – To promote the downstream development of new industrialisation, we will provide financial assistance for enterprises in the fields of life and health technologies, AI and data science, advanced manufacturing, and new energy technologies. These include providing funding support for the set-up of new production facilities on a one (Government) to two (company) matching basis, subject to a funding ceiling of \$200 million. We will also explore the feasibility of allowing enterprises under the scheme to employ non-local technical personnel more flexibly, and relaxing the limitation of the number of subsidised research talents that can be employed;
- (vi) promote cross-boundary data flow – We signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mainland in June to foster secure cross-boundary flow of Mainland data within the GBA. We are liaising with the Guangdong Province to adopt an "early and pilot implementation" approach in the GBA to streamline the compliance arrangements for the flow of personal data from the Mainland to Hong Kong. This will facilitate the provision of cross-boundary financial and medical services within the GBA; and
- (vii) establish the third InnoHK cluster – The two existing InnoHK research clusters focusing on healthcare technologies and AI have successfully convened top-notch R&D personnel from across the globe. We will initiate preparations next year for the establishment of the third cluster focusing on advanced manufacturing, materials, energy and sustainable development.

Move Ahead with the Northern Metropolis as the New Engine for Growth

Northern Metropolis Action Agenda

79. The Government will shortly publish the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis. It will integrate deeply with the planning of Shenzhen and other GBA cities. From the west to the east, the Northern Metropolis will be divided into the following four major zones:

- (i) high-end professional services and logistics hub – Covering Hung Shui Kiu and the surrounding area, and connecting with the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone, the hub will provide financial and professional services, on top of capitalising on the locational advantages of the boundary control points (BCPs) for developing the modern logistics industry;
- (ii) I&T zone – Covering San Tin Technopole including the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park in the Loop, it will create synergy with the Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Zone and serve as a hub for I&T development;
- (iii) boundary commerce and industry zone – Occupying the largest stretch of land, this zone enjoys the geographic advantages of the BCPs at Lo Wu, Man Kam To and Heung Yuen Wai. Apart from driving the development of industries such as advanced construction, green environment industries, health care, food technology and modern logistics, this zone will promote cross-boundary business services and entertainment spending, giving full play to its powerful function as a BCP commercial zone; and
- (iv) blue and green recreation, tourism and conservation circle – Comprising areas endowed with rich cultural heritage and natural resources, such as Robin's Nest, Sha Tau Kok and Yan Tong Chau, this circle will promote recreation and tourism development.

The Development Plan for Shenzhen Park of Hetao

83. The Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone is the convergence point of the Northern Metropolis and the Guangzhou-Shenzhen innovation and technology corridor. The Central Government promulgated in August the Development Plan for Shenzhen Park of Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone, setting out the development positioning of the Shenzhen Park. The HKSAR Government will render its full support and work with

the Shenzhen Municipal Government to foster the synergistic development of the Hong Kong Park and the Shenzhen Park. Innovative measures under exploration are as follows:

- (i) providing travel convenience for R&D personnel by, for example, enabling those who have pre-registered to enjoy streamlined access between the two parks, and adopting technology to facilitate faster movement, such as the use of facial recognition technology to achieve contactless clearance;
- (ii) facilitating cross-boundary capital flow within the Hetao Co-operation Zone;
- (iii) facilitating exchanges on data and samples (including clinical biological samples) collected for research or trials;
- (iv) capitalising on Hong Kong's advantages in convening international talents to play leading roles in participating in the work of the Hetao Co-operation Zone; and
- (v) taking forward frontier technological research and expediting pilot production and transformation in support of the development of the Hetao Co-operation Zone. An example is the establishment of a public R&D service platform for biomedicine to dovetail with the development of the Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Centre in Shenzhen Park.

84. The spatial planning of the Northern Metropolis, particularly the San Tin Technopole, will align with the development positioning of the Hetao Co-operation Zone. It will also fully integrate with the strategy on enhancing Hong Kong's I&T competitiveness to pave way for the future development of the Hetao Co-operation Zone in a forward-looking manner. Out of the about 600 hectares of development land in the San Tin Technopole, half is for I&T use. We will ensure that policies on cross-boundary supporting infrastructure, land approval, public-private partnership, etc. are in active support of the relevant development to achieve synergy.

Chapter VII. Work Together to Safeguard Harmony and Stability

(extract from the sections on paragraphs 115, 118 – 119, 121 – 126, 139 – 149 and 156)

Promote Fertility and Create a Childbearing Environment

Support Assisted Reproductive Services

115. Noting that some couples may need assisted reproductive technology to conceive a baby, the Government will enhance support in this regard. We will:

- (i) Increase the public service quota for assisted reproductive services – Over the next five years from 2024-25 to 2028-29, the Hospital Authority (HA) will gradually increase the assisted reproductive service quota for in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatment by more than 60%, from 1 100 treatment cycles per year to 1 800 treatment cycles per year. The HA will also enhance the training for the related professional personnel; and
- (ii) provide tax deduction for assisted reproductive services – Starting from the year of assessment 2024/25, the Government will provide a deduction for expenses on assisted reproductive services under salaries tax and personal assessment, subject to a ceiling of \$100,000 a year.

Caring for the Elderly

118. In the face of an ageing population, the Government formulates cross-sectoral policies and initiatives to cater for the needs of the elderly. Over the past year, the Government has strengthened support for ageing in place and lifted the quality and quantity of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes). Examples include expanding the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients, regularising the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, enhancing the Incentive Scheme to Encourage Provision of Residential Care Home for the Elderly Premises in New Private Developments, providing more residential care places for the elderly, importing care workers from outside Hong Kong, commencing the Review of Manpower for Healthcare Services in Residential Care Homes, etc. Considerable achievements have been made.

Elderly Services

119. The Government will continue to strengthen elderly services according to the principle of "ageing in place as the core, with institutional care as back-up". We will:

- (i) provide more choices for cross-boundary elderly care – The Government earlier relaxed the eligibility of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong to allow Hong Kong private organisations with experience and a good track record in providing subsidised residential care services for the elderly to join the scheme. We will explore extending the scheme to include specific RCHEs operated by Mainland organisations next year so that elderly persons retiring in the Mainland cities of the GBA will have more choices. Based on the experience gained, we will also explore subsidising elderly recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who opt to stay in RCHEs under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong to better support elderly persons who choose to retire in the GBA;
- (ii) expand the Residential Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly – Starting from the second quarter of next year, we will extend the coverage of the voucher from care-and-attention places to nursing home places, and provide 1 000 more vouchers, so that more eligible elderly persons can be admitted to participating RCHEs without waiting;
- (iii) improve quality of life through technology – In 2024-25, the Government will inject an additional \$1 billion into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care to enhance the subsidies for eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and trial technology products, such as ultra-low beds for medical and nursing care and intelligent anti-wandering systems, with a view to improving the quality of life of the elderly and persons with disabilities and reducing the pressure of carers;
- (iv) promote elderly-friendly building design – The Deputy Financial Secretary will co-ordinate with the relevant bureaux to put forward proposals next year for incorporating universal design concepts (i.e. enabling use by the widest range of persons as far as possible) and accessibility (i.e. facilitating mobility) into the BD's building design manual; and
- (v) inject funding into the lifelong learning fund for the elderly – In 2024-25, the Government will inject an additional \$80 million into the Elder Academy Development Foundation to encourage lifelong learning and integration into the community among the elderly.

Caring and Inclusive Community

Support Persons with Disabilities

121. To address the needs of persons with disabilities, the Government provides a variety of rehabilitation services catering to different types and levels of disability. These services include pre-school rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, centre-based or home-based community support services, as well as hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, halfway houses and hostels for severely physically handicapped persons, etc. The Government will continue to strengthen the support in this regard, including the following measures:

- (i) provide subsidy to encourage employment – We will implement a three-year pilot scheme to provide an additional subsidy of \$500 per month to employed disabled recipients of CSSA as a means of encouraging their employment. This will benefit some 6 800 persons with disabilities;
- (ii) strengthen the services of residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and day training services – Given the ageing of users of RCHDs, the Government will increase nursing staff in RCHDs in the coming year to enhance care for their ageing residents. We will also increase service places of the Extended Care Programme in Day Activity Centres and the Work Extension Programme to enhance care for persons with disabilities using day training services who are ageing or have deteriorating health conditions;
- (iii) encourage developers to construct and operate RCHDs in their development projects – Drawing reference from the prevailing arrangements applicable to private RCHEs, the Government will launch the "Incentive Scheme to Encourage Provision of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in New Private Developments" this year. Eligible RCHDs will be exempted from premium payment for lease modifications, land exchange or private treaty grants, and the relevant GFA of the RCHD will not be counted in the calculation of total permissible GFA for the entire project;
- (iv) optimise the establishment of resource teachers for aided special schools – Starting from the 2024/25 school year, we will strengthen the establishment of resource teachers for the primary and secondary sections of aided special schools, and extend the initiative to cover schools for social development, allowing them to provide additional learning and developmental support for students with autism spectrum disorder; and

- (v) increase the number of representatives of persons with disabilities and carers in the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee – The Government has completed the review of the Committee's composition. There will be more representatives of persons with disabilities and their carers in the next term of the Committee to better gauge their needs.

Support Carers

122. Carers play an important role in supporting elderly persons and persons with disabilities to live in the community. The Government is committed to supporting carers of elderly and carers of persons with disabilities, including providing financial assistance, care skills training, counselling and emotional support etc., and in parallel providing the elderly and persons with disabilities with personal care, home cleaning, rehabilitation training, respite services, etc. to relieve the pressure on carers.

123. With the aim of alleviating the physical and mental pressure of carers, the Government launched the 24-hour Designated Hotline for Carer Support last month to provide professional support on consultation, counselling, matching of respite services, etc., and will launch a one-stop Information Gateway for Carers next month to facilitate and encourage carers to seek timely assistance. We will continue our efforts to support carers through the following:

- (i) mobilise Care Teams – The Government will pilot in Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts to engage the Care Teams to help, through visits or contacts, identify carers of elderly persons and carers of persons with disabilities requiring support, and refer cases to the relevant social welfare service units for follow-up. The Government will review the effectiveness of the implementation in the pilot districts, and consider extending the services to other districts. We will also assist households referred by the Care Teams to install emergency alarm systems as necessary;
- (ii) expand the network of respite services – Carers of elderly persons or persons with disabilities may need to rely on community respite services for temporary relief when they need to take short breaks or attend to personal matters. We will request about 140 RCHEs under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, about 20 RCHDs under the Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs, and about 190 service units participating in the Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly to provide residential and day respite services when there are vacant residential care places or service places for care-receiving individuals. Carers in need will also be matched with respite services through the social workers of the designated hotline for carer support;

- (iii) strengthen peer support services – In the coming two years, the SWD will set up four additional Parents/Relatives Resource Centres for carers of those in mental recovery to support people in mental recovery and their carers;
- (iv) promote publicity on caring for the carers – This three-year campaign encourages people from all walks of life to show their empathy, support and care for carers. In the first year, under the theme of "Helping Carers Help Themselves", publicity will focus on encouraging carers to help themselves. In the second year, under the theme of "Walk with Carers", publicity will emphasise standing by carers. In the third year, under the theme of "Fostering a Carer-Friendly Community", publicity will focus on creating a community environment that supports carers;
- (v) support special school leavers and their carers – Designated teams will be set up in the second quarter of next year to proactively contact carers of special school leavers six months before graduation to provide training on caring and interaction skills, arrange post-school care plans and link with community support services; and
- (vi) utilise technology to reduce the burden and pressure of carers – We will expand the scope of the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use. Eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units can procure suitable technology products for lending to elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers for use at home. This will improve the quality of life of the care recipients and relieve the pressure of the carers.

Protect Children

124. The LegCo is scrutinising the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill. We look forward to the early passage of the bill and the implementation of the mandatory reporting regime for early identification and intervention into child abuse cases. The Government will provide training for mandated reporters and draw up guidelines. We will also increase the number of emergency places for residential child care service.

125. The Committee on Review of Residential Child Care and Related Services, formed last year, has completed its review. The Government will follow up on and progressively implement the relevant recommendations, including stepping up inspections and unannounced visits, increasing the number of residential child care service places, strengthening the support and training for foster families, etc.

126. To encourage more willing individuals to become foster families, the Government will substantially increase the incentive payment for foster families starting

from next April. For foster care service, the payment will be more than doubled from around \$5,000 to about \$11,000 per month. For emergency foster care service, it will be doubled from around \$6,600 to about \$13,000 per month. Additional support will be provided to foster families taking care of children with special learning or care needs, including arranging early assessment and appropriate professional rehabilitation therapy and training.

Healthy Hong Kong

Develop into a Health and Medical Innovation Hub – Establish a Drug Approval Authority based on "Primary Evaluation" in the Long Run

139. With our high-quality medical care services and efficient healthcare system, Hong Kong is among the places with the longest life expectancy in the world. We are determined to leverage Hong Kong's medical strengths with the long-term objective of establishing an authority that registers drugs and medical devices under the "primary evaluation" approach, i.e. to directly approve applications for registration of drugs and medical devices based on clinical data, without relying on other drug regulatory authorities. We will endeavour to attract more pharmaceutical and medical device enterprises, both locally and from around the world, to conduct R&D and clinical trials in Hong Kong, and build up the capacity, recognition and status to ensure that the eventual approval mechanism of drugs and medical devices of Hong Kong would be widely recognised internationally and by the Mainland. We will:

- (i) set up a preparatory office for the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation (CMPR) – A preparatory office will be set up to study the potential restructuring and strengthening of the current regulatory and approval regimes for medicine, medical devices and medical technology. The office will also put forward proposals and steps for the establishment of the CMPR which will be a step towards the transition to the "primary evaluation" approach in approving applications for registration of pharmaceutical products, and explore the upgrading of the CMPR as a standalone statutory body in the long run. This will help accelerate the launching of new drugs and medical devices to the market, and foster the development of R&D and testing of medical products and related industries;
- (ii) accession to the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) – We will pursue Hong Kong, China's accession to ICH as an observer to familiarise with and promote the latest development of drug regulation, and to pave the way for developing

Hong Kong into an internationally recognised regulatory authority for drugs and medical devices in the long run;

- (iii) establish the Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute – We will establish the Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute in the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone next year to provide a one-stop clinical trial support platform for medical research institutions. The Institute will co-ordinate clinical trial resources in the public and private healthcare sectors in Hong Kong, including researchers, supporting services, data banks, sample banks, laboratories, etc. We will discuss with the Shenzhen Municipal Government regarding a cooperation framework, with a view to achieving coordinated development of the Hong Kong and Shenzhen Parks. We will also explore cooperation with the clinical trial networks in the Mainland, in particular the GBA, through the Institute, and co-ordinate clinical trial work between the two places to comply with national and international standards;
- (iv) promote clinical research and trials under the HA – The HA will establish the Cluster Clinical Research Support Office in 2024-25. The office will provide advisory and support services for frontline staff, introduce additional measures to encourage medical teams to participate in clinical researches and trials, expedite the process of ethics review of clinical research, and strengthen the systems and mechanisms for supporting clinical research and data sharing; and
- (v) establish the new "1+" mechanism to expedite the approval of new drugs – To accelerate patients' access to new chemical or biological entities (NCEs) and promote the development of clinical trials and research and development of drug in Hong Kong, we will enhance the existing drug regulatory regime by establishing the new "1+" mechanism this year. Under this mechanism, pharmaceutical products containing NCEs for life-threatening or severely-debilitating diseases with local clinical data will be allowed to register conditionally with only one certificate of pharmaceutical product (instead of two under the prevailing arrangement) issued by reference drug regulatory authorities (e.g. the National Medical Products Administration).

Continue to Promote Primary Healthcare Development

140. The Government released the Primary Healthcare Blueprint late last year, which sets out the development direction and strategies for coping with the challenges brought about by an ageing population and the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases. We are pressing ahead with our work on various fronts, which include: advocating the concept of

"family doctor for all", with 3 400 family doctors enrolled in the Primary Care Directory (representing an increase of around 20%); providing subsidised hypertension and diabetes mellitus screening and management service for persons aged 45 or above starting from this November; enhancing the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme to include audiologists, dietitians, clinical psychologists, speech therapists; and allowing the shared use of elderly health care vouchers between spouses and rolling out a new reward scheme. The Government will continue to work with the healthcare sector and NGOs to implement the blueprint.

Strengthening Capacity to Combat Communicable Diseases

141. While Hong Kong has successfully combatted the COVID-19 pandemic, we must possess a sense of crisis for better preparation of emerging communicable diseases. The Government will enhance the local capacity in surveillance, early warning and prevention and control; strengthen the joint disease prevention and control as well as manpower training with the Mainland authorities; and promote, through local university, international cooperation in scientific research in areas such as vaccines. To that end, the Hong Kong Jockey Club will provide funding of \$3 billion to support related efforts.

Digital Healthcare Record

142. The Government will roll out the eHealth+ to build a comprehensive healthcare information infrastructure over the next five years. We aim to develop a personalised eHealth account for every resident to deposit their digital health records in both public and private sectors, and to integrate the healthcare service processes. eHealth+ will allow users to check and carry electronic health records as well as scheduled appointments through mobile phones anytime. The new system will also support various healthcare policies and reforms more effectively, especially on cross-boundary medical collaboration within the GBA.

Enhance Public Healthcare Services

143. The HA will continue its efforts to enhance public healthcare services including:

- (i) reducing the waiting time of stable new case bookings for two specialties, namely Ear, Nose and Throat, and Orthopaedics and Traumatology, by 10% in 2024-25;
- (ii) setting up Hong Kong's first Chest Pain Centre in Queen Mary Hospital in 2025 in accordance with national accreditation standards, with a view to optimising

patient journey for patients suffering from cardiovascular diseases, improving treatment outcome and increasing survival rate; and

- (iii) establishing a breastmilk bank and formulating the related mechanism for breastmilk donation in 2025 to provide breastmilk for infants and young children who cannot be breastfed by their biological mothers, and especially to minimise the chance of serious illness in premature or severely-ill babies.

Oral Health

144. In the light of the views of the Working Group on Oral Health and Dental Care, established last year, the Government will accord priority to enhancing the oral health of the community. In the coming two years, we will:

- (i) launch the Primary Dental Co-care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents to promote preventive dental care among adolescents through the provision of partial subsidies for private dental check-up services for adolescents aged between 13 and 17;
- (ii) collaborate with NGOs to enhance emergency and special care dental services to the under-privileged, vulnerable groups with special needs, and persons with disabilities ; and
- (iii) enhance the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme to allow more eligible elderly persons to receive dental treatment services such as dental check-ups, scaling and polishing, fillings and extractions.

Mental Health

145. The Government attaches great importance to mental health, and will continue to adopt an integrated approach to promote mental health, which covers prevention, early identification, as well as provision of timely intervention, treatment and rehabilitation for persons in need. We strive to implement the 10 enhanced measures announced in June for supporting persons in mental recovery and those with mental health needs, which include:

- (i) expedite case management – The HA will optimise the ratio of case manager to patients with severe mental illness to no higher than 1:40 under the Case Management Programme. For new cases triaged as Priority 1 (urgent) and Priority 2 (semi-urgent) at psychiatric specialist outpatient clinics, the median waiting time will be maintained at no longer than one week and four weeks respectively;

- (ii) enhance community support and training of social workers – The SWD will enhance the services of Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness next year, including strengthening early identification of persons with mental health needs and early intervention, and exploring to scale up the training of social workers in community mental health service units to raise their capacity in handling complicated cases;
- (iii) provide mental health assessment in the community – A pilot scheme will be launched in three District Health Centres next year in collaboration with community organisations to provide mental health assessment for those in need, and to provide early follow-up and referral for high-risk cases;
- (iv) strengthen training of Care Team members – Care Team members will be provided with mental health support training to assist in the early referral of persons in need in the local communities for support; and
- (v) launch a "Mental Health Literacy" resource kit – The EDB will launch a "Mental Health Literacy" resource kit suitable for upper primary and junior secondary levels in the 2023/24 school year, and prepare the same for lower primary and senior secondary levels, with a view to enhancing student awareness of mental health and assisting schools in promoting it.

Healthcare Manpower Supply and Training

146. To alleviate the shortage of dentists and nurses, the Government will introduce amendment bills to the Dentists Registration Ordinance and the Nurses Registration Ordinance by mid-2024 to provide new pathways for admission of qualified non-locally trained dentists and nurses for serving in specified institutions under the premise that the professional standards and patients' welfare are maintained. Furthermore, we will, starting from the 2023/24 academic year, gradually increase the training places of ancillary dental workers and provide tuition sponsorship to attract more people to join the industry. The Government will also explore amending the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance to provide new pathways for admitting qualified non-locally trained supplementary medical professionals to serve in the HA and the Department of Health.

147. We will strengthen the two-way training and exchange of healthcare talents between Hong Kong and the Mainland, while continuing to take forward the "Hospital Authority Healthcare Talents Visiting Programme". Building upon the successful experience of the first phase of exchanges with the Guangdong Province recently, we will take forward talent exchanges with other Mainland regions/cities, such as Shanghai, to promote continuous mutual learning and clinical exchange between different clinical

healthcare professionals from the two places, including doctors, nurses and Chinese medicine practitioners, etc.

Chinese Medicine Development

148. The Government will actively promote the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong. We will:

- (i) promote testing of and scientific research on Chinese medicine – Leveraging on the platform of the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute, we will accelerate the promotion of Chinese medicine informatisation and digitalisation, and facilitate the sharing of information. For instance, a Digitalised Chinese Medicines Information Platform will be launched early next year for Chinese medicine identification and educational purposes;
- (ii) formulate the Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint – The recruitment exercise for the post of Commissioner for Chinese Medicine Development is at its the final stage. It is anticipated that the Commissioner can assume office early next year, who will co-ordinate the professional and policy development of Chinese medicine, and liaise with the Chinese medicine sector to formulate a comprehensive Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint for release in 2025;
- (iii) strengthen integrated Chinese-Western medicine services – Starting from 2023-24, Chinese medicine rehabilitation will be incorporated to the clinical framework for "stroke care", and a new pilot project on "cancer care" will be launched at day chemotherapy centres. We will continue to explore the extension of integrated Chinese-Western medicine services to cover more disease areas, such as elderly degenerative diseases; and
- (iv) take forward the preparatory work for Hong Kong's first Chinese Medicine Hospital (CMH) – The first CMH in Hong Kong is expected to commence service in phases starting from the end of 2025. It will establish a co-operation mechanism with another CMH in the Mainland to support its continuing development.

Cross-boundary Medical Collaboration

149. We will strengthen medical collaboration with the Mainland, and contribute to the national strategy of "Healthy China". We will:

- (i) support the internationalisation of national hospital accreditation standards – The HA will resume the hospital accreditation programme to ensure its management and services attaining international standards, and support the Shenzhen Hospital Accreditation Research Centre to set up an office in Hong Kong in the future with a view to contributing to the internationalisation of the national hospital accreditation standards and improving the overall healthcare quality of the GBA;
- (ii) rolling out the "Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme" – We will extend the coverage of the elderly health care vouchers initially to about five suitable medical institutions in the GBA as trial service points for provision of primary healthcare services. It will also cover individual designated medical institutions providing dental services at places near Hong Kong, e.g. Shenzhen; and
- (iii) making optimal use of healthcare services in the GBA – We will strategically procure healthcare services for the people of Hong Kong from suitable healthcare institutions in the GBA (including the University of Hong Kong – Shenzhen Hospital) so as to alleviate the pressure on service demand of our public hospital services and shorten the waiting time of our residents.

Stay United to Tell Good Stories of Hong Kong

156. We will unite patriots with affection for the country and our city to actively promote, in the local and the international arenas, the success story of "One Country, Two Systems", presenting the openness and cultural vibrancy in Hong Kong and our distinctive advantage as a conduit between our motherland and the world. We will also be telling our local and international audiences the true and good stories of our city.

Abbreviations

BCPs	Boundary Control Points
BD	Buildings Department
CMH	Chinese Medicine Hospital
CMPR	Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation
CSSA	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance
GBA	Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
GFA	Gross Floor Area
HA	Hospital Authority
HKSAR	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
HKTE	Hong Kong Talent Engage
ICH	International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use
I&T	Innovation and Technology
IVF	In-vitro Fertilisation
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators
NCEs	New Chemical or Biological Entities
NGOs	Non-governmental Organisations
RCHDs	Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities
RCHEs	Residential Care Homes for The Elderly
R&D	Research and Development
SWD	Social Welfare Department
UGC	University Grants Committee
VTC	Vocational Training Council

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Strive to Improve Governance

Enhancing Governance Systems

Interaction and exchange between the executive and the legislature

- Continue to strengthen exchange and collaboration in policy formulation through the Chief Executive's Interactive Exchange Question and Answer Sessions, Ante Chamber Exchange Sessions and direct meetings, etc. (CSO)

Liaison mechanism with NPC deputies and CPPCC members

- Implement the regular exchange mechanism with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) deputies to the National People's Congress (NPC) and the HKSAR members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) to enhance communication and collaboration, as well as to rally patriots with affection for the country and our city, and build a better Hong Kong together. (CMAB)

Improving governance at district level

- Take forward the preparatory work for constituting the new-term District Councils (DCs) proactively, and ensure that the new-term DCs will assume office smoothly on 1 January 2024, so as to enhance the efficacy of district governance with an improved district governance system. (HYAB, CMAB)

- The Steering Committee on District Governance and the Task Force on District Governance lead bureaux/departments to formulate measures to addressing issues of concern to the districts, thereby duly responding to the needs of the community. (HYAB)

Establishing a framework on the financing of major development projects

- Establish the Committee on the Financing of Major Development Projects led by the Financial Secretary to furnish advice on various financing options for major development projects, including assessing the feasibility of engaging private investors in participating in the projects as well as examining the overall impact of the projects on the Government fiscal position, with a view to ensuring the sustainability of public finance. (FSTB)

Investing in the Greater Bay Area

- The Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited (HKIC) is actively exploring the option of making use of the Greater Bay Area Investment Fund under its management to set up a joint investment fund with the Guangdong Provincial Government and other institutions or corporations to invest in projects with social and economic benefits in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). (FSO)

- Continue to pool resources together, identify investment opportunities and strategically promote development of target industries by the HKIC, so as to enhance the long-term competitiveness and economic vitality of Hong Kong while generating investment return. (FSO)

Enhancing Governance Capability and Governance Efficacy

Advancing development of digital government

- Form the new Digital Policy Office to be led by Commissioner for Digital Policy to assume the responsibility of formulating policies on digital government, data governance and information technology, promoting the opening-up of data and co-ordinating departments to provide more digital services. (ITIB)
- Take forward the work of the Digital Economy Development Committee to conduct studies on digital infrastructure, cross-boundary data flow, digital transformation of enterprises and human resources support, with a view to putting forward recommendations by early 2024. (FSO, ITIB)
- Publish by end-2023 administrative measures for facilitating data flow and safeguarding data security, thereby fueling development of data-driven digital economy. (ITIB)
- Launch a consented data exchange gateway with the function of interfacing with the Commercial Data Interchange by end-2023, in order to facilitate data interchange between government departments and financial institutions upon the authorisation of their enterprise clients. (ITIB)
- Complete a service-wide e-Government audit by end-2023 and launch 110 digital government initiatives from 2024 to 2025 to promote digital government and smart city development. (ITIB)
- Accept electronic payment as an option for all government services by the third quarter of 2024, so as to provide members of the public with option to settle relevant service payment through the Faster Payment System; and government services commonly used by Mainland tourists will also support payment by Mainland electronic wallets to facilitate their usage. (ITIB)
- Expand the service scope of the 1823 Chatbot and enhance efficiency in case handling with the use of artificial intelligence (AI) technology. (ITIB)
- Facilitate the full adoption of “iAM Smart” by all departments to provide citizens with the option of one-stop electronic services by end-2025. (ITIB)
- Digitalise all licences, services and forms involving application and approval by mid-2024. If in-person submission or collection of documents is required by law or international practice, applicants will only need to visit the government offices concerned once. (ITIB)
- Continue to encourage the application of technologies in government departments to enhance the quality of public services through the Smart Government Innovation Lab, the TechConnect (block vote) and the E&M InnoPortal of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department. (ITIB)
- Formulate a digital transformation plan for waterworks to develop big data analytics, AI and other smart technologies for supporting smart water supplies; set up the Central Operations Management Centre in the Water Supplies Department (WSD); and introduce AI to enhance the customer services of the WSD. (DEVB)
- Implement the regulatory framework for autonomous vehicles (AV) to facilitate larger-scale AV trials and uses by the trade, paving the way for the popularisation of AV. (TLB)

- Continue the implementation of other smart mobility initiatives, including enhancing related researches and applications with the Smart Traffic Fund, taking forward more automated parking system projects, and wider application of the traffic data analytics system. (TLB)
- Introduce electronic vehicle licences so that vehicle owners will no longer have to replace their paper-form vehicle licences upon renewal, and streamline the application procedures to pave the way for full automation of processing. (TLB)
- Introduce electronic driving licences to provide driving licence holders with the option and convenience of using electronic driving licences on their smartphones while driving. (TLB)
- Introduce the “Electronic Closed Area Permit” and “Electronic Closed Road Permit” by end-2023 by the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), and significantly shorten the processing time for applications. (SB)
- Launch the “HKSOS” mobile application by the HKPF in the first quarter of 2024, with built-in “Smart Search and Rescue Solutions” to assist rescuers to locate persons in need. (SB)
- Launch the Social Visit e-Booking Service by the Correctional Services Department by end-2023 for members of the public to book online for visits to persons in custody via the Department’s website or mobile application. (SB)
- Adopt the dynamic QR code verification technology in the Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Registration System by the Customs and Excise Department to enable the trade and customers’ instant verification of a dealer’s registration, thereby facilitating law enforcement and the conduct of business. (SB)

- Introduce a new mobile application function by the Fire Services Department (FSD) by end-2023 to help the public identify FSD-approved portable firefighting equipment. (SB)
- Introduce the remote-controlled robot dogs by the FSD by the third quarter of 2024 to help conduct inspections in hazardous areas during “chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear” (CBRN) incidents for reducing fire personnel’s risk of being exposed to CBRN hazards. (SB)

Promoting development of the “Digital Bay Area”

- Collaborate with the Guangdong Provincial Government to promote the “Cross-boundary Public Services” initiative and allow the residents of the two places to use the services through self-help kiosks in Guangdong and Hong Kong. (ITIB)
- Press ahead with the identity verification of “iAM Smart” of Hong Kong with the “Unified Identity Authentication Platform of Guangdong Province” by end-2023. (ITIB)

Strengthening the civil service management system

- Update the Civil Service Code to spell out clearly the core values and standards of conduct of civil servants, and issue the draft updated Code to staff sides for consultation in the first quarter of 2024 or earlier. (CSB)
- Oversee and encourage bureaux/departments to make good use of the streamlined mechanism of retiring officers in the public interest on grounds of persistent sub-standard performance, in order to terminate their appointment in a timely manner. (CSB)
- Continue to initiate measures, as well as supervise and assist bureaux/departments to make good use of the civil service disciplinary mechanism to handle misconduct cases. (CSB)

- Commence the exchange programme with civil servants of other cities in the GBA starting from end-2023. (CSB)
- Launch the “Civil Service Volunteer Commendation Scheme” in the third quarter of 2024 to give recognition to the civil service volunteer teams and individual civil servants for their outstanding performance and contributions in volunteer services participation or promotion. (CSB)
- Enhance our efforts to publicise good stories of civil servants to showcase their achievements and their dedication to serving the community. (CSB)
- Introduce a more convenient and time-saving way for civil service eligible persons to complete a one-time registration for joining the waiting list for new dental appointment. (CSB)
- Explore actively with the Health Bureau and the Hospital Authority to increase the service capacity of Civil Service Chinese Medicine Clinics from 2024 as appropriate, and in the longer run, set up more Civil Service Chinese Medicine Clinics by reprovisioning or redeveloping some of the Chinese Medicine Clinics cum Training and Research Centres. (CSB)
- Arrange more than 140 000 civil service eligible persons to receive dental scaling services at private dental clinics under the 18-month “Pilot Scheme on Dental Services (Dental Scaling) for Civil Service Eligible Persons” launched in the third quarter of 2023. (CSB)
- Provide education awards from 2024 for eligible children of civil servants appointed on new terms who are receiving primary or secondary education in the Mainland. (CSB)

- Provide marriage leave and compassionate leave from April 2024 for government employees to meet family needs arising from marriage or bereavement. (CSB)

Records Management

- Implement fully the Electronic Recordkeeping System for all government bureaux/ departments within 2025 to enhance efficiency in preserving and managing government records. (CSO)

Emergency Management

Scaling up capability in coping with extreme weather

- Continuously strengthen the overall capability of the Government and the community in coping with extreme weather, and to adopt a pre-emptive approach in preventive and strategic planning. (CSO and relevant bureaux)
- Government departments and public bodies concerned, such as the Airport Authority Hong Kong and the MTR Corporation Limited, will conduct a comprehensive and thorough review of their contingency plans. (TLB and relevant bureaux)
- Explore better utilisation of technologies such as big data and AI to scale up the risk assessment capabilities on meteorological forecast and alert, flooding and landslide hazards, etc. in the event of extreme weather. (EEB, DEVB)
- Take forward expeditiously with the \$8 billion drainage improvement works projects. (DEVB)
- Conduct systematic investigations and studies on major landslide incidents triggered by extreme rainstorms and devise focused measures of landslide mitigation for more natural slopes. (DEVB)

Co-ordinated Emergency Management across the GBA

- Formulate a new “GBA Emergency Response and Rescue Operational Plan” with the other GBA cities under the principles of collaborative prevention and control as well as mutual complementarity to enhance the capability of the cities in the region for collaborative disaster prevention, mitigation and relief, and for responding to major public emergencies. (SB)
- Conduct two large-scale joint exercises at border control points by the FSD with the GBA cities within 2024. (SB)
- Conduct a 36-hour joint exercise by the FSD’s Disaster Response and Rescue Team in the GBA within 2024. (SB)
- Organise, by the FSD, 24 training courses or technical exchange sessions with its fire service counterparts in the GBA within 2024. (SB)
- Discuss with the Governments of other cities in the GBA on the provision of cross-boundary ambulance service so as to enable direct point-to-point hospital transfer for patients, with a view to enhancing patient support. (HHB)

Enhancing community emergency preparedness and response

- Provide, by the FSD and the member organisations of the Resuscitation Alliance, training on administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or using automated external defibrillators for 100 000 citizens in the three years by mid-2026. (SB)
- Provide, by the FSD, 300 training sessions for tertiary students and the public on the “Three Basic Skills of Emergency Preparedness” within 2024. (SB)

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Continue to Create Strong Impetus for Growth

Raising Competitiveness

Trawling for enterprises

- Make good use of the “Co-Investment Fund” to invest in a group of representative and high-potential strategic enterprises, and attract them to set up operations and develop in Hong Kong. (FSO)
 - Explore with relevant Mainland authorities (such as arrangements conducive to capital investment) to facilitate Mainland enterprises to set up headquarters/corporate divisions in Hong Kong, with a view to developing “Headquarters Economy” in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
 - Introduce a company re-domiciliation regime to facilitate the re-domiciliation of non-Hong Kong companies, particularly enterprises with a business focus in the Asia-Pacific region, to Hong Kong. The aim is to introduce the legislative amendments into the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the first half of 2024. (FSTB)
 - Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx) will proactively reach out to major Hong Kong listed companies registered outside Hong Kong to encourage them to relocate to Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Starting from 26 October 2023, foreign staff of Hong Kong registered companies may apply for multiple-entry visas to the Mainland, which last for two years or more. Their applications will be processed more expeditiously, so as to facilitate northbound travel of these foreign staff for business purpose. (SB)
 - Twelve overseas Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) and five Mainland Offices have set up “Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents” and will continue to proactively engage target enterprises and talents of high potential, so as to attract them to come to Hong Kong for development. (FSO(OASES), CEDB, LWB, CMAB)
 - Collaborate with the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises (OASES) to focus on attracting technology industries which have a competitive edge and strategic significance. At present, nearly 30 top-notch, potential or representative innovation and technology (I&T) enterprises have set up or expand their operations in Hong Kong or planned to do so. (ITIB)

Attracting and retaining talents

- Establish a physical office for Hong Kong Talent Engage in end-October 2023 to provide support for incoming talents, formulate talent recruitment strategies, follow up talents’ development and address their needs after their arrival in Hong Kong. (CSO, LWB)

- Plan for a global talent summit cum Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area High-quality Talent Development Conference in the first half of 2024, so as to bring together leaders from the political, academic, commercial and other sectors around the world to promote regional exchange and co-operation in talent recruitment. (LWB)
- Expand the list of eligible universities under the Top Talent Pass Scheme to a total of 184 institutions by adding eight top institutions from the Mainland and overseas with effect from November 2023, so as to further expand the network for attracting global talents. (LWB)
- Starting from 25 October 2023, relax the visa policy for Vietnamese talents to come to Hong Kong for employment and the criteria for Vietnamese applying for multiple-entry visas for business and travel, and relax the visa policy for Laotian and Nepalese talents for employment, training and study in University Grants Committee-funded institutions in Hong Kong. (SB)
- Announce details of the new Capital Investment Entrant Scheme by end-2023 to enhance the growth momentum of the asset and wealth management, financial and related professional services sectors in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Starting from the 2024/25 admission cohort, allow non-local students of designated full-time professional Higher Diploma programmes of the Vocational Training Council to stay in Hong Kong for one year after graduation to seek jobs relevant to their study disciplines. This pilot arrangement will be reviewed after two years. (LWB)
- Continue to implement various talent admission schemes and the updated Talent List, so as to enrich proactively Hong Kong's talent pool. (LWB)

Establishing the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy

- Setting up a dedicated office and an expert group within 2024 to take forward the establishment of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy to leverage Hong Kong's bilingual common law system and international setting. The Academy will regularly organise various practical training courses, seminars and international exchange programmes, etc. to promote exchanges among talents in regions along the Belt and Road (B&R). It will provide training for talents in the practice of foreign-related legal affairs for the country, and nurture legal talents conversant with international law, common law, civil law and the country's legal system. (DoJ)

Establishing the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption

- Establish the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption in the first quarter of 2024 to organise professional training courses for graft fighters worldwide, as well as local public and private sectors, and to promote exchange of anti-corruption experience among experts and scholars from Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas, with a view to strengthening Hong Kong's international status in integrity building. (ICAC)

Manpower projection

- Complete by end-2023 sectoral consultation of the Manpower Projection, and make available key findings in the third quarter of 2024. (LWB)

Integrating into National Development

- The “Steering Group on Integration into National Development”, chaired by the Chief Executive, will continue to co-ordinate and take forward at the top level Hong Kong’s further dovetailing with national strategies, including the 14th Five-Year Plan, the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the high-quality development of the B&R Initiative, in order to promote the overall development of the country and Hong Kong. (CMAB)

Pressing ahead with the development of the GBA

- Continue to utilise the Guangdong-Hong Kong and Hong Kong-Shenzhen co-operation task forces as platforms to enhance interface and strengthen connectivity and high-quality co-operation in various aspects amongst the cities in the GBA. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Maintain close contact with the Central Authorities, Guangdong Province and Macao SAR to take forward the development of the GBA; and support different sectors to take advantage of the development opportunities brought about by the various co-operation platforms such as Qianhai, Nansha and the Lok Ma Chau Loop. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Step up overseas promotion of Hong Kong’s key opportunities brought about by the development of the GBA through duty visits of senior officials as well as international connections of overseas ETOs and other partner organisations. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Optimise the “GoGBA” digital platform continuously and further assist Hong Kong enterprises in developing the domestic market. (CMAB)

- Take forward the work of the “Pan-Greater Bay Area Inward Investment Liaison Group”, in which relevant departments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao develop holistic and joint inward investment propositions with a view to enhancing synergy. (CMAB)

Deepening the co-operation with Mainland provinces and municipalities

- Continue to deepen the co-operation with various Mainland Provinces and Municipalities by launching more initiatives on the existing co-operation platforms (e.g. Hong Kong/Beijing, Hong Kong/Guangdong, Hong Kong/Shanghai, Hong Kong/Fujian, Hong Kong/Sichuan, Hong Kong/Hubei, Hong Kong/Chongqing, and the Pan-Pearl River Delta region, etc.); and exploring the development of new co-operation platforms for utilising Hong Kong’s strengths proactively. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)

International Innovation and Technology Centre

Setting up the New Industrialisation Development Office

- Adopt an industry-oriented approach to promote new industrialisation in Hong Kong, support strategic enterprises to develop their businesses in our city, assist the manufacturing sector in upgrading and transformation by making use of I&T, and provide support for start-ups. (ITIB)
- Continue to take forward various initiatives under the Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint. (ITIB)

Enhancing I&T infrastructure facilities

- Cyberport to establish an artificial intelligence (AI) supercomputing centre in phases starting from 2024 in order to support the local demand for computing power, enhance Hong Kong’s research and development (R&D) capabilities, and promote development of the AI industry ecosystem. (ITIB)

- Commence a planning study with Cyberport on building a new I&T facility in Lau Fau Shan to capitalise on the opportunities brought about by its proximity to Qianhai on the other side of the Shenzhen Bay and promote technological development of modern services industry. (ITIB)
- Commission the Microelectronics Centre in the Yuen Long InnoPark within 2024, focusing on the promotion of the microelectronics industry to attract enterprises to establish presence in the Yuen Long InnoPark. (ITIB)
- Take forward the development of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Technology and Innovation Co-operation Zone in the Loop to tie in with the synergistic development of the Hong Kong park and Shenzhen park under the theme of “one zone, two parks”. (ITIB)
- Anticipate to complete the consultancy study on the development plan of new I&T sites in the San Tin Technopole in 2024. (ITIB)
- Anticipate to complete a technical feasibility study on the construction of the second Advanced Manufacturing Centre by end-2023, which is being conducted by the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC). (ITIB)
- Complete Batch 1 of Stage 2 of the Hong Kong Science Park (Science Park) Expansion Programme and the Cyberport 5 Expansion Project in 2025. (ITIB)
- Explore with the HKSTPC the early extension of the relevant leases of InnoParks for 50 years, in order to support the strategic repositioning of InnoParks to attract more enterprises to operate therein for long-term development. (ITIB)

Enhancing co-operation with the Mainland

- Step up collaboration and consultation with the Ministry of Science and Technology to further implement major projects under the Arrangement between the Mainland and Hong Kong on Expediting the Development of Hong Kong into an International I&T Centre. (ITIB)
- Work with the Cyberspace Administration of China to implement the Memorandum of Understanding on Facilitating Cross-boundary Data Flow Within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and actively discuss with Guangdong Province on the streamlining of the compliance arrangements in the GBA on a pilot basis for the flow of personal data from the Mainland to Hong Kong. (ITIB)

Accelerating the transformation of R&D outcomes

- Announce the results of the first batch of applications for the \$10 billion Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme in the first quarter of 2024. University research teams will receive no less than 70% of the intellectual property (IP) benefits. (ITIB)
- Further discuss with universities the application of related IP benefit sharing arrangements to IPs generated from the R&D projects subsidised by the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF). (ITIB)
- Double the maximum annual funding for the Technology Transfer Office of each specified university to \$16 million starting from 2024-25. (ITIB)

Setting up the New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme

- Provide funding for enterprises of specified technology industries which set up new production facilities in Hong Kong with its investment of no less than \$200 million on a 1 (Government):2 (company) matching basis, subject to a ceiling of \$200 million. (ITIB)
- Consider relaxing the restriction on the number of research talent that can be employed under the Research Talent Hub by the above enterprises, and explore expanding the scope of application of the Technology Talent Admission Scheme to these enterprises to flexibly cover non-local technical personnel. (ITIB)

Promoting R&D

- Establish the Hong Kong Microelectronics Research and Development Institute within 2024 to lead and facilitate the collaboration among universities, R&D centres and the industry on the R&D and application of microelectronics, including joint exploration of the third-generation semi-conductor core technology, as well as fully leveraging the well-developed manufacturing industry chains and enormous market in the GBA. (ITIB)
- Make preparations for the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster which focuses on advanced manufacturing, materials, energy and sustainable development, with a view to expanding our world-class R&D collaboration and enhancing the R&D development of Hong Kong. (ITIB)
- Establish a new InnoHK R&D Centre specialising in R&D in generative AI technology, and conduct studies on the appropriate rules and guidelines for the application of AI technology. (ITIB)
- Complete the re-organisation of the State Key Laboratories in Hong Kong within 2024, so as to better leverage Hong Kong's strengths to serve the needs of our country. (ITIB)

- Invite experts from the Mainland and overseas to conduct a mid-term review of the work of research laboratories in the InnoHK research clusters at end-2023 with the aim of supporting the continuous development of the research clusters and promoting Hong Kong as a hub for global research collaboration. (ITIB)
- Invite universities and research institutes interested in setting up life and health technology research institutes to submit proposals in 2023-24 in order to promote the development of life and health technology in Hong Kong. (ITIB)
- Put forward detailed proposal for promoting the development of facilities in frontier technological fields with the earmarked funding of \$3 billion in 2024. (ITIB)

Subsidising more new smart production lines

- Rename the Re-industrialisation Funding Scheme as the New Industrialisation Funding Scheme and allow enterprises to carry out up to three projects concurrently with a total maximum funding of \$45 million. (ITIB)

Promoting the development of technology enterprises

- Cyberport to launch a new incubation programme by end-2023 to promote the development of more smart living start-ups. (ITIB)
- Hold the second InnoEX in 2024 following the success of the first one held in 2023 to facilitate cross-regional and cross-industry I&T collaboration. (ITIB)

Nurturing more I&T talents

- Cyberport to expedite the Web3 ecosystem development through launching talent nurturing programmes, organising various thematic activities and raising industry and public awareness of the related technologies. (ITIB)

- Rename the Re-industrialisation and Technology Training Programme as the New Industrialisation and Technology Training Programme and work with the Hong Kong Productivity Council to strengthen training relating to “new industrialisation”. (ITIB)

Accommodation facility for I&T talents

- HKSTPC to complete the technical feasibility study for the development of a new accommodation facility for I&T talents near the Science Park by end-2023. Furthermore, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park (HSITP) Limited is expected to complete the construction of the first accommodation facility for I&T talents at the HSITP within 2024. (ITIB)

Promoting I&T culture for all

- Set up Hong Kong’s first aerospace popular science thematic gallery within 2024 to showcase our country’s achievements in the field of aerospace. (ITIB)
- Strengthen co-operation with organisations of different sectors to foster within the community knowledge in popular science; and continue to provide funding support for more popular science promotional activities through the General Support Programme under the ITF. (ITIB)
- Actively support local universities or technology organisations to promote the establishment and development of international technology organisations in Hong Kong; and support the hosting of more international I&T activities and academic exchange events in Hong Kong, so as to increase the influence and enhance the status of Hong Kong in the international I&T and academic arenas. (ITIB)

- Continue to implement the IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools Programme for three years starting from the 2023/24 school year, so as to support publicly-funded secondary schools in conducting more information technology (IT)-related extra-curricular activities. (ITIB)

Strengthening Hong Kong’s role as a regional communications hub

- Further enhance the overall coverage of 5G network by expediting the expansion of mobile network infrastructure in rural and remote areas, making more 5G spectrum available to mobile network operators through auctions and co-ordinating with relevant organisations to enhance the 5G network capacity at major public event venues, e.g. Central Harbourfront Event Space, Hong Kong Coliseum, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, AsiaWorld-Expo, etc. (CEDB)
- Continue with the legislative amendment work by introducing an amendment bill of the Telecommunications Ordinance into the LegCo by end-2023 and revising the relevant guidelines to ensure that appropriate space will be made available in new buildings for the installation of telecommunications facilities by mobile network operators. (CEDB)
- Continue to strive to assist mobile network operators in installing radio base stations, including opening up some 1 500 government premises for such installation by the operators. (CEDB)
- Continue to provide financial incentives to encourage fixed network operators to extend fibre-based networks to 235 villages in remote areas, with a view to progressively completing the relevant works by 2026. (CEDB)

East-meets-West Centre for International Cultural Exchange

Promoting the development of the cultural and creative industries

- Promulgate the Blueprint for Arts and Culture and Creative Industries Development by end-2023 and move full steam ahead to develop cultural and creative industries. (CSTB)
- Inject a total of \$4.3 billion into the Film Development Fund and the CreateSmart Initiative to provide incentives to attract private sector funding, with a view to developing new markets. (CSTB)
- Restructure the existing Create Hong Kong as the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency, which will proactively promote the development of arts, culture and creative sectors as industries under the industry-oriented principle. (CSTB)
- Launch the Signature Performing Arts Programme Scheme to support representative and large-scale local performing arts productions to be staged as long-run performances and to attract overseas audience, or for touring overseas to promote the development of the performing arts industry as another cultural icon of Hong Kong. (CSTB)
- Launch the Film Financing Scheme for Mainland Market under the Film Development Fund to support Hong Kong film companies and Mainland cultural enterprises to invest in the productions of Hong Kong directors for release in the Mainland market. (CSTB)
- Modify the Hong Kong-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme under the Film Development Fund as the Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme to assist promising Hong Kong filmmakers to broaden their horizons on cultures of different regions, bringing new perspectives to Hong Kong films. (CSTB)

- Organise the Hong Kong Fashion Design Week within 2024 featuring various local prominent fashion events in order to promote the Hong Kong brands on fashion and textile design, the development of the design industry and the hosting of major events in this area. (CSTB)
- Launch the Pilot Scheme on the Use of School Venues by Arts Groups to further open up some school venues for rehearsals by arts groups after school hours on a pilot basis to foster the development of the arts and cultural industries, and to build audience through the provision of more opportunities for students to access art creations. (CSTB, EDB)

Promoting cultural exchanges

- Increase the annual recurrent provision for cultural exchanges from the existing \$50 million to \$70 million, so as to support more local arts groups and artists to perform, stage exhibitions or participate in other activities in places outside Hong Kong. (CSTB)
- Strengthen the arts and culture promotion work by the overseas ETOs and Mainland Offices so as to help facilitate cultural exchanges and promote people-to-people bonds. (CSTB)

Provision of cultural facilities

- Consolidate existing museums and those under planning to better cater for the development and needs of society. (CSTB)
- Commence the preliminary preparatory work of the Hong Kong City Hall Expansion and Renovation Project, which aims to maintain the status of the Hong Kong City Hall as an iconic cultural venue, to meet the long-term development needs of the arts and culture sector in Hong Kong, further expand performance space and enhance its connectivity with the surrounding area. (CSTB)

Promoting Hong Kong's pop culture

- Prepare for setting up a Pop Culture Centre as a local cultural landmark and a tourist attraction. (CSTB)
- Continue to organise the Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival to promote Hong Kong's pop culture. (CSTB)

Encouraging reading for all

- Organise a series of activities including promotions in local bookshops in collaboration with different stakeholders to promote reading for all around the "Reading for All Day" on 23 April, and sponsor the publishing sector to organise reading promotion activities. (CSTB)

International Trade Centre

Expanding global economic and trade networks

- Organise more outbound missions with Hong Kong and Mainland enterprises to promote Hong Kong's professional services and business opportunities of our city and the Mainland, as well as organise visits to the GBA for enterprises of B&R countries operating in Hong Kong, with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the service base for entry into the Mainland market. (CEDB)
- Set up consultant offices of InvestHK and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) along the B&R, particularly in emerging countries in the Middle East, Central Asia and Africa to strengthen efforts in promoting trade. (CEDB)
- Continue to consolidate business co-operation and connections with the markets in Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Middle East, etc. (CEDB)
- Continue to strive for early accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. (CEDB)

- Continue to actively seek the forging of free trade agreements and investment promotion and protection agreements with more trading partners. (CEDB)
- Continue to make use of exchange and collaboration platforms for enterprises and the professional services sector, including organising the "B&R Summit", exchange and sharing sessions for enterprises, business seminars and overseas missions, to give full play to Hong Kong's function as a two-way platform. (CEDB)
- Actively seek to enrich the contents of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement by striving for further liberalisation, aiming especially at those sectors that Hong Kong enjoys competitive advantages (such as financial services), for the GBA as well as the entire Mainland, with a view to enabling Hong Kong enterprises to develop the national domestic sales market. (CEDB)

Action Plan on Modern Logistics Development

- Publish the Action Plan on Modern Logistics Development by end-2023 to put forward strategies and actions conducive to the sustainable development of the logistics industry. (TLB)
- Develop diversified modern logistics clusters in the new development areas (NDAs) and commence the planning study by end-2023 to better support the sustainable development of the modern logistics industry. (TLB)

Promoting development of the convention and exhibition industry

- Continue to implement the Incentive Scheme for Recurrent Exhibitions to provide incentives for staging recurrent exhibitions in Hong Kong. (CEDB)
- Continue to expand convention and exhibition facilities, including the expansion of AsiaWorld-Expo and the project for constructing new convention and exhibition facilities in Wan Chai North. (CEDB)

- The Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) will continue to secure the staging of meetings, incentive travels, conventions and exhibitions (MICE) of different scales and types in Hong Kong through bidding for different major international MICE events and implementing different funding schemes. (CSTB)

Supporting small and medium enterprises

- Establish the inter-departmental E-commerce Development Task Force by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau to implement policies that could assist Hong Kong's small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in developing electronic commerce (e-commerce) business in the Mainland. (CEDB)
- Organise Hong Kong Shopping Festivals on e-commerce platforms to promote awareness of Hong Kong brands for developing the national domestic sales market. (CEDB)
- Launch "E-commerce Easy" under the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales to provide funding support for enterprises to develop e-commerce, subject to a ceiling of \$1 million per enterprise. (CEDB)
- The Support and Consultation Centre for SMEs under the Trade and Industry Department will take lead and co-operate with the other three SME centres to strengthen the provision of information to SMEs on conducting e-commerce in the Mainland. (CEDB)
- Cyberport to launch the Digital Transformation Support Pilot Programme by end-2023 to assist SMEs in the retail and food and beverage industries in applying electronic payment and other digital packages. (ITIB)
- Implement the enhanced services of "SME ReachOut" starting from October 2023 to step up the promotion of government funding schemes and provide SMEs with capacity-building services. (CEDB)
- Raise the statutory cap on the contingent liability of the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC) from \$55 billion to \$80 billion, so as to enhance its underwriting capacity and hence continue providing exporters with comprehensive protection. (CEDB)
- The ECIC will enhance its free credit check services on buyers from the 10 ASEAN member states, and continue to deepen strategic co-operation with its Mainland counterparts. (CEDB)
- The ECIC has launched and will continue to implement the "EC-Reach 2.0", the "Export Credit Guarantee Programme" and the "Flexible Indemnity Ratio" arrangement, offering different options of underwriting services to exporters. (CEDB)
- Provide more flexible repayment options for enterprises using the principal moratorium arrangement under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme, so that enterprises may choose to repay only 10%, 20% or 50% of the original principal amount payable each month during the specified period, thereby allowing more time for them to gradually switch to normal repayment. (CEDB)
- Connect the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's Business Data Access to the Government-constructed Authorised Data Gateway by end-2023, which will enable financial institutions to have access to more useful data information and in turn help expedite credit approval for enterprises. (FSTB)
- The Government Logistics Department will provide a list of government departments that are maintaining supplier lists of commonly used goods and services, so that suppliers (including SMEs) can have clearer information to facilitate their application for inclusion in the supplier lists to broaden their opportunities for participation in tendering for government procurement contracts. (FSTB)

Improving customs clearance efficiency

- Continue to roll out services of Phase 2 of the Trade Single Window in batches, and commence the design and development of the IT system for Phase 3 (the final phase). (CEDB)

International Financial Centre

Strengthening the competitiveness of the stock market

- Reduce the rate of Stamp Duty on Stock Transfer from the current 0.13% to 0.1% of the transaction value payable by buyers and sellers respectively, with an aim to complete the legislative procedures by end-November 2023 to reduce investor costs and enhance market competitiveness. (FSTB)
- Together with the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the HKEx, take forward various short-term measures to enhance the competitiveness of the stock market and promote its sustainable development, including reviewing stock trading spread and the fees for real-time market data services, etc. (FSTB)
- Together with the SFC and the HKEx, continue to explore medium to long-term measures to enhance the competitiveness of the stock market and promote its sustainable development. (FSTB)
- Reform the GEM market (formerly known as Growth Enterprise Market) to enhance competitiveness and better serve SMEs. Taking into account the views from the public consultation exercise, the HKEx aims to implement revised Listing Rules in the first quarter of 2024. (FSTB)
- Support the HKEx to proactively promote Hong Kong's listing platform to other markets including ASEAN and the Middle East, and continue to review the scope of recognised stock exchanges to facilitate secondary listing of overseas companies in Hong Kong. (FSTB)

- Continue to support the HKEx in reviewing its Listing Rules to integrate global trends and raise market competitiveness, as well as in continuously modernising and digitalising its rules and procedures for listing and continuous compliance further to the introduction of the digital initial public offering settlement platform (i.e. FINI). (FSTB)
- Support the HKEx in further exploring with various sectors an implementation plan for trading under severe weather, and consulting the market on enhancing arrangement for issuers to repurchase shares from the market. (FSTB)
- Introduce amendments to relevant subsidiary legislation on enhancing the position limit regime for the derivatives market to the LegCo by end-2023. (FSTB)

Mutual access with the Mainland financial market

- Press ahead with the inclusion of Renminbi (RMB) counters under the Southbound Trading of Stock Connect and the issuance of Mainland government bond futures in Hong Kong, and enrich the variety of RMB investment products. (FSTB)
- Continue to discuss with the Mainland the expansion and enhancement arrangements of the mutual market access programme, including further enhancing Bond Connect as well as the product suite and trading mechanism of Stock Connect. (FSTB)
- Leverage the financial reform and innovation measures in the Qianhai Cooperation Zone to expand the businesses of Hong Kong financial institutions in Qianhai, and co-establish the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Financial Co-operation Committee with the Shenzhen authorities in the first half of 2024 to promote high-level financial co-operation between the two places. (FSTB)

Promoting the development of RMB business

- Explore with the Mainland regulatory authorities the use of onshore RMB bonds as eligible collateral in Hong Kong, so as to facilitate the liquidity management of international investors in Hong Kong. (FSTB)

Supporting asset and wealth management business

- Establish a new integrated fund platform within 2024, with a view to enhancing market efficiency and lowering transaction costs. (FSTB)

Promoting the development of green and sustainable finance

- Launch a dedicated proof-of-concept subsidy scheme for green financial technologies (Fintech) in the first half of 2024 to promote the development of technology options and provide early-stage funding support for the pre-commercialisation of green Fintech. (FSTB)
- Publish a “Green Fintech Map” to support the development of green Fintech in Hong Kong. (FSTB)
- Work with relevant financial regulators and stakeholders to develop a roadmap on the appropriate adoption of the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards for Hong Kong’s financial services to align with international standards. (FSTB)
- Continue to encourage the participation of market practitioners and related professionals in training through the “Pilot Green and Sustainable Finance Capacity Building Support Scheme”. (FSTB)

Fintech

- Explore the development of Fintech professional qualifications for the securities and insurance sectors so as to promote the professional development of Fintech talents. (FSTB)

- Launch a Fintech internship scheme for post-secondary students in 2023-24 to facilitate their acquisition of practical work experience in Fintech companies in Hong Kong or the GBA. (FSTB)

Strengthening risk management of the insurance industry

- Prepare subsidiary legislation for the implementation of a risk-based capital regime, with a view to enhancing the financial soundness of insurance companies and aligning with international standards. (FSTB)
- Publish the conclusions of public consultation on the specific proposal of a policy holders’ protection scheme, with a view to preparing for the enactment of legislation and hence strengthening protection for policy holders in case an insurance company becomes insolvent. (FSTB)
- Take forward the establishment of insurance after-sales service centres in places such as Nansha and Qianhai, with a view to providing GBA residents holding Hong Kong policies with support services and further promoting mutual access of insurance markets. (FSTB)

Enhancing the Mandatory Provident Fund system

- Encourage employers to make more Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) voluntary contributions for their employees aged 65 or above through tax incentive, so as to increase the retirement savings of the silver-haired population. (FSTB)
- Launch the eMPF Platform and commence phased onboarding of MPF trustees to the platform starting from early 2024 and achieve full implementation in 2025, with a view to enhancing the operational efficiency of the MPF System and creating room for fee reduction. (FSTB)

Regional IP Trading Centre

Enhancing the IP legal regime

- Conduct consultation within 2024 to explore further enhancement to the Copyright Ordinance regarding protection for AI technology development. (CEDB)
- Table the proposed amendments to subsidiary legislation in the LegCo in the first half of 2024 to reduce the fees chargeable by the Designs Registry by 10% to 70% so as to encourage the industry to register their designs in a timely manner. (CEDB)
- Launch a review of the registered designs regime within 2024 with a view to commencing consultation in 2025 on the way forward in updating the regime, so as to ensure that the regime closely follows the mainstream international practices and meets future local industrial development needs. (CEDB)
- Continue to forge ahead with the preparatory work for implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong, and strive for the implementation of the international trade mark registration system as soon as possible. (CEDB)
- Continue to enhance the substantive examination capability of patent examiners under the original grant patent system by gradually increasing the number of patent examiners of the Intellectual Property Department (IPD) in phases from the existing 19 to about 100 in 2030, with a view to acquiring institutional autonomy in conducting substantive patent examination in 2030. (CEDB)

Implementing the “patent box” tax incentive

- Introduce proposed legislative amendments into the LegCo in the first half of 2024 to reduce the tax rate for qualifying profits sourced from patents from the existing 16.5% to 5%, with a view to encouraging more R&D activities, as well as transformation and commercialisation of patented inventions. (CEDB)

Planning for regulatory arrangements on patent agent services

- Proactively take the lead in discussing with the patent agent sector and stakeholders to plan for the establishment of regulatory arrangements on local patent agent services covering professional qualification requirements, registration, as well as the regulatory model and framework, with the aim of enhancing service quality and nurturing talents. (CEDB)

Boosting trading of local original works

- The HKTDC to incorporate more trading elements, such as including more business matching activities and providing additional market information on and professional support services for IP trading, into the Hong Kong International Film and TV Market, Hong Kong International Licensing Show, Hong Kong Book Fair and Asia IP Exchange platform, so as to strengthen the support for local original works to exploit the Mainland and international markets. (CEDB, CSTB)

Strengthening external promotion and capacity building

- The IPD continues its liaison with the Mainland, regional and international organisations to promote Hong Kong’s role as the regional IP trading centre, and work with the HKTDC and relevant stakeholders to promote IP trading and professional services through trade missions, seminars and publicity programmes. (CEDB)
- The HKTDC continues to organise the annual Business of IP Asia Forum, which is expected to attract over 10 000 local, Mainland and overseas participants within the current term of the Government. (CEDB)
- The IPD continues to enhance its manpower training programmes, with a target to provide IP training for 5 000 personnel across different industries within the current term of the Government. (CEDB)

- The IPD continues to collaborate with the Department of Justice (DoJ) to promote IP mediation and arbitration services. (CEDB)
- The IPD continues to work towards the target of reaching out to 100 000 students within the current term of the Government to enhance their awareness of respecting and protecting IP rights, and encourage them to actively explore and innovate. (CEDB)

International Shipping Centre

Developing Hong Kong into a leading international maritime centre

- Put forward an action plan by end-2023 to enhance high-end maritime business; facilitate transformation towards zero emission; promote smart initiatives and digitalisation in the maritime industry; and promote exchanges and collaboration among maritime industries in the GBA and those around the world. (TLB)
- The Commissioner for Maritime and Port Development under TLB will co-ordinate efforts of various government departments and stakeholders to spearhead maritime development from an industry-oriented perspective, especially edges in professional services such as maritime law, insurance, ship finance, etc. and develop our maritime strengths in collaboration with the trade. (TLB)
- Expand the local maritime cluster by strengthening collaboration with international maritime organisations, overseas maritime companies and shipping commercial principals, enhancing Hong Kong's role in channeling international maritime enterprises and organisations to access the Mainland market. (TLB)
- Enhance the services of the Hong Kong Shipping Registry through active review of the existing ship registration system, and strengthen the connections with existing ship owners and explore potential markets, with a view to consolidating Hong Kong's leading position in ship registration across the globe. (TLB)

- Strengthen collaboration in the GBA, and commence the organisation of the next "Greater Bay International Maritime Conference" in collaboration with the maritime industry in the GBA, with a view to promoting the comprehensive strength of the GBA port cluster. (TLB)

Strengthening promotion and training of talents

- Deepen the co-operation with various professional organisations and academic institutions of the sector to promote the professional image and prospect of Hong Kong's maritime services industry to the public, and strengthen the training of maritime talents. (TLB)

Facilitating land-based cross-boundary transport

- Continue to work with the Mainland authorities to enhance the implementation arrangements of "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles". (TLB)
- Actively discuss with the Mainland authorities with the aim of implementing the "collaborative inspection and joint clearance" mode at the new Huanggang Port upon its commissioning in 2026. (SB)

International Aviation Hub

Enhancing intermodal passenger service

- Actively pursuing co-operation with the Zhuhai Airport, the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) will introduce the "Fly-Via-Zhuhai-Hong Kong" passenger service so that Mainland and international passengers can enjoy seamless travel between the Mainland and other places in the world via Zhuhai and HKIA in an "air-land-air" mode using the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB). (TLB)

- The Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) will gradually introduce “Smartlane” from 2024 onwards so that passengers will not need to take out such items as liquids and electronic devices from their carry-on luggage during aviation security screening, making the screening process faster and more convenient. (TLB)
- The AAHK continues to take forward the project on automated car parks on the Hong Kong Port (HKP) Island of the HZMB for use by self-drive passengers from Guangdong and Macao. (TLB)

Opening up opportunities for cargo transport

- The AAHK expects to complete the first-phase construction of a permanent facility for the HKIA Logistics Park in Dongguan by end-2025 for increasing the annual cargo throughput to one million tonnes. (TLB)
- The extension of the express cargo terminal of DHL Express at the HKIA will be officially launched in November 2023. (TLB)

The Three-Runway System project at the HKIA

- The AAHK targets to complete the Three-Runway System within 2024 and will open relevant passenger facilities in phases in light of passenger traffic demand. (TLB)

Enhancing the competitiveness of the aviation industry

- Introduce a bill into the LegCo to further enhance the aircraft leasing preferential tax regime by end-2023, with a view to maintaining Hong Kong’s competitiveness in the global aircraft leasing market. (TLB)
- Continue to review the market demand for air services, conduct air services negotiations with our civil aviation partners, and review or expand bilateral air services arrangements to increase air traffic capacity. (TLB)

- Continue to provide support for addressing manpower shortage in the aviation industry, including enhancing training of local practitioners and nurturing new blood for the aviation industry through the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund and the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy, as well as continuing to implement the Labour Importation Scheme for the Transport Sector - Aviation Industry. (TLB)

Building the Airport City

- The AAHK will continue to pursue various development projects under the “Airport City” vision in an orderly manner to enhance the capacity and functionality of the HKIA. (TLB)
- The AAHK expects to introduce an autonomous transportation system to carry passengers along the Airport City Link connecting the SKYCITY and the HKP Island of the HZMB from 2025 onwards, and seeks to extend the system to Tung Chung Town Centre in the long run. (TLB)

Centre for International Legal and Dispute Resolution Services in the Asia-Pacific Region

Strengthening co-operation with the Mainland and promotional work

- Strive actively for the extension of the existing measures of “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law” and “allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose for arbitration to be seated in Hong Kong” from Qianhai, Shenzhen and Pilot Free Trade Zones in the Mainland to the whole GBA, including the Shenzhen Park of Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone. (DoJ)
- Strive for the state-owned enterprises’ prioritisation of choosing Hong Kong law as the applicable law for their contracts, and choosing to use Hong Kong’s dispute resolution services. (DoJ)

- Prepare for the establishment within 2024 a standing platform by the DoJ with the Supreme People’s Court to take forward the research and practical work on judicial and legal matters relating to the GBA, so as to facilitate the interactions of the people and businesses in the GBA. (DoJ)
- Improve the arrangement for mutual service of judicial documents in civil and commercial proceedings between the Mainland and Hong Kong by increasing possible modes of service and enhancing efficiency. (DoJ)

Deepening the mediation culture

- Enhance the professionalism of mediation, and strengthen the regulatory system on the accreditation and disciplinary matters of the mediation profession in Hong Kong. (DoJ)
- Actively promote the mediation culture, including incorporating mediation clauses in government contracts, encouraging the private sector to incorporate similar mediation clauses in their contracts; and organising events and trainings to empower the public to use mediation skills. (DoJ)

Northern Metropolis

- Publish the Northern Metropolis Action Agenda to outline the key facilities and implementation programmes of different zones, enabling the public to better understand the benefits the Northern Metropolis will bring to Hong Kong. (DEVB)
- Continue with the planning studies for NDAs. Apart from San Tin Technopole of which the land use proposal has been announced, the land use proposals for other areas will be released gradually starting from 2024. (DEVB)
- Re-plan the two hectares of formed land at Sandy Ridge for I&T and related purposes. (DEVB, ITIB)
- Continue to implement last year’s target to form 40% of the new development land and complete 40% of the new flats in the Northern Metropolis by 2032. (DEVB)

- Closely monitor the supply of and demand for international school places, and earmark sites in the Northern Metropolis for the development of international schools. (EDB)

Revitalising Tourism

Formulating the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong’s Tourism Industry 2.0

- Consult the trade on updating projects and initiatives under the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong’s Tourism Industry to make enhancements in various aspects to complement tourism development with a view to publishing the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong’s Tourism Industry 2.0 within 2024. (CSTB)

Developing signature tourism products

- Enhance the existing Cultural and Heritage Sites Local Tour Incentive Scheme as Characteristic Local Tourism Incentive Scheme to provide more in-depth itinerary design, training, etc. with a view to encouraging the trade to develop more thematic tours. (CSTB)
- The HKTB will continue to launch a series of flagship events and programmes to create a vibrant festive ambience in the city. It will also give away one million “Hong Kong Night Treats” visitor dining vouchers worth \$100 each to visitors and launch a special offer for open-top bus night tours of Hong Kong for visitors. (CSTB)
- Continue to join hands with the HKTB to actively liaise with different event organisers and support their hosting of mega events with visitor appeal in Hong Kong. (CSTB)

Enhancing cruise tourism development

- Review the development of cruise tourism economy with relevant bureaux and departments, and formulate an action plan for announcement in the first half of 2024, including creating demand in source markets, developing cruise tourism products and improving support infrastructure in the vicinity of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, so as to attract more cruise ships to Hong Kong and to boost Hong Kong's competitiveness as Asia's cruise hub in the long run. (CSTB and relevant bureaux)

Promoting smart tourism

- Establish an inter-departmental Working Group on Smart Tourism to be led by the Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism to drive the formulation and implementation of smart tourism-related measures by various bureaux and departments. (CSTB and relevant bureaux)
- Launch a new round of the Information Technology Development Matching Fund Scheme for Travel Agents within 2024 to subsidise travel agents to enhance their IT capabilities. (CSTB)

Establishing Sha Tau Kok cultural tourism zone

- Gradually open up Sha Tau Kok (STK) (excluding Chung Ying Street) from January 2024 onwards by offering in the initial stage a daily quota of 1 000 for visitors to apply online for Closed Area Permits to enter STK for sightseeing, with the effectiveness of the project to be reviewed and the visitor quota adjusted in the first half of 2024. (SB)
- Launch a pilot scheme at the re-provisioned Chung Ying Street Checkpoint in the fourth quarter of 2024 by applying facial recognition technology to facilitate the flow of people with permission to access Chung Ying Street and to enhance the visitor handling capacity in parallel so as to support future tourism development. (SB)

- Explore with the Shenzhen Municipal Government the feasibility of developing Hong Kong Sha Tau Kok and Shenzhen Shatoujiao into a cultural tourism zone, and explore measures to facilitate convenient access to the zone. (SB, CSTB)

Promoting the New Energy Transport Industry

- Study the feasibility of providing bunkering of quality green fuels (such as liquefied natural gas, green methanol, hydrogen and ammonia) with a view to developing Hong Kong into a high-quality green fuel bunkering centre. (TLB, EEB)
- The AAHK will continue to work closely with the Government and its business partners to develop the HKIA into a low-carbon and climate-resilient Green Airport, including achieving the target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and formulating concrete measures to facilitate the use of sustainable aviation fuel by airlines at the HKIA. (TLB)
- Monitor the development trend of sustainable aviation fuel for advance planning so as to further consolidate the position of global excellence of the HKIA in green and sustainable development. (TLB)
- Starting from end-2023 and within 2024, continue to test out more new energy vehicles, including electric public light buses, electric heavy goods vehicles, electric coaches, hydrogen double-decker buses and hydrogen street washing vehicles. (EEB)
- Formulate a citywide green transformation roadmap and timetable for public buses and taxis, with a view to achieving zero vehicular emissions by 2050. (EEB)
- Provide complementary support to meet the target of commissioning about 700 electric buses and about 3 000 electric taxis by end-2027. (EEB)
- Earmark \$50 million to subsidise the industry to purchase wheelchair accessible electric taxis. (EEB)

Sustainable Development of the Agriculture and Fisheries Industries

Blueprint for the Sustainable Development of Agriculture and Fisheries

- Publish the Blueprint for the Sustainable Development of Agriculture and Fisheries by end-2023. (EEB)
- Facilitate the establishment, led by the private sector through public-private partnership model, of a modernised techno-agricultural park within Agricultural Park Phase 2 in Kwu Tung South. (EEB)
- Set aside a plot within the Ma On Shan Sai Sha Road Garden for launching a pilot project on modern urban farming. (EEB)
- Set up modern hydroponic farms-cum-stalls on suitable rooftops of public markets and introducing the concept of “harvest-to-sale”. (EEB)
- Promote leisure farming by allowing farms engaged in commercial production to offer leisure farming activities as ancillary businesses. (EEB)
- Promote development of leisure fishing in the trade, such as setting up fisheries protection areas and providing financial and technical support. (EEB)
- Consult stakeholders within 2024 on agricultural priority areas, which will be designated with a view to preserving quality farmland for long-term active farming use while releasing remaining farmland for other development. (EEB)
- Provide fish farmers with five rental units of modern deep-sea cages in four new fish culture zones, with the aim of driving industry transformation and developing deep-sea mariculture by intensification of production. (EEB)
- Develop modernised and sustainable pond fish culture in the planned Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park. (EEB)

- Offer government sites as well as technical and financial support to livestock farms affected by government development projects for the construction of multi-storey livestock farms that are green and modern. (EEB)
- Deepen exchange and concrete collaboration between Guangdong and Hong Kong on the development of livestock farming and aquaculture to jointly promote sustainable agricultural and fisheries development of the two places. (EEB)

Construction Industry and Infrastructure

Continuing investment in infrastructure

- Continue to invest in infrastructure to stimulate the economy, create job opportunities and attract talents for enhancing Hong Kong’s long-term competitiveness. The Government’s annual capital works expenditure is anticipated to exceed \$100 billion in the coming years, and the total construction volume, together with the other public and private sector projects, to be approximately \$300 billion a year. (DEVB)

Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders

- Continue to enhance the role of the Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders to bring together project management talents and experience, with the aim of developing Hong Kong into an international expert knowledge hub on project delivery. (DEVB)

International Infrastructure and Projects Leaders Summit

- Host the International Infrastructure and Projects Leaders Summit within 2024, inviting Mainland and international infrastructure and major project leaders and experts to share experience in project delivery and governance, and to jointly formulate strategies to enhance the performance of our mega infrastructure developments and major projects in the pipeline. (DEVB)

Further promoting Modular Integrated Construction

- Formulate and implement a series of measures to strengthen the supply chain of Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) modules, including the implementation of quality assurance accreditation of MiC manufacturers within 2024, in order to enhance collaboration with the supply chain in the GBA; further promote the adoption of high productivity construction such as MiC and Multi-trade Integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing by the private sector, with a view to reducing labour demand and expediting housing supply. (DEVB)

Promoting applied research and digitalisation of the construction industry

- Study the establishment of the Building Testing and Research Institute to conduct applied R&D activities for innovative materials, construction methods and technologies, as well as to devise standards, conduct testing and provide accreditation to spearhead innovation in the construction industry and attract R&D talents to Hong Kong. The institute will also capitalise on Hong Kong's unique advantages to provide a platform for our country's construction standards and related products to align with those in the international market. (DEVB)
- Further drive the digitalisation of public works to enhance works processes and uplift efficiency and productivity, and keep monitoring the performance on project delivery and operation of facilities by means of data integration and analysis under the integrated Capital Works Platform, so as to lead and promote digitalisation of the construction industry. (DEVB)

Addressing the manpower demand of the construction industry

- Continue to adopt a multi-pronged strategy to enhance the “quality” and “quantity” of the manpower training of the Construction Industry Council (CIC), including utilising government funding and the CIC's resources to increase training places to no less than 12 000 in the 2023/24 academic year. (DEVB)
- Uplift the skill levels of in-service workers, including launching a scheme for promoting “multi-skilled” development of workers. (DEVB)
- Liaise with tertiary institutions to continue to provide more construction-related higher diploma and degree courses and quotas, with a view to enhancing efforts in training technicians and professionals. (DEVB)
- Use the \$107 million funding to implement two-year pilot schemes from 2023/24 academic year onwards for providing on-the-job training allowances to 1 300 trainees enrolled in degree and safety officer courses, and to enhance their career ladder. (DEVB)
- Collaborate with the industry to continue the implementation of the construction industry joint promotion campaign with a youth internship programme and a Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) education platform planned to be rolled out in phases from early 2024. (DEVB)
- Use a total of \$2.2 billion funding from the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) to continuously drive wider adoption of innovative technologies by the industry and more SMEs to enhance productivity. (DEVB)
- Adopt Smart Site Safety System in capital works projects with contract sum exceeding \$30 million and continue to subsidise the industry through the CITF to adopt this system in private sector works projects for further uplifting site safety performance and improving working environment. (DEVB)

- Make use of the Labour Importation Scheme for the Construction Sector as a supplementary measure to alleviate the manpower shortage of the construction industry. (DEVB)
- Issue e-licences in the first half of 2024 for all food business applications and provide applicants with more information on the application status online to increase transparency of the vetting process. (EEB)

Energizing Kowloon East

- Continue to take forward the project on revitalisation of Tsui Ping River for target completion in 2024. To enhance the connectivity and walkability between Kwun Tong and Cha Kwo Ling waterfronts, the opening of part of the project's facilities, including Tsui Ping Seaside and cross-river walkway near the estuary, has been advanced to August 2023. (DEVB)
- Continue to implement development proposals such as the two action areas in Kwun Tong and Kowloon Bay. (DEVB)
- Provide guidelines in the first quarter of 2024 on the “DIY application for food business licences”, which are simple and easy to understand from the users’ angle, to help reduce start-up costs of micro, small and medium enterprises. (EEB)

Streamlining the Food Business Licensing Regime

- Expand the scope of the Professional Certification System which adopts a “licence first, inspection later” approach to cover general restaurants in the first half of 2024, enabling applicants to have a better grasp of the processing time. (EEB)
- Introduce the relevant subsidiary legislative amendment to the LegCo within 2024 on a “composite permit” that covers the sale of multiple restricted food items at the same premises or online platform, obviating the need for separate applications to facilitate business operations. (EEB)
- Set more lenient licence terms in the first half of 2024 for farms engaged in commercial agricultural production to facilitate the sale of their products cooked by simple methods, so as to complement the policy of promoting diverse development of local agriculture. (EEB)

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Work Together to Safeguard Harmony and Stability

Promoting Fertility and Creating a Pro-childbearing Environment

Supporting families with newborns

- Provide a one-off cash allowance of \$20,000 as financial incentive for newborns for each baby born on or after 25 October 2023 in Hong Kong to a parent who is a Hong Kong permanent resident. The initiative will last for a period of three years, subject to review thereafter. (DCSO and relevant bureaux)
- Starting from the year of assessment 2024/25, raise the deduction ceiling for home loan interest or domestic rents from the current \$100,000 to \$120,000 for taxpayers who will live with his/her first child born on or after 25 October 2023 until the child reaches the age of 18. (FSTB)
- Starting from the next Home Ownership Scheme sale exercise to be launched in 2024, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) will introduce the “Families with Newborns Flat Selection Priority Scheme”, which will reserve a quota of flats for balloting and priority flat selection by family applicants with babies born on or after 25 October 2023 until the children reach the age of three. (HB)
- Starting from April 2024, the HKHA will introduce the “Families with Newborns Allocation Priority Scheme” under which family applications with babies born on or after 25 October 2023 will have their waiting time for public rental housing (PRH) reduced by one year. (HB)

Enhancing assisted reproductive services

- Over the five years starting from 2024-25, the Hospital Authority (HA) will gradually increase the assisted reproductive service quota for in-vitro fertilisation treatment from 1 100 to 1 800 treatment cycles per year and enhance the training for related professional personnel. (HHB)
- Starting from the year of assessment 2024/25, provide deduction for expenses on assisted reproductive services under salaries tax and personal assessment, subject to the ceiling of \$100,000 per year. (HHB, FSTB)

Assisting working families in childbearing

- Starting from April 2024, increase the rates of household and child allowances under the Working Family Allowance Scheme by 15% across the board. (LWB)

- Over the next three years starting from 2024, set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres in phases over three years to provide nearly 900 additional places for day child care service; and starting from April 2024, increase the maximum level of Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy to \$1,000 per month. (LWB)
- Starting from the fourth quarter of 2024, double the number of service places under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project to about 2 000. (LWB)
- Starting from April 2024, increase the incentive payment at a standard rate of \$25 per hour for home-based child carers of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project. For carers of infants and young children aged zero to three or children with special learning needs, the rate will increase to \$60 per hour; for carers of children aged three to nine, the rate will increase to \$40 per hour. (LWB)
- Over the next three years starting from 2024, extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children to all districts in Hong Kong in phases over three years, with the number of participating centres to be increased from 16 to 28 and the number of service places from about 670 to nearly 1 200. (LWB)
- In the 2024/25 school year, launch a school-based after school care service in designated primary schools for one year. (LWB)
- Launch the Good Employer Charter 2024 to promote employers' adoption of good human resource management measures and implementation of family-friendly employment practices, so that the employed are able to fulfil both their work and family responsibilities. (LWB)

Promoting family education

- In the latter half of 2024, launch a new five-year Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education with an annual provision of \$8 million to subsidise non-profit-making community projects in promoting family education. (HYAB)

Caring for the Elderly

Elderly services

- The eligibility of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong was relaxed earlier to allow Hong Kong private organisations with experience and a good track record in providing subsidised residential care services for the elderly to join. Explore further extension of the Scheme within 2024 to specific residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) operated by Mainland organisations, so that elderly persons retiring in the Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) will have more choices. (LWB)
- Explore the provision of subsidy to elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who opt to stay in RCHEs under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong. (LWB)
- Starting from the second quarter of 2024, extend the coverage of the Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly from care-and-attention places, which are currently covered by the scheme, to nursing home places, and provide 1 000 more vouchers, so that more eligible elderly persons can be admitted to participating RCHEs without waiting. (LWB)
- Relaxed the absence limit under the pre-application one-year continuous residence requirement of the Social Security Allowance Scheme from 56 days to 90 days starting from September 2023 to facilitate applicants' longer period of absence from Hong Kong. (LWB)

Age-friendly home

- Inject an additional \$1 billion into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care to continue subsidising eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and trial technology products, such as ultra-low beds for medical and nursing care and intelligent anti-wandering systems, with a view to improving the quality of life of elderly persons and persons with disabilities, and reducing the pressure of carers. (LWB)
- Inject \$80 million into the Elder Academy Development Foundation to encourage the elderly to pursue lifelong learning and promote active ageing in conjunction with community donations and support. (LWB)
- The Deputy Financial Secretary will co-ordinate bureaux including the Development Bureau, the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Housing Bureau, etc. to put forward pragmatic proposals for incorporating the concept of universal design and accessibility into the building design manual of the Buildings Department. (DFSO and relevant bureaux)

Enhancing the quality and manpower of residential care homes

- Around 1 000 quotas were approved in the first round of application under the Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes, in order to increase the supply of frontline staff, improve care for residents and reduce staff stress at work. (LWB)
- Complete the Review of Manpower for Healthcare Services in Residential Care Homes within 2024, with a view to establishing professional standards and a career progression path, and attracting more new blood to the sector. (LWB)

- Implement relevant measures under the Residential Care Homes Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 in phases to enhance the quality of residential care homes in various aspects. (LWB)
- Continue to increase subsidised residential care service places for the elderly. (LWB)

Silver economy

- Establish an Advisory Panel on Silver Economy comprising experts to conduct research and provide recommendations on how to develop silver economy. The Hong Kong Trade Development Council will also incorporate silver economy elements into more exhibitions to enhance the promotion of relevant products and services. (CEDB)

Caring and Inclusive Community

Supporting persons with disabilities

- Increase the number of representatives of persons with disabilities and carers in the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee starting from 2024 to better gauge their needs. (LWB)
- Increase nursing staff in residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in 2024 to enhance the care for their ageing residents. (LWB)
- Gradually increase service places of the Extended Care Programme in Day Activity Centres and the Work Extension Programme starting from 2024, with a view to enhancing the care for persons with disabilities using day training services who are ageing or with deteriorating health conditions. (LWB)
- Seek funding from the Community Care Fund (CCF) to launch a three-year pilot scheme to provide an additional monthly subsidy of \$500 to working disabled recipients of CSSA so as to encourage employment. (LWB)

- Introduce an incentive scheme by end-2023 to encourage developers to build and operate private RCHDs in private development projects. (LWB, DEVB)

Catering for students with special educational needs

- Enhance the existing staff provision of resource teachers for primary and secondary sections of aided special schools and extend it to schools for social development starting from the 2024/25 school year to facilitate special schools to provide students comorbid with Autism Spectrum Disorder with additional support in learning and development. (EDB)
- Continue to implement the Strength-based Programme under the Project on Whole School Approach to Providing Tiered Support for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and introduce new programmes and themes to help such students unleash their potential and strengthen life planning. (EDB)

Underpinning carers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities

- Starting from the first quarter of 2024 and piloting in Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts, engage the District Service and Care Teams (Care Teams) to help identify singleton and doubleton elderly households, carers of elderly persons and carers of persons with disabilities requiring support through visits or contacts, and to refer cases requiring assistance to the relevant social welfare service units for follow-up. (LWB)
- Assist households referred by the Care Teams to install emergency alarm systems as necessary. (LWB)

- Request RCHEs under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, RCHDs under the Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs and service units participating in the Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly to provide residential or day respite services when there are vacant residential care places or service places, and match carers in need with respite services through the designated hotline for carer support. (LWB)
- Set up additional Parents/Relatives Resource Centres and enhance peer support services to support persons in mental recovery as well as their families and carers. (LWB)
- Continue to implement the three-year territory-wide “Care the Carers Campaign” to encourage people from all walks of life to show their empathy, support and care for carers. (LWB)
- Set up designated teams in the second quarter of 2024 to proactively contact carers of special school leavers six months before graduation to provide training on caring and interaction skills, and arrange post-school care plans and link up with community support services. (LWB, EDB)
- Expand the scope of the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care to enable eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure suitable technology products for lending to elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers for use at home. This will expand the application of technology products from residential care homes and community service units to households. (LWB)

Protecting children

- Fully co-operate with the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the scrutiny of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill, make preparations for coping with the possible upsurge in the number of reported child abuse cases after the legislation comes into effect, and strengthen professional support for child abuse victims and their families. (LWB)
- Progressively follow up on the recommendations of the Review of Residential Child Care and Related Services, including increasing the number of residential child care service places, and strengthening the support and training for foster families. (LWB)
- Continue to implement the Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions regularised since the 2022/23 school year, providing service to more than 700 participating pre-primary institutions and covering around 130 000 pre-primary children and their families. (LWB)
- Starting from April 2024, increase the incentive payment for foster families to encourage more enthusiastic persons to participate as foster families; and provide additional support to foster families caring for children with special learning or care needs, including arranging foster children suspected to have special needs to receive early assessment and appropriate professional rehabilitation therapy or training.

Facilitating development of welfare services organisations

- Set up a dedicated fund of \$500 million to subsidise non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subvented welfare services in conducting staff training and system enhancement, etc. (LWB)

Targeted poverty alleviation

- The Commission on Poverty has examined the latest statistical data from various perspectives including household characteristics, employment and income conditions, cash benefits and living environment, etc. and has identified target groups for targeted poverty alleviation, including households residing in subdivided units (SDUs), single-parent households and elderly households. (CSO, LWB)
- Increase the number of student participants under the Second Cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme launched in October 2023 to 4 000. An Alumni Club will be established for student participants who have completed the Programme. (CSO, LWB)
- Launch the first project of the Pilot Programme on Community Living Room by end-2023 through tripartite collaboration of the Government, the business sector and the community to provide SDU households with additional living space. (CSO, LWB)
- Launch the School-based After School Care Service Scheme in the 2023/24 school year to allow primary students in need to stay in school after class to receive care and learning support. The Scheme will be reviewed after one year of piloting in about 50 primary schools in districts with a relatively larger number of target students. (CSO, LWB, EDB)

Community building

- Fully mobilise all 452 Care Teams in 18 districts and, taking into account the operation of Care Teams, make good use of information technology (IT) to develop management applications to facilitate their daily work. (HYAB)

- Invite each of the District Youth Community Building Committees across 18 districts to propose a distinctive photo-taking landmark. With particular themes and design elements, these landmarks will showcase district uniqueness for attracting citizens and tourists to “check in” and take photos there. (HYAB)

Women development

- Set up a dedicated Women Affairs Team under the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and designate the post of Commissioner for Women Affairs to focus on work related to women affairs. (HYAB)
- Organise the first Family and Women Development Summit in 2024 to collect public views for formulating more focused measures to support women’s development and promote family education. (HYAB)
- Launch a one-stop family and women information portal to pool together information on family education, marriage and women’s health, etc. and share legal information relating to family and women affairs. (HYAB)
- Continue to encourage women’s groups and NGOs to make good use of the Women Empowerment Fund to facilitate women’s development of their own potential and self-enhancement. In addition, the Greater Bay Area Exchange Programme under the Fund will be regularised in 2024-25 and a new dedicated scheme will be introduced to encourage women to participate in community services. (HYAB)
- Launch, through CCF, a maintenance mediation pilot scheme to subsidise NGOs in providing mediation services on maintenance so as to resolve related disputes. (HYAB)

Promoting hometown culture

- In the first quarter of 2024, launch the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme to provide funding support for clansmen associations to organise activities that promote hometown culture and facilitate cultural exchange, thereby promoting the spirit of loving the Motherland, Hong Kong and the hometown. (HYAB)

Ethnic minorities

- Support the Steering Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, to strengthen cross-bureau/inter-departmental collaboration, as well as to co-ordinate and provide steer on support measures for ethnic minorities (EMs). (CMAB)
- Set up two new support service centres for EMs in Kowloon Central and New Territories East by end-2024. (HYAB)
- Establish an EM Care Team in each of the support service centres for EMs starting from mid-2024. (HYAB)
- Regularise the support services for EM new arrivals and youths as well as the District-based Programmes for Racial Harmony. (HYAB)
- Invite sponsored organisations under the first round of “Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities” to reserve a certain quota for the participation of EM youths. (HYAB)
- Implement the regularised Racial Diversity Employment Programme and launch enhancement measures, including stepping up outreaching services and facilitating EMs to acquire vocational language, etc. (LWB)
- Extend the "Ethnic Minority District Ambassador" pilot scheme for three years to continue engaging EMs or designated persons to support EMs in the welfare service units of NGOs and the Social Welfare Department. (LWB)

- Encourage departments to design their own language tests according to the job requirements of individual civil service grades to provide an additional way for applicants to meet the appointment requirements in respect of language proficiency. (CSB)
- Strengthen dissemination of government recruitment information to non-ethnic Chinese so that they could receive such information in a more direct and efficient manner. (CSB)
- Provide basic workplace Chinese training for interns of the internship programme for EM students based on the experience of the introduction of such training in 2023, with a view to enhancing their understanding on the application of Chinese and the required level of Chinese proficiency in daily work. The internship programme was launched in 2019 and about 140 EM post-secondary students have participated in the programme so far. (CSB)
- Design more diversified learning materials under the Online Chinese Language Self-learning Resources for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students, and organise after-school Chinese language courses for lower primary NCS students using adapted learning materials of the Youth Chinese Test. (EDB)
- Increase the number of schools that provide school-based life planning education support services for NCS students. (EDB)
- Expand the Summer Bridging Programme to include NCS students progressing to Primary 5 and Primary 6 starting from the 2023/24 school year. (EDB)
- Collaborate with NGOs to set up a service centre on a trial basis to provide emotional support and counselling for EMs. (HHB)
- Co-ordinate the representations, in EM languages, of policies on and services for EMs by government bureaux and departments on their webpages. (CMAB)

- Through the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC), provide refresher training from time to time to help public authorities understand more precisely the content and requirements of the Administrative Guidelines on Promotion of Racial Equality, and organise more public education and publicity activities on equal opportunities and social inclusion. (CMAB)

Eliminating discrimination

- Continue to work with the EOC to study how the protection under the anti-discrimination ordinances could be enhanced to tackle discrimination that may be encountered by persons arriving in Hong Kong from the Mainland. (CMAB)
- Support the EOC to enhance publicity and promotion of anti-sexual harassment, raise public awareness and response capabilities, and further explore enhancing the relevant legal protection. (CMAB)

Labour Support

Labour protection and manpower upgrading

- Increase the maximum monthly retraining allowance from \$5,800 to \$8,000 in the first quarter of 2024 to encourage more people to attend training and enter the workforce. (LWB)
- Roll out a two-year pilot scheme by the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) in the first quarter of 2024 to provide pre-employment training for trades facing severe manpower shortage. Trainees will receive allowance during training and be offered immediate employment upon completion of training. (LWB)
- The ERB to undertake a comprehensive review and submit recommendations in the third quarter of 2024 on its service scope and training strategies so as to promote continuous learning and upskilling for all. (LWB)

- Upon reaching a consensus in the Labour Advisory Board on the review of the “continuous contract” requirement, amend the Employment Ordinance as soon as possible to enable more employees to enjoy comprehensive employment benefits. (LWB)
- Launch a three-year Re-employment Allowance Pilot Scheme to encourage the elderly and middle-aged persons who have not been at work for pay for three consecutive months or more to enter the labour market, so as to unleash the potential labour force. (LWB)
- Implement the Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme to allow employers, on the premise of ensuring employment priority for local workers, to import workers for alleviating labour shortage. (LWB)
- Follow up on the report on enhancing the Statutory Minimum Wage review mechanism submitted to the Government by the Minimum Wage Commission in October 2023 and decide on the way forward within six months. (LWB)
- Taking account of the abolition of offsetting arrangement under the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System, review the coverage of ex-gratia payment of severance payment under the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund to enhance the protection for employees. (LWB)
- Undertake preparatory work for the abolition of offsetting arrangement under the MPF System, including the 25-year Government Subsidy Scheme, and continue to publicise the relevant requirements. (LWB)
- Explore the widening of coverage of the Pilot Rehabilitation Programme for Employees Injured at Work to help more injured employees recover and return to work early. (LWB)

Review on the remuneration of non-skilled workers under government outsourced service contracts

- Implement a series of improvement measures based on the findings of the completed review on the remuneration of non-skilled workers under government outsourced service contracts and the relevant monitoring mechanism. (FSTB)

Healthy Hong Kong

Developing into a health and medical innovation hub

- Set up a preparatory office under the Department of Health (DH) within 2024 to study the potential restructuring and strengthening of the current regulatory and approval regime for medicine, medical device and technology; and put forward proposals and steps for the establishment of the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation (CMPR) which will be a step towards the transition to the “primary evaluation” approach in approving applications for registration of pharmaceutical products containing new chemical or biological entities (NCEs) and medical devices. (HHB)
- To pursue Hong Kong, China’s accession to the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use as an observer to familiarise with and promote the latest development of drug regulation, and to pave the way for the Hong Kong CMPR to become an internationally recognised regulatory authority for drugs and medical devices. (HHB)

Occupational safety and health

- Enhance the safety of truss-out bamboo scaffolding works through refining the relevant code of practice, strengthening safety training as well as enhancing inspection and enforcement. (LWB)

- Set up the GBA International Clinical Trial Institute in the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone to provide a one-stop clinical trial support platform for medical research institutions; co-ordinate clinical trial resources in the public and private healthcare sectors in Hong Kong; and work with the Shenzhen Park to co-ordinate clinical trial development and promote co-operation with the clinical trial networks in the Mainland, in particular the GBA. (HHB)
- Establish the “Cluster Clinical Research Support Offices” in the HA in 2024-25 to provide advisory and support services for frontline staff, introduce additional measures to encourage medical teams to conduct clinical researches and trials, expedite the process of ethics review of clinical research, and strengthen the systems and mechanisms for supporting clinical research and data sharing, with the aim of facilitating clinical research and trials. (HHB)
- Enhance the existing drug regulatory regime by establishing the new “1+” mechanism to allow pharmaceutical products containing NCEs for life-threatening or severely-debilitating diseases with local clinical data to conditionally register with only one certificate of pharmaceutical product (instead of two under the prevailing arrangement) issued by reference drug regulatory authorities (e.g. the National Medical Products Administration) so as to facilitate the development of clinical trials and the use of new drugs in Hong Kong. (HHB)

Promoting primary healthcare development

- Launch a three-year Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme starting from November 2023 to provide subsidised hypertension and diabetes mellitus screening and management service for persons aged 45 or above. (HHB)

- Based on the recommendations made in the Primary Healthcare Blueprint, establish the Primary Healthcare Commission (formerly referred to as Primary Healthcare Authority) within 2024. (HHB)

Strengthening capacity to combat communicable diseases

- For better preparation of emerging communicable diseases, the Government will make good use of the donation from the Hong Kong Jockey Club for supporting local projects to enhance local capacity in surveillance, early warning and prevention and control through system construction, optimisation of infection control measures, etc. and strengthen the joint disease prevention and control work with the Mainland authorities. The donation also includes the promotion of international co-operation in scientific research on areas such as vaccines through local university, and bringing top-notch vaccine technologies and talents to Hong Kong. (HHB)

Digital healthcare record

- Roll out the five-year plan of “eHealth+” to develop a comprehensive healthcare information infrastructure that integrates multiple functions of data sharing, service support and care journey management, under the patient-centric principle and four strategic directions, namely, “One Digital Health Record”, “One Care Journey”, “One Front-door to Empowering Tools” and “One Health Data Repository”, with a view to better supporting different healthcare policies including primary healthcare and cross boundary medical collaborations in the GBA. (HHB)

Enhancing public healthcare services

- Reduce the waiting time of stable new cases for two specialties, namely Ear, Nose and Throat, and Orthopaedics and Traumatology by 10% in 2024-25. (HHB)

- Prepare for the setting up of a chest pain centre in Queen Mary Hospital in accordance with national accreditation standards in 2025, with a view to improving the consultation process, treatment outcome and survival rate of patients. (HHB)
- Prepare for the establishment of a breastmilk bank and the related mechanism for breastmilk donation in 2025 to provide breastmilk for infants and young children who cannot be breastfed by their biological mothers, and especially, to minimise the chance of serious illness in premature or severely-ill babies. (HHB)
- Continue to optimise drug dispensing and collection mechanisms in public hospitals through education, publicity and rationalisation efforts to ensure safe use and non-excessive storage of drugs by patients. (HHB)
- Capitalise on the district networks and service experience of Care Teams by providing their members with relevant mental health support training to assist in early referral of persons in need in the local communities for support. (HHB)
- Enhance the services of Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness and scale up training for social workers in community mental health service units to strengthen early identification and intervention to assist persons with mental health needs, and raise the capacity of such social workers in handling complicated cases. (LWB)
- Launch “Mental Health Literacy” resource packages suitable for upper primary and junior secondary levels in the 2023/24 school year, and will develop those for lower primary and senior secondary levels, with a view to proactively enhancing students’ awareness and assisting schools in promoting mental health. (EDB)

Oral health

- Launch a Primary Dental Co-Care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents to promote preventive dental care among the adolescents. (HHB)
- Collaborate with NGOs to enhance emergency and special care dental services for the underprivileged and those with special needs and disabilities. (HHB)
- Enhance the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme under the CCF. (HHB)

Mental health

- Optimise the ratio of case manager to patients with severe mental illness to no higher than 1:40 under the Case Management Programme, and maintain the median waiting time for new cases triaged as Priority 1 (urgent) and Priority 2 (semi-urgent) at psychiatric specialist outpatient clinics at no longer than one week and four weeks respectively. (HHB)
- Launch a pilot scheme in three District Health Centres in 2024 to provide mental health assessment for those in need, with the aim of following up on and referring high-risk cases promptly. (HHB)

Healthcare manpower supply and training

- Introduce an amendment bill to the Dentists Registration Ordinance to reform the regulatory framework for dentists and ancillary dental workers, and enable implementation of the future requirement on internship (for local dental graduates) or assessment period (for non-locally trained dentists who have passed the Licensing Examination) for obtaining full registration in Hong Kong. (HHB)
- Keep pressing ahead with the legislative amendment to the Nurses Registration Ordinance to provide new pathways for admitting qualified non-locally trained nurses to serve in specified institutions, with the view of alleviating the shortage of local nurses. (HHB)

- Explore amending the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance to provide new pathways for the admission of qualified non-locally trained supplementary medical professionals to serve in the HA and the DH, with the aim of meeting the increasing demand for public healthcare services. (HHB)
- Starting from the 2023/24 academic year, gradually increase training places of ancillary dental workers and provide tuition fee subsidies to attract more new entrants to the industry, thereby meeting development needs of the oral healthcare and dental care sectors in Hong Kong. (HHB)
- Building upon the collaboration experience with the Guangdong Province under the HA's Healthcare Talents Visiting Programme, take forward the exchange of clinical healthcare professionals between Hong Kong and other Mainland regions/cities (such as Shanghai). (HHB)

Chinese medicine development

- Complete the development of a digitalised Chinese medicines (CM) drug information platform in early 2024 for access by the public, industry and international research institutions for CM drug identification and education purposes. (HHB)
- Work with the CM sector for formulating a comprehensive Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint to outline the long-term directions and strategies for CM development, which is expected to be published in 2025. (HHB)
- Starting from 2023-24, include CM rehabilitation in the clinical framework of stroke care, launch a brand new pilot project on cancer care in day chemotherapy centers, and explore extending integrated Chinese-Western medicine services to more diseases, such as elderly degenerative diseases. (HHB)
- For the first Chinese Medicine Hospital (CMH) to be set up in Hong Kong, facilitate its establishment of strategic partnerships with Mainland CMHs, take forward preparatory work for its commissioning and support its sustainable development. (HHB)
- In 2023-24, launch short-term training programmes related to the scheme on Training of Advanced Clinical Talents in Chinese Medicine in Hong Kong, which is supported by the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, as well as the HA's "Greater Bay Area Advanced Chinese Medicine Clinical Training Programme", etc. (HHB)

Cross-boundary medical collaboration

- Resume the HA's hospital accreditation programme to ensure that its management and services are on par with international standards, and support the Shenzhen Hospital Accreditation Research Centre to set up an office in Hong Kong in the future. (HHB)
- In 2024, launch the "Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme" to extend the coverage of the elderly healthcare vouchers initially to about five qualified medical institutions in the GBA cities as trial service points for provision of primary healthcare services. It will also cover individual designated medical institutions providing dental services at places near Hong Kong, e.g. Shenzhen. (HHB)
- Make optimal use of the healthcare services in the GBA, and strategically procure healthcare services for Hong Kong citizens from suitable healthcare institutions (including the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital) so as to alleviate the pressure on our public hospital services and shorten the waiting time. (HHB)

- Continue to explore with the Mainland the establishment of a standing organ transplant mutual assistance mechanism, with a view to facilitating cross-boundary organ transplant matching when local matching cannot identify suitable patients for the organs donated in either of the two places, in order to give awaiting patients additional chances of receiving organ transplant. (HHB)

Enhancing public health and education

- Continue to promote inter-departmental and cross-sector collaboration; co-operate with the community and the public; and make good use of IT to jointly build a health-enhancing conducive environment. In particular, we will focus on improving citizens' post-epidemic lifestyle, including reducing tobacco use, healthy eating and exercising. (HHB)
- Enhance smoking cessation services and tobacco hazard education by, inter alia, phasing in the provision of smoking cessation medication at service points such as District Health Centres from 2024 onwards and, based on the case management model, offering counselling services to smokers. (HHB)
- Continue to provide comprehensive and continuous disease prevention care to citizens via inter-departmental and cross-sector collaboration. Publish the "Hong Kong Reference Framework for Life Course Preventive Care in Primary Healthcare" and continue to step up efforts in promoting health messages, in particular to strengthen students' understanding and practicing of healthy eating and regular exercise. (HHB)
- Continue to actively promote breastfeeding friendly measures, with the DH progressively commencing the accreditation process for the 13 Maternal and Child Health Centres that have not yet been accredited as Baby-Friendly Health Facilities. (HHB)

Hospital development

- Enhance the capacity of the HA capital project team and strengthen its manpower to better deliver the two hospital development plans and tackle the challenges in planning for and implementing the plans. (HHB)

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Sports development

- Enhance the staffing arrangements and professional standards of the Sports Medicine Centre of the Hong Kong Sports Institute to provide more comprehensive sports medicine support for elite athletes. (CSTB)
- Collaborate with the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) to launch a pilot scheme in mid-2024 to offer more professional training and internship opportunities to sports coaches. (CSTB)
- Collaborate with SF&OC to include Festival of Sport events on "Sport For All Day" which will take place at government venues, shopping centres and private venues to promote "Sports for All". (CSTB)
- Launch a pilot scheme in 2023-24 to establish self-test fitness corners in eight sports centres of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to allow citizens to take simple physical fitness tests and monitor their physical fitness levels at any time, and extend the scheme to all 18 districts in Hong Kong within 2024. (CSTB)
- Launch a pilot scheme within 2024 to introduce smart fitness equipment in four outdoor recreation venues of LCSD, allowing users to download applications, store data of their physical activities and access information on sports and health, so as to facilitate personal health management, physical fitness monitoring and enhancing the fun of exercise. (CSTB)

- Promote family-based sports activities and organise more training programmes/fun days on popular sports in order to encourage the public to regularly participate in sports and physical activities. (CSTB)
- Explore opening up sports facilities for free on specific festive dates each year and organising thematic sports days for public participation. (CSTB)
- Plan for a swimming pool capable of hosting international competitions as well as an arena with fencing training and competition facilities to further promote swimming and fencing and raise their standards. (CSTB)

Environmental protection and ecological conservation

- Prepare to establish the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park, with a view to conserving natural habitats, expanding environmental capacity in the Northern Metropolis, fostering local aquaculture development, enhancing eco-education and providing recreation. (EEB)
- Aptly update the Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, in light of the latest targets of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, experience of other places and the actual circumstances in Hong Kong. (EEB)
- Further promote countryside revitalisation by extending ecological conservation efforts in Sha Lo Tung, as well as enhancing the eco-tourism experience in Mui Tsz Lam Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok and improving its local infrastructure. (EEB)
- Review the relevant laws and regulations on nature conservation and further enhance public education for better protection of wild animals, in particular marine life. (EEB)
- Amend the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance to not only regulate the feeding of feral pigeons but also increase the maximum penalty and introduce fixed penalty for illegal feeding of wild animals. (EEB)

- Designate the Robin's Nest Country Park within 2024 for nature conservation and public enjoyment, as well as formation of an ecological corridor with Shenzhen Wutong Mountain Scenic Area, thereby promoting ecological integration between Shenzhen and Hong Kong. (EEB)
- Designate the North Lantau Marine Park within 2024 to strengthen conservation of marine life and habitats. (EEB)
- Commence a technical feasibility study for the set up of a supersite for GBA air quality laboratory and meteorology monitoring in Tsim Bei Tsui of Hong Kong to provide regional air pollution and meteorological monitoring and forecasting services. (EEB)
- Plan to establish the Meteorological Training Centre for Belt and Road (B&R) Countries to strengthen co-operation on the provision of training for the meteorological personnel of B&R countries. (EEB)
- Set up a new network of earthquake intensity meters over the territory in collaboration with the Guangdong Earthquake Agency to strengthen locally felt earth tremor information service and contribute to the enhancement of earthquake monitoring for the GBA. (EEB)

Conservation of heritage buildings

- Deepen collaboration and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, in particular within the GBA, on archaeology, conservation and revitalisation of historic buildings, as well as relevant promotion, public education and community engagement efforts. (DEVB)

Striving towards carbon neutrality

- Consult the trade by end-2023 on the proposal of amending the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance, including extending the scope of regulation to more types of buildings, mandating the disclosure of information related to energy audit reports and shortening the interval of energy audit, with the target of finalising the proposed amendments and commencing the legislative work within 2024. (EEB)

- Extend the carbon audit practice for government buildings to government infrastructure progressively. (EEB)
- Formulate the Strategy of Hydrogen Development in Hong Kong in the first half of 2024 so as to plan for the development of local applications of hydrogen energy. (EEB)
- Commence preparatory work for amending the legislation relating to the manufacture, storage and use of hydrogen within 2024, with a view to introducing the draft amendments into the LegCo in 2025. (EEB)
- Introduce a bill into the LegCo within 2024 to establish a common legislative framework applicable to producer responsibility schemes (PRs) on different products, and make relevant subsidiary legislation to gradually implement the PRs on five types of products starting from 2025, including plastic beverage containers, beverage cartons, electric vehicle batteries, vehicle tyres and lead-acid batteries. (EEB)
- Expand further the community recycling network GREEN@COMMUNITY in end-2023 by developing a network of Recycling Stores in 50 PRH estates to complement the implementation of municipal solid waste charging on 1 April 2024. (EEB)
- Introduce a bill into the LegCo in early 2024 to regulate the proper handling of recyclables in residential buildings. (EEB)
- Install smart recycling bins for collecting food waste in all PRH estates progressively from end-2023 to further encourage domestic food waste recycling. (EEB)
- Implement the first phase of regulation of disposable plastic tableware and other plastic products in the second quarter of 2024. (EEB)
- Identify a suitable site in the Northern Metropolis for development of an advanced waste-to-energy facility to provide essential waste disposal services for the local population in the long run. (EEB)
- Continue to implement the \$400 million Green Tech Fund to support research and development projects on decarbonisation technologies with good application and commercialisation potential. (EEB)
- Develop a large-scale floating solar system at Plover Cove Reservoir, which is expected to supply 6 million kilowatt-hour of electricity per annum upon its completion in 2026 for direct use by the nearby waterworks facilities. (EEB)

Enhancing district environment

- Following the implementation of raising the fixed penalty level for offences relating to environmental hygiene and shopfront extension, conduct public consultation on the second stage of legislative amendments for enhancing the efficiency and deterrent effect of enforcement. (DCSO, EEB)
- Continue to mobilise various sectors of the community on rodent control and adopt a multi-pronged approach, including strengthening overnight operations, applying new technologies and tools, and formulating a new rodent infestation index. (DCSO, EEB)
- Develop clean public markets by improving the hygiene of these markets and cooked food centres, through, inter alia, enhancing cleansing services and stepping up enforcement against irregularities such as shopfront extension. (DCSO, EEB)
- Improve rural environmental hygiene by putting in place progressively fully-enclosed refuse collection facilities with new design at about 400 rural locations in the next three years following installation of such facilities at over 100 locations in 2022. (EEB)
- Expedite public toilet refurbishment projects under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, following the commencement of the first stage for about 250 public toilets, the remaining projects for about 430 public toilets will be rolled out progressively from 2024 to 2028. (EEB)

- Carry out landscaping works at suitable LCSD venues and roadsides by planting of flowering trees and colourful shrubs as well as develop Shing Mun River and Yuen Long Nullah as hot spots for flower viewing to beautify cityscape. (CSTB)
- Identify suitable pitches/courts, external walls and toilets at LCSD venues for injecting art and design elements to make the venues more appealing aesthetically. (CSTB)
- Continue to take forward several new public market projects which are at different planning stages, among which the new markets at Tin Shui Wai and Tseung Kwan O are expected to be commissioned first in 2027 and 2028 respectively. (EEB)
- Continue to take forward the Market Modernisation Programme, including the overhaul of Lai Wan Market and Ngau Tak Kok Market, and the proposed overhaul of Causeway Bay Market. (EEB)
- Continue to extend the promenades on both sides of the Victoria Harbour to 27 kilometres by end-2023 and further to 34 kilometres in 2028. (DEVB)
- Introduce a bill to amend the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance within 2024, with a view to facilitating harbour enhancement works to enhance public enjoyment and connectivity of the harbourfront and strengthen the harbour functions. (DEVB)
- Continue to enhance existing country park facilities and further explore providing new ones, such as treetop adventures and open museums, to enrich visitors' experience and enjoyment. (EEB)
- Commence works of the 60-kilometre "Round-the-Island Trail" on Hong Kong Island progressively from 2023 onward, with a view to connecting 90% of the trail by end-2027 and substantially completing the remaining larger scale works by end-2031. (DEVB)
- Implement about ten proposals in 2024 and 2025 to improve the pedestrian environment and traffic conditions in Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen Waterfront and Ap Lei Chau North in the short term. (DEVB)
- Open the hiking trail connecting Yip Hing Street and Aberdeen Country Park under the Green Link in Wong Chuk Hang in early 2024, commence works on a boardwalk along Staunton Creek Nullah in the first quarter of 2024, and commence design on the proposals to enhance the waterfront from Tin Wan to Sham Wan within 2024 for commencing works in 2025. (DEVB)
- Study possible options within 2024 for consolidating the existing bus depot facilities in Wong Chuk Hang with a view to unleashing the development potential of the temporary sites concerned. (DEVB, TLB)
- Draw up a master layout plan for the project on Redevelopment and Enhancement of Recreation and Sports Facilities in Wong Chuk Hang and conduct related detailed technical assessments within 2024 to promote "single site, multiple use". (CSTB, DEVB)
- Study the feasibility of building a museum near Ocean Park to enrich cultural infrastructure and create synergies with the future development in the Southern District. (CSTB, DEVB)
- Explore providing a pier at Repulse Bay to link up with other destinations in the Southern District. (DEVB)
- Continue with the investigation and design study on the expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, and conduct public consultation within 2024 before commencing works in early 2025. (DEVB)
- Continue with the investigation and design studies for the Deep Water Bay and Tai Shue Wan pier projects with a view to conducting public consultation within 2024 and commencing works in 2025. (CSTB)

- Consult stakeholders on the conceptual proposal for the revitalisation of Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market by end-2023, and plan to complete a technical feasibility study by end-2024. (EEB, DEVB)
- Continue to implement the cycle track between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan by commencing the construction of the section from Tuen Mun to So Kwun Wat and the detailed design of the section from So Kwun Wat to Ting Kau within 2024, and continuing with the detailed design of the section between Ting Kau and Bayview Garden in Tsuen Wan. (DEVB)
- Commence the investigation study and design of the second stage of the Tseung Kwan O Desalination Plant within 2024 to enhance the resilience of fresh water supply for ensuring the sustainable development of Hong Kong. (DEVB)

Enhancing food safety

- Complete the legislative amendment exercise to update the food safety standards for preservatives and antioxidants in food within 2024. (EEB)
- Review the food safety standards for sweeteners in food in 2024 and conduct public consultation in 2024-25. (EEB)

Building more columbaria

- Continue to build more public columbaria. The project at Shek Mun, which is expected to be completed by 2025, and together with the projects under planning at Siu Ho Wan, Kwai Chung and Wo Hop Shek will provide a total of about 420 000 niches. (EEB)

Enhancing animal welfare

- Press ahead with legislative amendments and other measures for imposing the duty of care on persons responsible for animals and further protecting animals from unnecessary suffering. (EEB)

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Hong Kong will Prosper Only When its Young People Thrive

Building an International Hub for Post-secondary Education

Increasing the non-local student quota of publicly-funded institutions

- Double the non-local student quota of publicly-funded post-secondary institutions (applicable to taught programmes) to 40% (of the local student places) starting from the 2024/25 academic year. Post-secondary institutions may, having regard to their own conditions, progressively attract more students from abroad and the Mainland to pursue education in Hong Kong. (EDB)

Expanding scholarship schemes

- Increase the quota of the Belt and Road Scholarship by 50% starting from the 2024/25 academic year. (EDB)
- Gradually increase the quota of the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme from 300 places to 400 places per academic year starting from the 2024/25 academic year so as to attract more outstanding talents to study and conduct research in Hong Kong. (EDB)

- Continue to implement the Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme, which subsidises 100 outstanding local students each year to pursue studies in world-renowned universities outside Hong Kong, with a view to broadening the global perspective of local students. (EDB)

Increasing hostel places

- The University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded universities will continue to take forward a number of hostel projects, in order to increase hostel places by about 13 500 in total by 2027. (EDB)

Supporting self-financing institutions

- Launch a new round of the Land Grant Scheme and Start-up Loan Scheme within 2024 to support self-financing post-secondary institutions to develop and improve campuses in support of more teaching activities. (EDB)

Development of post-secondary education in the Northern Metropolis

- Proactively take forward the development of the Northern Metropolis University Town by encouraging post-secondary institutions to strengthen co-operation with renowned Mainland and overseas institutions, and achieve greater synergy through resources sharing and complementary industry development within the region. (EDB)

Promoting multicultural learning experiences

- Starting from the 2023/24 academic year, the UGC will inject an additional \$100 million into the Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience to encourage publicly-funded universities to provide more exchange and learning opportunities outside Hong Kong, and to promote a diversified and inclusive international learning environment. (EDB)

Enhancing learning and value-added opportunities for international students

- Starting from November 2023, temporarily exempt full-time non-local postgraduate students studying in Hong Kong from the restriction on taking up part-time jobs, so as to enhance their personal experience and understanding of working in Hong Kong, and increase their incentive to stay in Hong Kong for development after graduation. The arrangement will be implemented on a trial basis for two years. (LWB)

Developing Universities of Applied Sciences

- Draw up the criteria for qualifying as universities of applied sciences (UAS) cover admission, curriculum, accreditation, career pathway, and industry engagement, in conjunction with the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications, and with reference to international experiences. (EDB)

- Support appropriate self-financing institutions to develop into UAS by providing financial and related support, including according priority to eligible programmes of UAS for inclusion under the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors; and providing additional subsidies to encourage institutions to offer more applied degree programmes in professional and technical disciplines and enhance the enrolment incentive. (EDB)
- Set aside start-up funding to support prospective post-secondary institutions to set up an alliance of UAS for joint promotion to enhance the status of vocational and professional education and training in society and among parents and students. (EDB)

Expanding Our Vocational Talent Pool

Establishing the Hong Kong Institute of Information Technology

- Establish the Hong Kong Institute of Information Technology (by the Vocational Training Council (VTC)) to provide dedicated pre-employment and in-service training for the information technology (IT) sector, with a view to strengthening Hong Kong's IT capabilities and meeting the manpower and development needs. The programmes will be launched in the 2024/25 academic year. (EDB)

Increasing allowance of the Apprenticeship Scheme

- The VTC to implement a three-year pilot scheme from the 2024/25 academic year to provide training allowance for registered apprentices and subsidise graduated apprentices in undertaking upskilling courses of relevant trades. (LWB)

Enhancing mutual recognition of cross-boundary qualifications

- Collaborate with the relevant Mainland authorities to take forward the mutual recognition of sub-degree level qualifications, including the Higher Diploma qualification, and try out such arrangements on a pilot basis. (EDB)

High-quality Education Services

STEAM Education

- Introduce a subject on science in primary schools to strengthen students' scientific and creative thinking; and earmark a total of about \$200 million to provide a one-off grant for publicly-funded primary schools to upgrade facilities and equipment. (EDB)
- Enrich science learning at junior secondary level by integrating the learning of innovation and technology (I&T) in class; and launch support programmes for Mathematics curriculum to strengthen students' capability in applications of mathematics. (EDB)
- Continue to strengthen Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) related professional training programmes to help teachers keep abreast of the latest development in I&T. (EDB)
- Promote the setting up of a school-based student talent pool in schools; enhance collaboration with the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education to arrange students with potential in STEAM to participate in systematic training and competitions of reasonable scale. (EDB)

Teacher and student support

- Introduce new awards under the Chief Executive's Award for Teaching Excellence to encourage teachers to embrace innovation in teaching. (EDB)

- Subsidise all serving and prospective teachers of primary and secondary schools in taking the "National Putonghua Proficiency Test" with the Language Fund to further encourage teachers to enhance their mastery of Putonghua. (EDB)
- Launch the "Guangdong-Hong Kong Sister Kindergarten Exchange Programme" in the 2023/24 school year to strengthen connection between the Mainland and Hong Kong in early childhood education, with a focus on fostering teachers' professional exchanges and collaboration. (EDB)
- Establish the first teacher training and exchange base in collaboration with relevant Mainland education authorities and institution in the 2023/24 school year to organise regular training programmes, exchanges and collaboration projects in the Mainland, and facilitate teachers' learning of the experience and latest practices in applying technology in educational research in the Mainland through visits and exchanges. (EDB)
- Commission non-governmental organisations or tertiary institutions to organise courses on physical and mental health for teachers to help them enhance their work capacity. (EDB)
- Set up a one-stop hotline and offer online counselling services in the 2023/24 school year to provide students and parents with advice on and support in handling conflicts among peers or school bullying. (EDB)
- Launch Mainland study tours in the 2023/24 school year for promoted teachers and continue to offer more such places for newly-joined teachers and serving teachers so that they can have more opportunities to visit the Mainland to gain first-hand experience of the development of the country. (EDB)
- Continue to promote the "Guidelines on Teachers' Professional Conduct" and provide training resources so as to facilitate teachers' integration of their pursuit of professionalism and commitment to upholding high moral standards as well as assisting them to accomplish the mission of cultivating values and nurturing students. (EDB)

- Implement small class teaching in 48 additional public sector primary schools within the 2023/24 and 2024/25 school years, thereby raising the percentage of schools implementing small class teaching beyond 90%. (EDB)
- Regularise the Relocation Grant for Kindergartens starting from the 2024/25 school year to encourage more kindergartens to apply for relocation to government-owned premises. (EDB)

Fostering parent education on a sustained basis

- Continue to promote positive parent education among the public and organise a territory-wide Positive Parent Campaign Activity Day in end-2023. (EDB)
- Launch the Curriculum Framework on Parent Education (Secondary School) and provide a one-off grant of \$200,000 to each publicly-funded secondary school within 2024 to support schools to embark on structured school-based parent education programmes or activities. (EDB)
- Organise parent education courses and develop electronic learning resources for parents of kindergarten and primary school students in accordance with the curriculum frameworks on parent education. (EDB)

Promoting Youth Development

Youth Development Summit

- Organise the Youth Development Summit in mid-2024 as the opening and highlight of the 2024 Youth Festival and invite participation of guest speakers and youth groups from the Mainland and overseas. (HYAB)

Implementing the Youth Development Blueprint

- Follow up on the implementation progress of over 160 measures outlined in the Youth Development Blueprint, and continue to listen to the feedback from young people on the blueprint and constantly review and enrich its content. (HYAB)
- Launch the Youth Dashboard to consolidate youth-related data and trends for keeping better tabs on the pulse of young people. (HYAB)
- The number of participating committees in the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth has been increased from some 60 in 2022 to 85, with the target of increasing the number of participating committees to no less than 180 within the current-term of the Government. (HYAB)

Financial planning for the youth

- Launch a pilot scheme to provide young people with financial planning and counselling services as well as information on financial management, saving and investment that suits their individual needs, so as to assist young people in developing an effective financial management plan. (HYAB)

Youth innovation and entrepreneurship

- Launch the “Greater Bay Area Career Exploration Tours” to allow secondary students to appreciate the latest development of various industries in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) in person to seize new opportunities for career development. (EDB)

- Launch the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases covering various Mainland provinces and municipalities, so as to encourage young people to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the enormous Mainland market. (HYAB)
- Launch a new round of Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA to provide capital subsidy and comprehensive support services to Hong Kong young people interested in starting their businesses locally and in Mainland cities of the GBA. (HYAB)
- Establish the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the GBA as a one-stop information, publicity and exchange platform for supporting Hong Kong young people in pursuing entrepreneurship in the GBA. (HYAB)

Youth engagement

- Engage youth participants of various government activities through the Youth Link, offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents through participating in seminars, different types of large-scale government activities, exchange visits to the Mainland and overseas, etc. and strengthening their communication, interaction and trust with the Government. (HYAB)
- Study the possibility of utilising suitable facilities to provide Youth Link participants with a platform for constant interaction, including multi-function areas, a youth culture and creativity bazaar, and spaces for small-scale performances. (HYAB)
- Launch a youth-based mobile application to disseminate diversified information on youth development and enable young people to explore different activities and development opportunities. (HYAB)

- Leverage online media and channels to bring young people together and tell good stories of Hong Kong. (HYAB)

Broadening young people's horizons

- Continue to implement various youth exchange and internship programmes outside Hong Kong to enable young people to gain first-hand understanding and experience of the latest development in the Mainland and the world. (HYAB)
- Continue to strengthen support for youth uniformed groups to enhance youth development and national education through the provision of one-off funding. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the Multi-faceted Excellence Scholarship Scheme by providing full scholarships for students who excel in sports, arts and/or community service to pursue undergraduate studies in Hong Kong, with a view to promoting a culture of multi-faceted excellence. (HYAB)

Youth Hostel Scheme

- Continue to implement the “Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels”. Three projects with the provision of about 480 hostel places have been approved since its launch in early 2023. (HYAB)
- Continue to implement the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS). In addition to the two completed projects providing a total of 1 700 hostel places, the construction of three other projects, which will provide about 1 000 additional hostel places, are in progress. By promoting youth tenants’ participation in community outreach or volunteer services, the scheme seeks to nurture talents with an aspiration to serve the community. (HYAB)

- Set aside a site in Tung Chung under the Land Sale Programme whereby developers will be required to reserve a certain number of flats to support the YHS on a pilot basis. (HYAB, DEVB)

Enhancing positive thinking

- Following the launch of the first round of the Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities and the Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities at end-2022, some sponsored organisations have progressively rolled out relevant activities for a period of two years since the summer of 2023. (HYAB)
- Strengthen cohesion among the youth by launching the youthfest@HK from 2023 and inviting different sectors of the community to jointly organise a wide spectrum of activities to nurture positive thinking, facilitate development of potential and enhancement of knowledge, promote experience sharing, etc. (HYAB)

Deepening Participation of Government Departments and Civil Service Grades in Youth Work

- Provide short-term internship opportunities in the Government and public organisations for young people to help them equip themselves and accumulate social experience. (CSB)
- Attract more young people to join the civil service so that the Government can build up a diverse talent pool. (CSB)

Taking forward the second phase of the Security Bureau's Project Lighthouse

- Expand the Project Lighthouse to no less than 10 participating schools and no less than 200 student participants by end-2023. (SB)

Continuing to implement the Security Bureau Youth Uniformed Group Leaders Forum

- Arrange the Leaders Forum to tender advice to the Security Bureau on matters including enhancing young people's sense of national identity and national security awareness, as well as select new members by end-2023. (SB)
- Establish the Leaders Forum Alumni Association by end-2023, and organise at least one sharing activity every quarter to facilitate sharing of views and experience among former and current members of the Leaders Forum. (SB)

Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps

- Bring in the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps (HKACC) as a youth uniformed group subsidised by the Government Flying Service and provide flight simulator or virtual reality training for at least 100 cadet members within 2024, with a view to enhancing their aviation education. (SB)
- Commence the renovation works of the new headquarters and training centre of the HKACC by the third quarter of 2024. (SB)

The ICAC ELITE Youth Leadership Programme

- Organise training and engagement activities under the ICAC ELITE Youth Leadership Programme to nurture young people to become future leaders who possess an international perspective, embrace integrity and uphold the rule of law. (ICAC)

Annex

Progress of Indicators for Specified Tasks in 2022 Policy Address



Indicator No.	2022 Policy Address Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
1	No less than 70% of students who complete the one-year Strive and Rise Programme to achieve improvement in terms of personal development and positive thinking. (CSO/LWB)	Task on track. The Government has commissioned a research team from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to evaluate the effectiveness of the first cohort of the Programme, and will announce the results in due course.
2	<p>Enhance environmental hygiene and cityscape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove at least 75% of some 600 environmental hygiene blackspots identified by various departments by end-2023. (DCSO/relevant bureaux) • Reduce the number of priority rodent blackspots at least by half by end-2023. (EEB) • Conduct about 500 joint environmental hygiene operations with different stakeholders in public rental housing (PRH) estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) on a yearly basis. (HB) • Implement face lifting/beautification works for 111 highway structures across districts in 2023. (TLB) 	<p>Task on track. As at mid-September 2023, the conditions of most environmental hygiene blackspots were notably improved. The target will be achieved by the end of the year as scheduled.</p> <p>Task on track. As at mid-September 2023, the conditions of most priority rodent blackspots were notably improved. The target will be achieved by the end of the year as scheduled.</p> <p>2023 target completed in advance. As at end-September 2023, the HKHA carried out about 510 joint environmental hygiene operations with different stakeholders in PRH estates.</p> <p>Task on track. As at end-September 2023, face lifting/beautification works for 75 highway structures were completed. The target will be achieved by the end of the year.</p>

Indicator No.	2022 Policy Address Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
3	Complete a review of fixed penalty for littering, waste disposal and street obstruction by end-2022, and complete another review of the remaining environmental hygiene-related legislation by mid-2023, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and deterrence of law enforcement. (DCSO/relevant bureaux)	Task completed. Fixed penalty for environmental hygiene-related offences has been raised. The second stage legislative review has been completed. The Legislative Council (LegCo) was consulted on the initial recommendations while public consultation will be conducted within this year.
4	<p>Ensure timely land delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver timely about 3 300 hectares (ha) of newly formed land in the coming 10 years (2023-24 to 2032-33), including no less than 1 300 ha in the Northern Metropolis. (DEVB) • Get land ready for supporting no less than 72 000 private housing units in total for disposal through land sales or railway property developments over next five years (2023-24 to 2027-28). (DEVB) • Publish a 10-year supply forecast of developable land on a yearly basis. (DEVB) 	<p>Task on track. Developable land to be provided in 2023-24 will be 120 ha, exceeding last year's estimation of 110 ha by 10 ha. Work for other years within the 10-year period has also been progressing as scheduled. For the Northern Metropolis, the New Development Areas in Kwu Tung North/Fanling North, Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen and Yuen Long South are under construction. Site formation for San Tin Technopole is planned to commence in end-2024.</p> <p>Task on track. As at end-September 2023, land has been made available through land sales, railway property developments, projects of the Urban Renewal Authority and redevelopment of private land in 2023-24 for producing about 10 150 private housing units.</p> <p>Task on track. The new 10-year forecast has been updated and will be published after the delivery of the Policy Address.</p>
5	<p>Increase land supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct feasibility studies for 255 ha of "Green Belt" (GB) sites identified for housing development in the new round of GB review, with a view to rezoning the first batch of land by 2024. (DEVB) 	Task on track. The rezoning procedures will commence after completion of the studies concerned.

Indicator No.	2022 Policy Address Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume about 500 ha of private land for government projects in five years (2022-23 to 2026-27), with over 90% in the Northern Metropolis, the total being more than four times that of the 120 ha resumed territory-wide in the previous five years (2017-18 to 2021-22). (DEVB) 	<p>Task on track. About 22 ha of private land were resumed in 2022-23 and the original target has been achieved. Resumption of the required land will continue according to development projects.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate development proposals for the following new land development projects in the Northern Metropolis in phases from the second half of 2023 to 2024: Tsim Bei Tsui/Pak Nai/Lau Fau Shan, Ma Tso Lung, San Tin Technopole and Lo Wu/Man Kam To, and New Territories North New Town. (DEVB) 	<p>Task on track. The land use proposal for San Tin Technopole was announced in May 2023, while the land use proposals for the remaining development projects will be released in 2024.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a dedicated department within 2023 to steer and co-ordinate relevant departments in taking forward the Northern Metropolis. (DEVB) 	<p>Task completed. The Northern Metropolis Co-ordination Office under the DEVB was established on 12 June 2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release proposals on the reclamation limits, land uses, transport infrastructure and financing arrangement for the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands within 2022 and commence the statutory procedures for the environmental impact assessment (EIA) in 2023. (DEVB) 	<p>Task on track. The preliminary proposals on the reclamation limits, land uses, transport infrastructure and financing options for the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands were released in December 2022 for collection of public views, and the EIA report on reclamation works will be submitted by end-2023 for commencing the EIA procedures.</p>

Indicator No.	2022 Policy Address Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence works in Tseung Kwan O Area 137 in 2025, with first population intake in 2030. (DEVB) 	<p>Task on track. The DEVB consulted LegCo on development proposals and collected views of the local community in early 2023. The project team is conducting the EIA and the relevant work, with a view to commencing works in 2025 upon optimisation of the proposals and completion of the town planning and other statutory procedures.</p>
6	<p>Streamline development procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit to the LegCo a bill to amend mainly five development-related ordinances within 2022 to shorten the land development process. The production of “spade-ready sites” for non-large-scale projects will be shortened from at least 6 years at present to about 4 years, and for large-scale projects from around 13 years to about 7 years. (DEVB) 	<p>Task completed. The Development (Town Planning, Lands and Works) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 came into effect on 1 September 2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve about 80% of general building plan submissions of high-yield private residential projects (500 units or more) on the first or second submissions (provided no major planning, land or fire safety issues) by setting up Dedicated Processing Units in the Buildings Department, an improvement of more than 20%. (DEVB) 	<p>Task completed. Dedicated Processing Units commenced operation on 31 March 2023. As at end-September 2023, all submissions that met the relevant criteria have been approved on their first or second submission.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate by mid-2023 a concrete implementation plan for extending the adoption of standard rates for land premium assessment to agricultural land in the New Territories, and regularising the standard rates arrangement for redevelopment of industrial buildings. (DEVB) 	<p>In progress. The DEVB has spent more time than expected to communicate with the industry to listen to them regarding the direction on the extension and regularisation measures, such as the scope of application and eligibility criteria. The policy proposals are near finalisation and will be announced and implemented as soon as possible by end-2023.</p>

Indicator No.	2022 Policy Address Indicators for Specified Tasks	Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expedite urban redevelopment by introducing to LegCo legislative amendments to the compulsory sale regime in the second half of 2023, following public consultation in Q4 2022. (DEVB) • Promote the use of Building Information Modelling (BIM) by launching application software to automate compliance checks on the floor area information in building plans in Q1 2024. (DEVB) • Streamline processing of extension of land leases expiring from 2025 by introducing a bill to LegCo within 2023. (DEVB) 	<p>Task on track. After consultation with stakeholders, the DEVB is making adjustments to the policy proposals with reference to the views of the stakeholders. The amendment bill will be introduced by end-2023 as planned.</p> <p>Task on track. The application software is under development and will be launched in Q1 2024 as planned.</p> <p>Task on track. The LegCo and other stakeholders were consulted in May 2023. Their views will be taken into account in finalising the detailed arrangements. The bill will be introduced to the LegCo by the end of the year as scheduled.</p>
7	<p>Increase public housing supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the supply of public housing units (including both traditional PRH and Light Public Housing (LPH), Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme and Home Ownership Scheme flats) in the coming five-year period (2023-24 to 2027-28) to about 158 000 units, 50% higher than the previous five-year period (2022-23 to 2026-27). (HB) • Construct about 30 000 LPH units by the Government in next five years (2023-24 to 2027-28). (HB) 	<p>Task on track. As at end-September 2023, more than 90% of traditional public housing to be completed from 2023-24 to 2027-28 are completed or under construction.</p> <p>Task on track. Tenders for the “Design and Build” Contracts of Batch 1 projects (about 17 000 units) were returned in September 2023. The first project is anticipated to complete in Q1 2025.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationalise PRH resources by vetting no less than 450 000 Income and Assets Declaration Forms under the Well-off Tenants Policies within a two-year cycle, and conduct in-depth investigation of no less than 10 000 households involving cases related to income and asset declaration and occupancy position per year. (HB) 	<p>Task on track. The first year's target of vetting some 250 000 Declaration Forms was completed. The second year's target is on track. In 2023-24 (as at end-July 2023), in-depth investigation of around 5 800 cases was completed.</p>
8	<p>Shorten waiting time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the Composite Waiting Time for Subsidised Rental Housing to about 4.5 years in 2026-27, on the basis that the number of new PRH applications and the number of recovered PRH units available for allocation will remain at the current level. (HB) 	<p>Task on track. As at end-June 2023, the Composite Waiting Time for Subsidised Rental Housing for PRH general applicants was 5.3 years.</p>
9	<p>Advance moving-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange PRH applicants to move in earlier-than-scheduled by advancing the completion of around 12 000 PRH units by phases in the next five years (2023-24 to 2027-28), reaching a total of about 14 000 PRH units in the next 10 years (2023-24 to 2032-33). (HB) 	<p>Task on track. With 14 000 PRH units as the target, the HKHA will continue to advance the completion of the projects concerned by phases, enabling PRH applicants to move in earlier than scheduled (about 12 000 and 2 000 units are expected to be completed earlier in or before 2027-28 and 2032-33 respectively).</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange early allocation of PRH units for all new public housing projects, doubling the time from currently about three months before the Occupation Permit is issued to about six months. (HB) 	<p>Task completed. The HKHA has started to advance allocation earlier since August 2023.</p>

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10	<p>Speed up construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require all public housing projects in the first five-year period (2023-24 to 2027-28) to adopt the Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA), including Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) approach. (HB) 	<p>Task completed. All public housing projects to be completed from 2023-24 to 2027-28 will adopt the DfMA, with the MiC approach to be adopted in suitable projects among them.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require no less than half of the public housing projects in the second five-year period (2028-29 to 2032-33) to adopt MiC approach; and DfMA for the remaining projects. (HB) 	<p>Task on track. The HKHA will continue to identify further suitable projects for adoption of the MiC approach to meet the target of having at least half of the projects expected to be completed from 2028-29 to 2032-33 to adopt the MiC approach; and the DfMA for the remaining projects.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt Design and Build contract model for suitable public housing projects, covering no less than half of the total flat production to be completed in the second five-year period (2028-29 to 2032-33). (HB) 	<p>Task on track. The HKHA will continue to identify further “Design and Build” projects to meet the target of having at least half of the total number of public housing flats expected to be completed from 2028-29 to 2032-33 to adopt the “Design and Build” procurement model.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate the policy framework for the “Pilot Scheme on Private Developer Participation in Subsidised Housing Development” in Q1 2023. (HB) 	<p>Task completed. The Housing Bureau formulated the policy framework of the “Private Subsidised Sale Flat - Pilot Scheme” in Q1 2023 as planned. Subsequently, the Bureau exchanged views with stakeholders on the policy framework, and made an official announcement of details of the framework on 13 June 2023.</p>
11	<p>Publish the information on public housing projects in the first five-year period on a quarterly basis, and the progress of land production of public housing projects in the second five-year period on a yearly basis. (HB/DEVB)</p>	<p>Task on track. The HKHA will continue to publish the information on public housing projects in the first five-year period on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>The information on the progress of land production of public housing projects in the second five-year period will be published after the delivery of the Policy Address.</p>

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12	Improve amenities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select about 10 PRH estates for façade beautification and/or minor estate improvement works, and about 20 PRH estates for landscape improvement per year. (HB) 	Task on track. The consultant is developing the design having regard to the views collected in the questionnaires and design workshops. The improvement works will commence from end-2023 in phases.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select five existing PRH estates for conducting theme-based improvement works in next five years as a pilot scheme. (HB) 	Task on track. The five existing PRH estates included in the pilot scheme and the action directions of the pilot scheme were promulgated to the press in September 2023. The improvement works will commence from 2024-25 in phases.
13	Step up enforcement of tenancy control and inspection of overcharging for water in sub-divided units (SDUs) by having the Rating and Valuation Department and the Water Supplies Department to conduct joint visits to about 4 000 SDU households by end-2023-24. (HB/DEVB)	Target completed in advance. As at end-September 2023, the Rating and Valuation Department and the Water Supplies Department conducted joint visits to about 5 800 SDU households.
14	Issue the updated Civil Service Code to staff sides for consultation in Q1 2023. (CSB)	The CSB submitted a preliminary draft of the updated Civil Service Code last year. As there were views from the community on the Code at the same time, the Chief Executive instructed that more comprehensive information should be reviewed. Upon completion of the review, the CSB will issue a draft updated Code to the staff sides in Q1 2024 or earlier for consultation.
15	Enhance the existing mobilisation protocol by Q4 2022 and conduct the first drill within Q1 2023. (CSB)	Task completed. The CSB implemented the enhanced mobilisation protocol in December 2022 with the newly established “government-wide mobilisation” level, and conducted the first drill on 16 February 2023. In response to Super Typhoon Saola and the torrential rain that hit Hong Kong in September, the mobilisation level was activated and more than 600 civil servants were mobilised to carry out relief work in various districts.

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16	Launch the Chief Executive's Award for Exemplary Performance in Q2 2023. (CSB)	Task completed. Announcement on the winning team of the inaugural Chief Executive's Award for Exemplary Performance was made on 27 June 2023.
17	Identify measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of managing sub-standard performers and consult the Public Service Commission (PSC) within 2023 before promulgation and implementation. (CSB)	Task completed. After consulting the PSC, the CSB conducted consultation with the staff side on the relevant proposals. Taking into account the views expressed by the staff side, a streamlined mechanism of requiring civil servants to retire in the public interest on grounds of persistent sub-standard performance was implemented in September 2023.
18	Identify measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of handling disciplinary cases and consult the PSC within 2023 before promulgation and implementation. (CSB)	Task completed. After consulting the PSC, the CSB put in place measures progressively in 2023 to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of handling disciplinary cases at the departmental level, e.g. enhancing training on the skills and capabilities of management staff in investigating and handling disciplinary cases, requiring civil servants to report their arrests, etc.
19	Promote iAM Smart: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double the annual usage of iAM Smart (total transactions) from 5 million in 2021 to 10 million in 2023, and further to 17.5 million in 2025. (ITIB) 	Task on track. The annual usage target for 2023 has been achieved.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive all government departments to use iAM Smart to provide convenient and one-stop electronic services to citizens by 2025. (ITIB) 	Task on track. The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer has obtained funding from the LegCo to upgrade the "iAM Smart" Platform in order to tie in with the initiative to drive all government departments to use "iAM Smart" by 2025.
20	Complete e-government audit for all government departments and use advanced information technology to implement 100 new digital government initiatives by 2025. (ITIB)	Task on track. E-government audit for all departments will be completed by end-2023, and 110 digital government initiatives will be launched from 2024 to 2025 to promote digital government and smart city development.

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21	Increase the annual usage of open data from 22 billion in 2021 to 50 billion in 2025. (ITIB)	Target completed in advance. The usage of open data exceeded 50 billion in 2022.
22	Digitalise all licensing and government services involving application and approval by mid-2024. For those with legislative requirements or international conventions/practices, applicants to visit relevant government offices once only. (ITIB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2023, out of the some 1 450 licences and services, about 90% involving applications and 78% involving collection of documents have met the target and the remaining will meet the target by mid-2024.
23	The Chief Executive to attend not less than four Chief Executive's Question and Answer Sessions in each legislative session starting from the 2023 legislative session. (Admin Wing of CSO)	Task on track. Since the commencement of the 2023 legislative session, the Chief Executive has attended three Chief Executive's Question and Answer Sessions and will attend the fourth session with respect to the 2023 Policy Address on 26 October 2023.
24	The Chief Secretary for Administration to meet with House Committee (HC) Chairman and Deputy Chairman after each HC meeting in the 2023 legislative session to foster close liaison and collaboration. (Admin Wing of CSO)	Task on track. Since the commencement of the 2023 legislative session, the Chief Secretary for Administration has had either meetings or telephone meetings with the HC Chairman and Deputy Chairman after each HC meeting.
25	Enterprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the "Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises" within 2022, specifically tasked with attracting high-potential and representative strategic enterprises from all over the world, and providing them with special facilitation measures and one-stop services. (FSO/CEDB) 	Task completed. The Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises was established on 23 December 2022.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocate \$30 billion from the Future Fund within 2022 to set up the "Co-Investment Fund" for attracting enterprises to establish presence in Hong Kong and investing in their businesses through a co-investment model. (FSO) 	Task completed. \$30 billion has been allocated from the Future Fund to set up the Co-Investment Fund.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract by 2027 at least 100 innovation and technology (I&T) enterprises of high potential and representativeness to set up operations or expand their presence in Hong Kong, including at least 20 top-notch I&T enterprises. (ITIB) 	<p>Task on track. The ITIB and Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises have contacted over 200 I&T enterprises including top-notch enterprises of the respective industries. So far, nearly 30 of them have already established presence or expanded the scale of operations in Hong Kong or have plans to do so.</p>
26	<p>Talents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch the “Top Talent Pass Scheme” within 2022 to attract talents with high earnings and graduates from the world’s top 100 universities to come to work in Hong Kong. (LWB) Set up the “Talents Service Unit” within 2022 to formulate talent attraction strategies, implement the related measures, co-ordinate the processing of applications under the “Top Talent Pass Scheme” and other existing talent admission schemes, and provide one-stop support and assistance to talents coming to Hong Kong. (CSO/LWB) Relax the application arrangements of the General Employment Policy (GEP) and the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMTP) within 2022 to facilitate local enterprises to recruit talents of professions with local supply shortage as listed in the Talent List, or to hire talents for vacancies with annual salary of HK\$2 million or above. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. The Scheme was launched on 28 December 2022.</p> <p>Task completed. The online platform of Hong Kong Talent Engage was launched on 28 December 2022.</p> <p>Task completed. The streamlined arrangements have been implemented since 28 December 2022.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relax the limit of stay under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG) and expand, on a pilot basis, IANG to graduates of the campuses of Hong Kong's universities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) within 2022. (EDB/SB) 	<p>Task completed. The pilot scheme for the relaxation of IANG was launched on 28 December 2022.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspend the annual quota under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme for two years with effect from 1 January 2023. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. The annual quota under the Scheme has been suspended for two years with effect from 1 January 2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline the extension of stay arrangement for various talent admission schemes within 2022. (SB/LWB/EDB) 	<p>Task completed. The Government expanded the electronic application services to cover all visa types in November 2022, enabling applicants to complete the entire process of visa-related application online.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the review of the "Pilot Scheme on Immigration Facilitation for Visitors Participating in Short-term Activities in Designated Sectors" by end-2022. (SB) 	<p>Task completed. The Government completed the review as scheduled. The Pilot Scheme has been expanded since February 2023 to cover two new sectors, namely "Finance" and "Development and Construction", making up a total of 12 beneficiary sectors.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admit at least 35 000 talents annually with an intended duration of stay of at least 12 months through the talent admission schemes from 2023 to 2025, an increase of 40% over the annual average number in 2020 and 2021. (LWB) 	<p>Target of 2023 completed in advance. As at end-September 2023, around 60 000 talents with an intended duration of stay of at least 12 months arrived in Hong Kong through the talent admission schemes.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the updating of the Talent List within Q1 2023 to reflect the latest shortage of professional and technical talents spanning different fields. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. The updated Talent List was promulgated on 16 May 2023.</p>

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27	Set up Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents in 17 Mainland Offices and overseas Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) within 2022, for proactively attracting talents and enterprises to Hong Kong. (CEDB/CMAB/LWB)	Task completed. Dedicated Teams have been set up in respective offices in December 2022.
28	Commence the next update of the Manpower Projection in mid-2023 with enhanced methodology to provide more detailed information on manpower shortages in key industries driving Hong Kong's economic growth and essential services supporting the city's operation. (LWB)	Task on track. Sectoral consultations of the Manpower Projection commenced in July 2023 for completion by year end. Key findings are expected to be available in Q3 2024.
29	Consult the market within 2022 on proposed amendments to the Main Board Listing Rules to facilitate the listing of large-scale enterprises engaging in specialised technology fields, with a view to launching the new listing regime in the first half of 2023. (FSTB)	Task completed. The Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx) launched a consultation on the listing regime for specialist technology companies in October 2022. With support from the market, the new regime was introduced in March 2023.
30	Exempt the stamp duty payable for specified transactions conducted by market makers for dual-counter stocks by introducing legislative amendments to LegCo within 2022, with a view to launching the dual-counter market maker scheme in the first half of 2023. (FSTB)	Task completed. The Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2022 was passed on 18 January 2023 and came into operation on 27 January 2023. The HKEx launched the dual-counter market maker scheme in June 2023.
31	Attract family offices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide tax exemption to eligible family offices by introducing legislative amendments to LegCo within 2022. (FSTB) 	Task completed. The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions for Family-owned Investment Holding Vehicles) Bill 2022 was introduced into the LegCo on 14 December 2022 and passed on 10 May 2023. The tax concession treatment will be applicable to any years of assessment commencing on or after 1 April 2022.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate no less than 200 family offices to set up operations or expand their business in Hong Kong from 2022 to 2025, subject to lifting of travel restrictions. (FSTB) 	Task on track. As at end-September 2023, the dedicated FamilyOfficeHK team of InvestHK has assisted 28 family offices in setting up operations or expanding their business in Hong Kong.
32	Provide financial incentive to Fintech start-ups and financial institutions to undertake proof-of-concept projects under the Fintech Proof-of-Concept Subsidy Scheme in 2022-23, with more than 50% of the solutions commercialised after completion of testing. (FSTB)	Task completed. As at September 2023, over 80% of the solutions have been commercialised after completion of the proof-of-concept testing.
33	Expand the issuance of government green bonds, with an increase in the total issuance amount by more than five times within the five years from 2021-22 as compared with the pre-2021-22 situation. (FSTB)	Task on track. As at 10 October 2023, the issuance of government green bonds since 2021-22 totalled about HK\$162.1 billion, representing an increase of around 494% as compared with the pre-2021-22 situation.
34	Align with international standards by implementing a risk-based capital regime for the insurance industry in 2024. (FSTB)	Task on track. The Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 was passed by LegCo in July 2023. The Government will prescribe the detailed requirements by way of subsidiary legislation for the purpose of implementing the risk-based capital regime in 2024.
35	Promote commercialisation of research and development (R&D) outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the transformation of R&D outcomes of universities into commercial products or services by establishing a new funding scheme “Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme” (RAISE+ Scheme) of \$10 billion under the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) in 2023. (ITIB) 	Task completed. The Scheme was launched in mid-October 2023. The results of the first batch of applications are expected to be announced in Q1 2024.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the commitment of private capital in R&D projects under various ITF schemes from \$800 million in 2022 to \$1.6 billion in 2027. (ITIB) 	<p>Task on track. From January to end-June 2023, the commitment of private capital in R&D projects under various ITF schemes was over \$900 million.</p>
36	<p>Nurture start-ups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase under the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund the cumulative private investment attracted for local I&T start-ups from \$1.7 billion in 2022 to at least \$4 billion in 2027. (ITIB) 	<p>Task on track. As at end-September 2023, the cumulative private investment attracted under the Fund for local I&T start-ups has reached over \$2.1 billion.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the cumulative number of very early stage start-ups to be subsidised under the Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities from 330 in 2022 to 600 in 2027. (ITIB) 	<p>Task on track. As at September 2023, cumulatively more than 400 start-ups have been subsidised under the Scheme.</p>
37	<p>Attract I&T talents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate I&T firms to bring in talents from outside Hong Kong by relaxing the Technology Talent Admission Scheme with effect from January 2023. (ITIB) 	<p>Task completed. The enhancement measures of the Scheme have been implemented since 28 December 2022.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase financial support under the Research Talent Hub to R&D firms/ organisations engaging research talents and provide living allowance to research talents with a doctoral degree with effect from April 2023. (ITIB) 	<p>Task completed. Financial support under the Research Talent Hub has been increased and living allowances have been provided for research talents with a doctoral degree since 1 April 2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of primary and secondary schools joining “Knowing More About IT” and “IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools” programmes from 54% in the 2021/22 school year to 90% in the 2024/25 school year. (ITIB) 	<p>Task on track. As at end-September 2023, the percentage of primary and secondary schools joining the programmes has increased to 87%.</p>

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38	Expand under the STEM Internship Scheme the number of student interns from 3 000 in 2022 to 5 000 in 2027. (ITIB)	Task on track. Internship opportunities provided have increased to about 3 500 in 2022-23. The Scheme for 2023-24 is in progress.
39	Promote re-industrialisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase under the Re-industrialisation Funding Scheme the cumulative number of funded smart production lines in Hong Kong from about 30 in 2022 to over 130 in 2027; with corresponding cumulative skilled employment opportunities increasing from about 260 to over 1 050; and during the same period cumulative matching private investment rising from about \$340 million to no less than \$1.3 billion. (ITIB) 	Task on track. As at end-August 2023, 34 applications involving 56 production lines have been supported by the Re-industrialisation Funding Scheme (to be renamed as the New Industrialisation Funding Scheme) Vetting Committee. Among them, funding agreements have been signed for projects involving 47 production lines, 290 skilled employment opportunities and \$619 million of private investment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double the supply of floor area for advanced manufacturing in the InnoParks from over 100 000 square metres (sq.m.) in 2022 to over 200 000 sq.m. in 2027. (ITIB) 	Task on track. The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation is planning to construct a second Advanced Manufacturing Centre and the relevant technical feasibility study is expected to be completed by end-2023.

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40	<p>Launch a new 10-year development blueprint on art and cultural facilities with the following enhancements:</p> <p>Phase 1 (2022-2027)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ seats of performance venues to increase from about 30 000 to 34 000 (or about 13%); and ➤ average annual attendance of performance venues to increase from about 3 million to 3.4 million (or about 13%). <p>Phase 2 (2027-2032)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ number of museums (including those under planning) to increase from 15 to 19 (or 27%); ➤ average annual museum attendance to increase from 5 million to 8 million (or 60%); ➤ seats of performance venues (including those under planning) to increase from 30 000 to 45 000 (or about 50%); and ➤ average annual attendance of performance venues to increase from about 3 million to about 4.5 million (or 50%). (CSTB) 	<p>Task on track. As the first stage of opening of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre, its outdoor space was opened partially in October 2023, while the remaining areas are targeted to be opened by phases in 2024; the main construction works of the New Territories East Cultural Centre commenced in late July 2023 and is targeted for completion in 2028; and the construction works of the Heritage Conservation and Resource Centre commenced in January 2023 and is targeted for completion in 2027.</p>
41	<p>Support under the Mega Arts and Cultural Events Fund annually four events with total attendance of at least 100 000 with effect from 2023. (CSTB)</p>	<p>Target of 2023 exceeded. The Fund has been open for application since 19 April 2023. Among the events supported by the Fund, Art Basel Hong Kong 2023 and Art Central 2023 were smoothly held in late March, attracting attendance figures of 86 000 and 40 000 respectively. As at September 2023, eight applications were approved.</p>
42	<p>Enhance support for young artists by sponsoring annually 20 new small and medium-sized arts groups (composed of artists graduated from tertiary institutions within five years) and 30 new individual artists who graduated from tertiary institutions within five years to engage in the arts and culture industry with effect from 2023. (CSTB)</p>	<p>Task on track. The new Emerging Artists Development Grant has been launched and was open for application between 1 July and 3 October 2023. Applications will be approved progressively from November 2023.</p>

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43	Launch annually the Pop Culture Festival with over 20 programmes/exhibitions with total attendance of over 140 000 with effect from 2023. (CSTB)	Target of 2023 exceeded. The first “Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival” was launched in April 2023. As at September 2023, over 20 programmes/exhibitions were organised with total attendance of over 400 000.
44	Organise the GBA Culture and Arts Festival in 2024 to attract: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 000 local and Mainland artists engaged in around 100 performances/activities with 140 000 attendances; and (CSTB) 	Task on track. Planning of the Festival has commenced, including the initial preparation of programme framework, reservation of performance venues, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 000 live web broadcast views of the opening gala. (CSTB) 	Task on track. Planning of the opening gala, including live web broadcast arrangements, has commenced.
45	Seek early accession to Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) by holding or participating in 60 related events/meetings/dialogues with RCEP members and stakeholders in 2023. (CEDB)	Target completed in advance. As at end-September, the HKSAR Government has held or participated in 62 related events and is continuing to lobby relevant stakeholders among all RCEP members.
46	Promote Hong Kong as the functional platform for the Belt and Road Initiative in 2023 by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ organising promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 7 000 persons; ➢ reaching out to no less than 500 professional and business associations, chambers and community groups; ➢ the epidemic permitting, organising business missions to five Belt and Road countries with about 100 participants; and ➢ increasing the above indicators by 5% in 2024. (CEDB) 	The first two tasks were completed. As at 15 September 2023, more than 7 000 persons participated in the annual Belt and Road Summit as well as various promotional programmes and networking sessions organised or supported by the CEDB. Besides, efforts were made to reach out to more than 500 professional and business associations, chambers and community groups during the year, with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the functional platform for the Belt and Road Initiative. The third task is on track. As at 15 September 2023, more than 70 participants joined business missions to visit the Middle East (Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates) and some countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore). Another Belt and Road mission is being planned to take place at the end of 2023.

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47	<p>Promote the opportunities in the GBA in 2023 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ organising and participating in promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 8 000 persons; ➤ reaching out to no less than 1 000 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms; and ➤ increasing the above indicators by 10% in 2024. (CMAB) 	Task on track. Anticipated to complete as scheduled.
48	<p>Increase the amount of funding approved for supporting small and medium enterprises to \$900 million per annum on average in 2022 and 2023, an increase of 5% over the annual average amount approved in 2019-2021. (CEDB)</p>	Target completed in advance. The amount of funding approved for supporting small and medium enterprises in 2022 was around \$1,327 million. As at end-September 2023, the amount of funding approved in 2023 has already exceeded \$900 million.
49	<p>Increase inward investment by attracting at least a total of 1 130 companies to set up or expand their operations in Hong Kong from 2023 to 2025, an increase of 16% over the annual average number in 2020 and 2021, thereby bringing in direct investment of at least HK\$77 billion and creating at least 15 250 job opportunities. (CEDB)</p>	Task on track. As at end-September 2023, Invest Hong Kong attracted 300 companies to set up or expand their operations in Hong Kong, an increase of 27% when compared with the same period last year. These companies brought in direct investment of nearly HK\$59 billion and created 3 330 job opportunities.
50	<p>Promote development of convention and exhibition industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support more than 200 exhibitions over a three-year period through a new incentive scheme to be launched on 1 July 2023. (CEDB) 	Task completed. The new scheme was launched on 1 July 2023.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence construction of Asia World-Expo Phase 2 in 2023 with a view to commissioning the same in 2027, subject to the epidemic situation. (CEDB) 	In progress. After the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre ceases operation, the Airport Authority Hong Kong will commence construction of Asia World-Expo Phase 2.

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51	Promote manpower development for high value-added maritime services by rolling out a new scheme under the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund by mid-2023. (TLB)	Task completed. The Maritime Services Traineeship Scheme was launched on 15 September 2023.
52	Enhance port efficiency and data sharing in the shipping and port industry by setting up a brand new data sharing platform for trial by phases from 2023, with a view to scaling it up for wider use by 2025. (TLB)	Task on track. The first phase of the data sharing platform trial involving the local and cross-boundary delivery process of incoming reefer cargo is underway.
53	Promote high value-added logistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the development of high value-added modern logistics in Hong Kong by completing the formulation of an action plan by 2023 in consultation with the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council and the trade. (TLB) 	Task on track. The action plan on modern logistics development will be promulgated within 2023.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage wider application of technology by the logistics industry by enhancing the Pilot Subsidy Scheme for Third-party Logistics Service Providers in the first half of 2023. (TLB) 	Task completed. The enhancement measure for raising the subsidy ratio of the Pilot Subsidy Scheme was implemented with effect from 1 January 2023.
54	Commission an engineering feasibility study for the proposed redevelopment of the Sha Tau Kok Port/Control Point in Q1 2023. (SB)	Task completed. The engineering feasibility study for the redevelopment of the Sha Tau Kok Control Point was commissioned in Q1 2023, with the contract awarded to the consultant in Q3 2023.
55	Transform SkyPier at Hong Kong International Airport into SkyPier Terminal to support both sea-air and land-air passenger transfer, with construction to be completed in 2022 and operational readiness attained in 2023. (TLB)	Task completed. The relevant works of the SkyPier Terminal were completed in December 2022, and the facility was soft-launched in August 2023.

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56	Launch a new “GBA Youth Aviation Industry Internship Programme” in the first half of 2023 with about 300 places to be provided in the first year. (TLB)	Task completed. The Programme was launched in May 2023. As of 30 September 2023, a total of 138 interns have arrived in Hong Kong.
57	Lead delegations of the local legal sector to visit The ASEAN member states, other Southeast Asian, Middle East and African countries from 2023 onward. (DoJ)	Task on track. DoJ visited Bangkok, Thailand with delegates from the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Law Society of Hong Kong in March 2023. DoJ is planning other overseas visits.
58	Establish a task force to strengthen inter-regional legal assistance and facilitate the convergence of legal practices between the GBA and Hong Kong by end-2022, and establish an online mediation platform dedicated for dispute resolution in the GBA by end-2023. (DoJ)	Task on track. DoJ established the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Task Force in January 2023, and is taking forward the setting up of the online mediation platform.
59	Secure passage of the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2022 in 2023; and	Task completed. The Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2022 was passed by the LegCo on 7 December 2022 and came into operation on 1 May 2023 to strengthen copyright protection in the digital environment.
	introduce the relevant subsidiary legislation in relation to the application of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks to Hong Kong into the LegCo in 2023. (CEDB)	Task on track. The CEDB and the Intellectual Property Department (IPD) will continue to actively discuss with the China National Intellectual Property Administration and relevant Mainland authorities the detailed arrangement in relation to the application of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks to Hong Kong, with a view to tabling the relevant subsidiary legislation in the LegCo as soon as possible.
60	Acquire institutional autonomy to carry out substantive patent examination in 2030. (CEDB)	Task on track. As at September 2023, there were 19 original grant patent examiners in the IPD. It is expected that the number of original grant patent examiners will increase to 28 by end-2023.

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61	<p>Promote intellectual property (IP) public education, capacity building and professional services within the next five years by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ reaching out to 100 000 students; ➤ providing IP training to 5 000 personnel across different industries; and ➤ attracting about 10 000 local, Mainland and overseas participants to attend the annual Business of IP Asia Forum. (CEDB) 	<p>Task on track. From July 2022 to end-September 2023, the following interim targets have been achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ reached out to over 25 000 students through programmes like school visits, interactive drama, etc.; ➤ provided IP training to over 2 000 personnel under the IP Manager Scheme; and ➤ The Business of IP Asia Forum 2022 was successfully held on 1 and 2 December 2022 in a hybrid mode of online and offline participation, attracting about 14 500 viewers/participants from 46 countries and regions. The Business of IP Asia Forum 2023 will be held on 7 and 8 December 2023 and physical participation will resume in full.
62	<p>Promote Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities through the following activities in the Mainland by the Mainland Offices in 2024, an increase of 15% as compared to 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ organising no less than 3 200 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies; ➤ attending no less than 270 speaking occasions; ➤ conducting no less than 330 media interviews or briefings; and ➤ participating in no less than 800 business and trade meetings. (CMAB) 	<p>Task on track. Anticipated to complete as scheduled.</p>

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63	<p>Promote Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities overseas through the following activities by the Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) in 2024, an increase of 20% as compared to 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ paying no less than 2 700 visits to governments and organisations of host countries; ➤ attending no less than 1 000 speaking occasions; ➤ conducting no less than 1 100 media interviews or briefings; and ➤ staging no less than 1 300 forums, exhibitions, seminars and promotional activities. (CEDB) 	<p>Task on track. The overseas Hong Kong ETOs have continued to strengthen exchange and promotional work in places under their purview, and will achieve the relevant targets in 2024 as scheduled.</p>
64	<p>Strengthen primary healthcare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen co-ordination and governance of primary healthcare services provision across the public and private sectors, set standards and devise quality assurance mechanisms by establishing the Primary Healthcare Authority in 2024. (HHB) • Launch a three-year Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme from 2023 under which District Health Centres (DHCs) will refer people who are screened to be at high risk of hypertension or diabetes mellitus to the private sector for further examination and appropriate treatment. (HHB) 	<p>Task on track. HHB will establish the Primary Healthcare Commission (formerly named Primary Healthcare Authority) within 2024.</p> <p>Task on track. The Pilot Scheme is set for launch in mid-November 2023.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme by rolling out a three-year pilot scheme from 2023 through increasing the annual voucher amount from the existing \$2,000 to \$2,500. (Note: The additional \$500 will be allotted to the elderly persons' accounts upon their claiming at least \$1,000 from the voucher for designated primary healthcare services, such as disease prevention and health management, and the additional amount should also be used for those designated services.) (HHB) 	<p>Task on track. The three-year Pilot Reward Scheme will be implemented in November 2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct 140 000 health assessments for members of DHCs by Q4 2023. (HHB) 	<p>Task completed. DHCs will continue to conduct health assessments for citizens, encourage them to start making Life Course Preventive Care plans, and assist them to set health management goals.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the annual quota of subsidised out-patient services provided at Chinese Medicine Clinics cum Training and Research Centres from about 600 000 to 800 000 by end-2023. (HHB) 	<p>Task completed. The annual quota of government-subsidised out-patient services provided at these Centres was increased to 800 000 on 1 October 2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide 800 government-subsidised training places in primary healthcare for healthcare professionals by Q4 2023. (HHB) 	<p>Target completed in advance. As at end-June 2023, a total of 1 055 government-subsidised training places in primary healthcare for healthcare professionals were provided.</p>
65	<p>Improve public hospital clinic services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the 90th percentile waiting time of stable new case bookings for the specialty of Medicine at Hospital Authority (HA)'s specialist out-patient clinics (SOPCs) by 20% in 2023-24. (HHB) 	<p>Task on track. As at August 2023, the HA's overall 90th percentile waiting time of stable new case bookings for the Medicine specialty in the past 12 months had been reduced by 23%. The reduction of waiting time is expected to be maintained throughout the year hence the target can be achieved by the end of 2023-24.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline total patient journey time at HA's SOPCs, such that, by 31 March 2023, 75% of patients will have journey time – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ from registration to doctor consultation within 60 minutes; and ➢ from registration to medication collection within 120 minutes. (HHB) 	<p>Task completed. Currently more than 75% of SOPC patients could consult a doctor within 60 minutes after registration and collect medication within 120 minutes after registration.</p>
66	<p>Improve patient experience with technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide drug delivery services in all HA's SOPCs with telehealth service before 31 March 2023. (HHB) 	<p>Task completed. At present, all suitable SOPC patients can opt for medication delivery services after consultation.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue electronic sick leave certificates at all HA's clinics to fully replace the current paper sick leave certificates by 31 March 2023. (HHB) 	<p>Task completed. Starting from 6 March 2023, medical certificates issued by the HA have fully adopted the electronic form with digital signatures to replace the traditional manually signed paper certificates.</p>
67	<p>Promote mental health at all education levels by distributing the mental health educational materials of the mental health promotion and public education initiative "Shall We Talk" to all primary, secondary and tertiary institutions by end-2023. (HHB)</p>	<p>Task completed. Distribution of the materials under the initiative to all primary, secondary and tertiary institutions was completed in October 2023.</p>
68	<p>Reduce smoking prevalence from existing 9.5% to 7.8% in 2025. (HHB)</p>	<p>Task on track. The public consultation on tobacco control strategies ended in end-September 2023. The HHB is now analysing the feedback collected and will formulate the next-phase tobacco control initiatives.</p>
69	<p>Promote the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHRSS) by attaining the following usage levels by end-2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ no less than 6 million healthcare recipients registered; ➢ no less than 3 million eHealth App users; and ➢ monthly average of no less than 100 000 record access. (HHB) 	<p>Task on track. Target usage levels were largely achieved as at end-September 2023, with over 3.1 million eHealth App users and a monthly average of over 180 000 record access.</p>

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70	<p>Strengthen child care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of beneficiaries under the Fee-Waiving Subsidy Scheme of the After School Care Programme for low income families to 4 600 by end-2026/27 school year, an increase of more than 60% over 2021/22 school year. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. In end-June 2023, the number of beneficiaries under the Fee-Waiving Subsidy Scheme of the After School Care Programme increased to 3 826, an increase of around 34% over 2021/22 school year.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of Aided Standalone Child Care Centre service places for parents who cannot temporarily take care of their young children to 1 440 by end-2026-27, an increase of nearly 70% over 2021-22. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. In end-June 2023, the number of Aided Standalone Child Care Centre service places increased to 1 032, an increase of around 21% over 2021-22.</p>
71	<p>Improve elderly services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 6 200 additional subsidised residential care service places for the elderly by end-2027, with about 2 600 of them delivered by end-2023. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. As at September 2023, 2 350 additional subsidised residential care service places the elderly commenced service. Another 250 additional places will commence service by end-2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 900 additional subsidised day care service places for elderly by end-2027, with about 300 of them delivered by end-2023. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. As at September 2023, about 190 additional subsidised day care service places for elderly commenced service. Another 70 additional places will commence service by end-2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularise the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly with effect from Q3 2023 and increase the number of beneficiaries from existing 8 000 to 12 000 in 2025-26. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. The Pilot Scheme has been regularised since September 2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of beneficiaries under HA's Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients from existing about 33 000 to 45 000 starting from Q3 2023. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. The number of beneficiaries under the Programme has been increased to 45 000 since September 2023.</p>

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72	<p>Better support to carers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularise carers' allowances for low-income families and increase the monthly rate from \$2,400 to \$3,000 with effect from October 2023. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. The Social Welfare Department regularised the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families and Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities in October 2023 as scheduled.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a package of support measures including setting up a one-stop information gateway and a designated hotline for carers, increasing the number of respite service places and enhancing the service enquiry system, promoting community-based peer support for carers, and launching a territory-wide publicity campaign to raise public awareness of the needs of carers from 2023. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. The measures on setting up a designated hotline for carers, increasing the number of respite service places and enhancing the service enquiry system, promoting community-based peer support for carers as well as launching a territory-wide publicity campaign have been completed. The preparation work for setting up a one-stop information gateway is underway for launch by November 2023 as scheduled.</p>
73	<p>Improve rehabilitation services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve zero waiting time from 2024-25 in respect of On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Service (OPRS) for children with special needs. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. Tier 1 Support Services were regularised and integrated with OPRS from September 2023, to provide support for children waiting for services so as to achieve "zero waiting time" from 2024-25.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of day rehabilitation, residential care and respite service places for persons with disabilities by 10% from 35 100 in 2021-22 to 38 800 by 2026-27. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. By end-August 2023, a total of 505 additional places for day rehabilitation, residential care and respite services were provided, bringing the total number of service places to 35 700.</p>
74	<p>Strengthen occupational safety and health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the five-year average industrial accident rate per 1 000 construction workers by at least 10% from 29.8 in 2021 to 26.8 in 2026. (LWB) 	<p>Task on track. In 2022, the five-year average industrial accident rate per 1 000 construction workers was 29.1.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help at least 50% of injured construction workers participating in the Pilot Rehabilitation Programme for Employees Injured at Work recover within five months after commencement of rehabilitation treatment by 2023. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. As at end-July 2023, over 50% of injured construction workers participating in the Pilot Programme recovered within five months after commencement of rehabilitation treatment.</p>
75	<p>Complete a review under the government procurement regime on the remuneration of non-skilled workers employed under the government outsourced service contracts, and the relevant monitoring mechanism in Q1 2023. (FSTB)</p>	<p>Task completed. The Government on schedule completed a review on the remuneration of non-skilled workers under government outsourced service contracts and the relevant monitoring mechanism. A series of improvement measures were implemented.</p>
76	<p>Safeguard labour rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release ex-gratia payment from the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund (PWIF) within three months for simple and straight-forward applications and not more than six months for 90% of non-disputed and substantiated applications upon receipt of applications by the PWIF Application Office, with effect from Q4 2022. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. The Office has approved relevant applications and released ex-gratia payment within the specified time limits.</p>
77	<p>Strengthen employment support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch the regularised GBA Youth Employment Scheme in the first half of 2023 to encourage university graduates from Hong Kong to pursue their careers in the GBA Mainland cities. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. The regularised Scheme was launched on 1 March 2023.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employ more ethnic minorities for appointments as Employment Assistants and General Assistants in the Labour Department to enhance their employment opportunities starting from the first half of 2023. (LWB) 	<p>Task completed. The Labour Department has employed 21 more ethnic minorities as Employment Assistants and General Assistants.</p>

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78	Set up progressively the District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams) in the 18 districts to provide caring services, starting from one district each in the New Territories and the urban areas (i.e. Tsuen Wan and Southern District) in 2023. (HYAB)	Task completed. Care Teams in Tsuen Wan and Southern District have started operation since May 2023. Care Teams in the remaining 16 districts have also been formed.
79	<p>Step up promotion of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Mathematics) education by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ implementing the enriched coding education and incorporating learning elements of I&T (e.g. Artificial Intelligence) in the relevant curricula at the upper primary and junior secondary levels respectively in at least 75% of publicly-funded schools by the 2024/25 school year; ➤ designating a STEAM co-ordinator in all publicly-funded schools starting from the 2022/23 school year; ➤ arranging the STEAM co-ordinator/teachers to undergo core professional development training on I&T for at least 75% of publicly-funded schools by the 2023/24 school year; and ➤ organising or participating in quality STEAM activities of reasonable scale at the school, inter-school, territory-wide or international level by all publicly-funded schools starting from the 2023/24 school year. (EDB) 	<p>Progress of the four indicators is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Task on track. EDB has issued the “Enriched Module on Coding Education for Upper Primary Level” and the “Module on Artificial Intelligence for Junior Secondary Level”; ➤ Task completed. All publicly-funded schools have designated a STEAM co-ordinator in the 2022/23 school year; ➤ Task on track. Over 75% of publicly-funded schools have devised or are devising plans for STEAM teachers to undergo professional development training on I&T in the 2022/23 school year; and ➤ Task on track. 86% and 95% of publicly-funded schools have organised or arranged students to participate in STEAM activities at school, inter-school, territory-wide or international level respectively in the 2022/23 school year.

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80	<p>Enhance post-secondary education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to broaden the pathways for students and enhance post-secondary education so that at least 50% and 80% of secondary school leavers will have access to degree-level and post-secondary education (including Vocational and Professional Education and Training (“VPET”) programmes) respectively. (EDB) 	<p>Task completed. In the 2022/23 academic year, among the young people in the relevant age cohort, over 50% and 80% had access to degree-level and post-secondary education (including VPET programmes) respectively.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded universities to increase relevance of their programmes to future economic development such that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> students in the UGC-funded universities studying in STEAM disciplines will reach around 35% in the next five years. students in the UGC-funded universities studying in disciplines relevant to “the eight centres” will reach around 60% in the next five years. (EDB) 	<p>Task on track. UGC plans to commence the Planning Exercise for the 2025-28 triennium in 2023-24. Universities will be encouraged to provide more programmes relating to STEAM and “the eight centres” in light of the Government’s target, the respective institutional roles and visions as well as market demand. UGC aims to submit the recommendations of the Planning Exercise to the Government in Q4 2024.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of publicly-funded research postgraduate places in UGC-funded universities from existing 5 595 to 7 200 in the 2024/25 academic year. (EDB) 	<p>Task completed. The special allocation exercise for the additional places was completed and the eight UGC-funded universities were informed of the results in August 2023.</p>
81	<p>Promote Mainland and international exchanges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of publicly-funded schools having sister school pairs established with the Mainland counterparts by 10% by end-2023. (EDB) 	<p>Task completed. As at end-September 2023, 93 more publicly-funded schools have established sister school pairs with the Mainland counterparts, representing an increase of 12%.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more opportunities for students to participate in the Mainland study tours, subject to the resumption of quarantine-free travel, with the following targets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ participating in at least one subsidised Mainland exchange programme each in their primary and secondary stages under the Mainland Exchange Programme for Junior Secondary and Upper Primary Students and Mainland Exchange Programme for Secondary School Students for all students in publicly-funded schools; ➤ participating in a Mainland study tour for all students taking the senior secondary Citizenship and Social Development subject; and ➤ providing opportunities of learning experience outside Hong Kong for around 50% of local undergraduate students of UGC-funded universities by the 2025/26 academic year. (EDB) 	<p>Progress of the three indicators is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Task completed. The Students Mainland Exchange Programme has resumed in the 2023/24 school year. ➤ Task completed. Mainland study tours for the subject of Citizenship and Social Development were kick-started in April 2023. ➤ Task on track. With the stabilisation of the epidemic, UGC-funded universities are actively resuming various student exchange programmes and experiential learning activities outside Hong Kong. UGC also supports universities in providing more such opportunities for local undergraduate students through the “Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience” in the 2022-2025 triennium.
82	<p>Strengthen national education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign a dedicated co-ordinator to lead the strategic planning of national education (including national security education) based on a whole-school approach in all publicly-funded schools by the 2022/23 school year. (EDB) 	<p>Task completed. In the 2022/23 school year, all publicly-funded schools have assigned a dedicated co-ordinator to lead the strategic planning of national education based on a whole-school approach.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Education Bureau’s onsite teacher workshops on national security education for all publicly-funded schools by the 2022/23 school year. (EDB) 	<p>Task completed. All publicly-funded schools have joined the Onsite Teacher Workshop on National Security Education organised by EDB by end-January 2023.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise quality whole-school national education activities and participate in national education activities at the inter-school, territory-wide or national levels every year by all publicly-funded schools, starting from the 2022/23 school year. (EDB) Participate in the Mainland study tours by all newly-joined teachers in publicly-funded schools and teachers aspiring for promotion in public sector schools, subject to the resumption of quarantine-free travel to the Mainland. (EDB) Organise at least one school-based activity relating to Chinese culture every year by all kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme, starting from the 2022/23 school year. (EDB) Organise at least one activity relating to national education for parents by all publicly-funded schools, starting from the 2022/23 school year. (EDB) 	<p>Task completed. In the 2022/23 school year, all publicly-funded schools organised quality whole-school national education activities and participated in national education activities at the inter-school, territory-wide or national levels.</p> <p>Task completed. Seven Mainland study tours for newly-joined teachers were organised in the 2022/23 school year. Starting from the 2023/24 school year, promoted teachers in public sector schools are required to participate in Mainland study tours.</p> <p>Task completed. All kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme organised at least one school-based activity relating to Chinese culture in the 2022/23 school year.</p> <p>Task completed. In the 2022/23 school year, all publicly-funded schools organised at least one activity relating to national education for parents.</p>
83	Issue the first edition of the Youth Development Blueprint before end-2022. (HYAB)	Task completed. The first edition of the Youth Development Blueprint was published on 20 December 2022.
84	<p>Enhance participation in public affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase progressively the number of participating advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) under the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY) from around 60 at present to no less than 125 by end-2024 and no less than 180 by mid-2027. (HYAB) 	Task on track. The MSSY Phase VI, with the number of participating committees increased to 20, was launched in May 2023. It is estimated that the total number of participating committees will be no less than 180 by mid-2027.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the total number of posts in ASBs directly offered through MSSY from around 130 at present to no less than 250 by end-2024 and no less than 360 by mid-2027. (HYAB) 	<p>Task on track. The MSSY Phase VI, with the number of participating committees increased to 20, was launched in May 2023. It is estimated that the number of posts directly offered through the MSSY will be no less than 360 by mid-2027.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No less than 70% of responding appointees to consider MSSY useful in assisting them to take part in public policy discussion and debate. (HYAB) 	<p>Task on track. The HYAB will monitor the progress of the MSSY and collect feedback from the appointees around six months after the completion of each phase.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a pilot scheme in Q1 2023 under which two district committees under the Home Affairs Department will be opened up for young people to nominate themselves as members, and review the scheme two years after its implementation. (HYAB) 	<p>Task completed. A self-nomination scheme for District Youth Community Building Committee and District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee was launched in January 2023 by the Home Affairs Department. The two committees were established in April 2023, with about 330 young people appointed as members through self-nomination.</p>
85	<p>Deepen government participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have at least 50% of departments in the Government to organise regular activities to help young people understand different professions and facilitate their life planning by end-2024. (HYAB) 	<p>Target completed in advance. As at end-August 2023, over 70% of departments in the Government organised regular activities to help young people understand different professions and facilitate their life planning.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the Security Bureau Volunteer Services Team and support at least 100 kids from new arrival families in 2022-23. (SB) 	<p>Task completed. The SB established the SB Volunteer Services Team and launched the Sunshine Buddies volunteer programme in October 2022. More than 150 kids from new arrival families have benefited from the programme.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer at least 100 internship places within the disciplined services for youth uniformed groups of the disciplined services in 2023. (SB) 	<p>Task completed. The disciplined services departments provided 117 internship places internally for their youth members in 2023. The interns were tasked to provide administrative support, assist in organising community education activities, etc.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch a cross-sector internship programme and provide about 200 internship opportunities in different sectors (including those in GBA) for youth uniformed groups of the disciplined services in 2023. (SB) 	<p>Task completed. The disciplined services departments provided 217 internship opportunities in different sectors (including those in GBA) for their youth members in 2023.</p>
86	<p>Cultivate positive thinking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurture positive thinking of young people through youth-led projects involving cross-sectoral efforts to benefit no less than 30 000 attendance, including about 6 000 attendance in the first round by mid-2025. (HYAB) 	<p>Task on track. The Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities was launched in late 2022. It is estimated that the attendance will be no less than 6 000 by mid-2025. Subject to the progress of the first round, the next round of the funding scheme will be rolled out in due course.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide systematic and quality adventure training activities to young people for no less than 50 000 attendance, including about 10 000 attendance in the first round by mid-2025. (HYAB) 	<p>Task on track. The Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities was launched in late 2022. It is estimated that the attendance will be no less than 10 000 by mid-2025. Subject to the progress of the first round, the next round of the funding scheme will be rolled out in due course.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No less than 70% of responding participants to consider themselves having developed a positive outlook on life after joining either of the two new schemes. (HYAB) 	<p>Task on track. The HYAB will monitor the progress of the above two Schemes and examine the feedback of responding participants upon the completion of each round of the Schemes.</p>
87	<p>Enrich experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of beneficiaries under the Mainland and overseas youth internship programmes per annum from about 4 000 in 2019 (i.e. before the epidemic), to no less than 4 800 in 2024, and to no less than 5 600 by 2027. (HYAB) 	<p>Task on track. As at end-August 2023, the number of beneficiaries under various Mainland and overseas youth internship programmes of the HYAB was about 3 000.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No less than 90% of the participants surveyed to consider themselves as having benefitted from the programmes and that the programme objectives attained. (HYAB) 	Task on track. Relevant questionnaire surveys will be completed upon the conclusion of all activities under various internship programmes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No less than 80% of employers surveyed to consider the Mainland and overseas internship experience valuable and participants of such programmes more competitive than non-participants. (HYAB) 	Task on track. Relevant questionnaire surveys will be completed upon the conclusion of all activities under various internship programmes.
88	No less than 70% of the participants surveyed to consider their understanding of business start-up to increase after joining the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA. (HYAB)	Task on track. Relevant questionnaire surveys will be completed upon the conclusion of all projects under the Scheme.
89	Expand the Youth Hostel Scheme to hotels and guesthouses with a view to providing around 3 000 additional places over next five years. (HYAB)	Task on track. Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels was launched in January 2023 with three projects offering 478 hostel places approved so far.
90	Promote waste reduction and recycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore requiring by legislation the property management companies and owners' organisations of major housing estates and single-block buildings with relatively large number of flats to collect separated recyclables and pass them to recyclers for proper processing by 2024. (EEB) 	Task on track. Drafting of the relevant bill is in progress and the bill is expected to be introduced into the LegCo in early 2024.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a bill into the LegCo in early 2023 to regulate disposable plastic tableware and other plastic products in phases, starting from six months after the passage of the bill. (EEB) 	Task completed. The relevant bill was passed on 18 October 2023. First phase regulation will be implemented starting from Q2 2024.

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91	Enhance energy efficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the overall energy performance of government buildings and infrastructure by more than 6% in 2024-25, using 2018-19 as the baseline year. (EEB) 	Task on track. As at 2021-22, the overall energy performance of government buildings and infrastructure has improved by around 3.2%.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase energy saving by 17% by expanding the scope of the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme to cover more household appliances through legislative amendments to be introduced to LegCo in 2022-23. (EEB) 	Task completed. Phase IV of the Scheme has commenced since 1 September 2023. The total coverage of energy consumption in the residential sector by the Scheme has also increased substantially from about 50% to about 80%.
92	Promote green transport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide about additional 7 000 parking spaces with electric vehicle chargers in government premises by 2025 (an increase in such parking spaces from 30% to 100% in government premises just completed or to be soon completed). (EEB) 	Task on track. All parking spaces for private cars, motorcycles and light goods vehicles in newly-built government buildings will be equipped with medium chargers for electric vehicles. Chargers will also be installed in government buildings under construction or planning. It is expected to provide 7 000 additional parking spaces with chargers by 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test out hydrogen fuel cell electric buses and heavy vehicles in 2023. (EEB) 	Task on track. The Inter-departmental Working Group on Using Hydrogen as Fuel is working closely with a franchised bus company, with an aim to commencing the trial of the first hydrogen fuel cell electric double-deck bus before end of 2023.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct trials for at least 180 electric commercial vehicles (e-CVs), with a view to mapping out the way forward around 2025. (EEB) 	Task on track. Trials of over 90 e-CVs subsidised by the New Energy Transport Fund have commenced/completed and about 120 e-CVs will start the trials. The Government aims to announce a roadmap for the promotion of electric public transport and commercial vehicles by 2025, and will accelerate to formulate a roadmap and timetable for the green transformation of public buses and taxis within the first half of 2024.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test out electric ferries with all four in-harbour ferry operators by 2024. (EEB) 	Task on track. All four operators have signed subsidy agreements with the Government and one of them has commenced the construction of an electric ferry.
93	Increase the local mariculture production by 100% in five years. (EEB)	Task on track. Four new fish culture zones will be designated by end-2023 and five units of new deep-sea cages are planned to be provided at first for renting to the trade to promote the development of mariculture.
94	Complete the public consultation on the preliminary findings of the “Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030” in Q1 2023, with a view to consolidating the Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint in Q4 2023. (TLB)	Task on track. The public consultation was completed in end-March 2023. The Hong Kong Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint will be promulgated in end-2023.
95	Complete the First Stage Study of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu – Qianhai) Project in 2022 and commence the Second Stage Study in Q1 2023 jointly with Shenzhen authorities. (TLB)	Task completed. The First Stage Study was completed in end-2022 and the Second Stage Study commenced in January 2023.
96	Release preliminary recommendations of the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study in the second half of 2023, and promulgate the finalised long-term Transport Strategy Blueprint in 2025. (TLB)	Task on track. The Government has formulated four transport strategy concepts under the Study and sought advice from the LegCo Panel on Transport in July 2023.
97	<p>Launch a new 10-year development blueprint on sports and recreation facilities with the following targets:</p> <p>Phase 1 (2022-2027)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 16 projects with implementation launched; and ➤ 15 projects with technical feasibility study (TFS) launched. <p>Phase 2 (2027-2032)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15 projects (with technical feasibility established under Phase 1) with implementation launched. (CSTB) 	Task on track. Among the 16 projects for implementation, two projects have met the KPI as funding approvals have been obtained, 11 projects have completed TFSs, and the remaining three projects are at the early preparatory stage of the TFSs. As for the 15 projects targeted for TFS, the respective scopes of works are being defined.

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98	Promote urban sports to 8 000 participants every year starting from 2023/24 school year. (CSTB)	Task on track. In 2023/24 school year, we will provide subsidy to secondary and primary schools for organising urban sports training courses. At least 8 000 students will be offered the opportunity to participate in urban sports every year.
99	Support at least 10 major international sports events under the “M” Mark system with at least 350 000 attendance every year. (CSTB)	Task on track. As at end-September 2023, six major international sports events supported by the “M” Mark system have been organised in Hong Kong, with around 363 000 attendance.
100	Harbourfront promenade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the total length of promenade on both sides of the Victoria Harbour by over 30% from 25 kilometres (km) to 34 km in 2028. (DEVB) 	Task on track. The total length of promenade on both sides of the Victoria Harbour will be extended to 27 km by end-2023, and is expected to be extended to 34 km by 2028.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage at least 30 events/activities at harbourfront sites every year. (DEVB) 	2023 target completed in advance. As at end-September 2023, over 30 events/activities were staged at harbourfront sites with various pop-up installations and activities hosted by different organisations.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the pollution load at identified highly polluted outfalls along Victoria Harbour, including Tsuen Wan, Sham Shui Po and Kowloon City by 50% by end-2024. (EEB) 	Task on track. As at end-September 2023, the pollution load at identified outfalls has reduced by about 40% and is expected to be reduced by over 50% within 2024.
101	Progressively commence works for improving some sections and providing the missing links of a 60-km long Round-the-Island Trail from 2023 onward with a view to connecting 90% of the Trail within five years. (DEVB)	Task on track. Consultancy study commenced in May 2023. Works are being rolled out in phases, while proposals for other sections are being formulated.
102	Complete the designation of about 500 ha of land at Robin’s Nest as country park in 2024. (EEB)	Task on track. Completion of the designation of the country park is targeted to be advanced to the first half of 2024.

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103	Allow tourist activities in all parts of the Sha Tau Kok Frontier Closed Area (STK FCA) except Chung Ying Street through progressive opening starting from early 2024, subject to local consultation in early 2023. (SB)	Task on track. Further to the completion of local consultation, STK FCA will be progressively opened up from January 2024 onwards, allowing tourist activities in all parts of the STK FCA except Chung Ying Street.
104	Step up the promotion of the Constitution and the Basic Law by organising no less than 700 promotional activities (10% increase over 2022) with no less than 900 000 participants (10% increase over 2022) and no less than 25 million views via online publicity (15% increase over 2022) in 2024. (CMAB/relevant bureaux)	Task on track. Anticipated to complete as scheduled.
105	Launch the Rule of Law Education “Train-the-Trainers” Programme by the Department of Justice in collaboration with legal professionals and law schools in Q3 2023. (DoJ)	Taking into account the comments of the Steering Committee on Rule of Law Education and its two Working Groups, DoJ has made adjustments to the contents and implementation details of the Programme. It will launch the first phase of the “Rule of Law Education Train-the-Leaders Programme” in November 2023 to train 200 rule of law education leaders.
106	Establish the “Security Bureau Youth Uniformed Group Leaders Forum” by Q4 2022 to let outstanding members from youth uniformed groups of the disciplined and auxiliary services tender advice on matters including enhancing young people’s sense of national identity and national security. (SB)	Task completed. SB established the “Security Bureau Youth Uniformed Group Leaders Forum” in October 2022, and has been organising diverse activities to enhance the abilities and broaden the horizons of its members.
107	Enhance the national security awareness of about 10 000 youth uniformed group members of the disciplined services by end-2023. (SB)	Target completed in advance. The disciplined services promoted national security education to about 25 000 participants from youth uniformed groups of the disciplined services as at end-September 2023.

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108	Launch public consultation on legislative proposals to enhance the protection of cybersecurity of critical infrastructure in early 2023. (SB)	Task completed. Due to the technicality of the matter, the target of consultation has been revised to focus on the relevant industry sectors. The cybersecurity industry was consulted in Q1 2023. Exchange of views and soft consultation with critical infrastructure operators commenced in Q2 2023.
109	Launch public consultation on the legislative proposals to regulate on-line and off-line crowdfunding activities for better transparency and accountability by end-2022. (FSTB)	Task completed. The public consultation was conducted from 19 December 2022 to 20 March 2023.
110	Rehabilitation of young persons in custody (PICs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch the “Youth Lab” and “Change Lab” by end-2022 to enhance psychological and counselling services for young PICs and those under supervision after release respectively. (SB) 	Task completed. The Correctional Services Department (CSD) launched the “Youth Lab” and “Change Lab” on 6 July and 26 October 2022 respectively.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign a memorandum of understanding with the Hong Kong Metropolitan University in October 2022 to provide more comprehensive support for PICs who wish to continue their studies. (SB) 	Task completed. CSD and the Hong Kong Metropolitan University signed the memorandum of understanding on 24 October 2022.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up four Multi-purpose Family and Rehabilitation Services Centres between end-2022 and Q1 2023 for strengthening psychological and counselling services for discharged persons subject to supervision. (SB) 	Task completed. CSD set up four new multi-purpose family and rehabilitation service centres between October 2022 and March 2023.

Extracts from the 2023 Policy Address - Indicators for Specified Tasks

(I) New Indicators

Promote Fertility and Support Families with Newborns

53. Strengthen support for assisted reproductive services:

- Over five years starting from 2024-25, the Hospital Authority (HA) will gradually increase the annual service quota for in-vitro fertilisation treatment from 1 100 to 1 800 treatment cycles; and (HHB)
- Starting from the year of assessment 2024/25, the Government will provide tax deduction for expenses on assisted reproductive services under salaries tax and personal assessment, subject to a deduction ceiling of \$100,000 per year. (HHB, FSTB)

Healthcare

61. Develop a health and medical innovation hub:

- Set up the preparatory office for the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation within 2024 to conduct preliminary work for enhancing the regulatory and approval regime for medicine, medical device and technology;
- Set up the Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute in the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone within 2024 to provide a one-stop clinical trial support platform for medical research institutions;
- Establish the Cluster Clinical Research Support Office under the HA within 2024-25 to facilitate clinical researches and trials in the public healthcare system; and
- Establish a new “1+” mechanism under the existing drug regulatory regime by end-2023 to expedite the approval of pharmaceutical products containing new chemical or biological entities for life-threatening or severely-debilitating diseases. (HHB)

62. Enhance oral health of the community:
- Launch the Primary Dental Co-Care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents within 2025 to motivate them to maintain a habit of having regular dental checkups upon leaving the School Dental Care Service;
 - Improve the dental treatment services for low-income elderly persons through enhancing the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme under the Community Care Fund in Q3 2024;
 - Enhance the special care dental services currently provided by the Department of Health to cover an additional 900 new patients with special needs and disabilities per year in Q3 2024; and
 - Enhance the emergency dental service for vulnerable groups within 2025 covering all 18 districts through collaboration with non-governmental organisations. (HHB)
63. Enhance support for persons in mental recovery and those with mental health needs:
- The HA will optimise the ratio of case manager to patients with severe mental illness to no higher than 1:40 under the Case Management Programme by end-2023. For new cases triaged as Priority 1 (urgent) and Priority 2 (semi-urgent) at psychiatric specialist outpatient clinics, the median waiting time will be maintained at no longer than one week and four weeks respectively; (HHB)
 - Introduce a pilot scheme in three District Health Centres within 2024 to provide mental health assessment for members of the public in need and provide follow-up, as well as early referral for high-risk cases; (HHB)
 - Enhance the services of Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness in the second half of 2024 and commence scaling up training for about 1 000 social workers in community mental health service units; (LWB)
 - Increase the number of full-time peer supporter positions from 40 by 75% to at least 70 by Q4 2024; and set up four additional Parents/Relatives Resource Centres by Q3 2025; (LWB) and
 - Launch a suitable “Mental Health Literacy” resource package for learning at upper primary and junior secondary levels within the 2023/24 school year. (EDB)

64. Strengthen healthcare manpower supply and personnel exchange:
- Introduce amendment bills to the Nurses Registration Ordinance and the Dentists Registration Ordinance by mid-2024 to provide new pathways for admitting qualified non-locally trained dentists and nurses to practise and serve in specified institutions;
 - Gradually increase training places of dental hygienist and dental therapist starting from the 2023/24 academic year from 95 to 185 by 2024/25 academic year; and
 - The HA to establish a two-way personnel exchange channel with Shanghai by Q2 2024. (HHB)
65. Promote the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong:
- Launch the Digitalised Chinese Medicines Information Platform in early 2024 for access by the public, industry, and international research institutions for Chinese medicine drug identification or educational purposes;
 - Establish a strategic partnership mechanism between Hong Kong's first Chinese Medicine Hospital and a Mainland Chinese medicine hospital within 2024 to support the commissioning preparation and continuous development of the hospital; and
 - Publish the Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint within 2025. (HHB)

(II) On-going and Valid Indicators for Specified Tasks Introduced in the 2022 Policy Address

Healthcare

57. Continue to strengthen primary healthcare:
- Strengthen co-ordination and governance of primary healthcare services provision across the public and private sectors, set standards and devise quality assurance mechanisms by establishing the Primary Healthcare Commission within 2024;
 - Launch a three-year Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme from November 2023 onwards, under which District Health Centres (DHCs) will refer people who are screened to be at high risk of hypertension or diabetes mellitus to the private sector for further examination and appropriate treatment;

- Enhance the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme for a period of three years starting from November 2023 by increasing the annual voucher amount from the existing \$2,000 to \$2,500⁶. It is estimated that about 1.7 million eligible elderly persons can be benefitted; and
 - Launch the “Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme” within 2024 to extend the coverage of Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme to suitable medical institutions in the GBA cities as well as designated medical institutions providing dental services. (HHB)
58. Continue to improve public hospital specialist out-patient clinic services:
- Reduce the 90th percentile waiting time of stable new case bookings for the specialty of Medicine at HA’s specialist out-patient clinics (SOPCs) by 20% in 2023-24;
 - Reduce the 90th percentile waiting time of stable new case bookings for the specialties of Ear, Nose and Throat as well as Orthopaedics and Traumatology at HA’s SOPCs by 10% in 2024-25;
 - Set up the first chest pain centre in Queen Mary Hospital in accordance with national accreditation standards and a “Green Channel” for chest pain patients within 2025; and
 - Establish a breastmilk bank and a mechanism for breastmilk donation within 2025. (HHB)
59. Continue to promote the wider use of Electronic Health Record Sharing System to attain the following results by end-2024:
- 3.4 million eHealth App users; and
 - a monthly average of 190 000 record access. (HHB)
60. Launch the next-phase tobacco control initiatives within 2024 with a view to reducing smoking prevalence from the existing 9.5% to 7.8% within 2025. (HHB)

⁶ The additional \$500 will be allotted to the elderly persons’ accounts upon their claiming of at least \$1,000 from the voucher for designated primary healthcare services, such as disease prevention and health management, and the additional amount should also be used for the same use.