



Summary of Achievements

(2022 - August 2023)



1. Housing Planning

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Increase the plot ratio of residential land in the Northern Metropolis and make good use of land to increase the supply of public and private housing.
2. Introduce more transitional housing, including 30,000 "Light Public Housing" units, to provide more opportunities for residents living in substandard conditions to improve their living environment.
3. Promise to reduce the waiting time for public housing from approximately 6 years to around 4.5 years by 2027.
4. Implement the new "Private Subsidised Sale Flat - Pilot Scheme" to increase the supply of subsidised flats.
5. The "Care Fund" will implement a pilot program to provide assistance to residents of transitional housing projects, supporting them in relocation and adapting to their new living environment.
6. Amend the laws to impose stricter penalties for overcharging water fees, enhancing the protection for tenants in subdivided units.
7. Revise the legislation to streamline land development and housing construction processes, accelerating land supply and enhancing housing efficiency.
8. Adopt more innovative construction techniques, including "Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA)" and Building Information Modeling (BIM), to accelerate the housing construction process.



2. Transportation

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Lower the threshold for the "Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme" to HKD200 for a period of six months until October of this year.
2. Launch Time-varying Toll Plan for the three Road Harbour Crossings in 2023.
3. Implement the principle of bringing forward infrastructure construction and plan to construct multiple major highways and railways, including the "Northern Metropolis Highway" and the "Shatin Bypass."
4. Increase the frequency of train services between Hong Kong and Shenzhen North Station for High Speed Rail.
5. Advocate for the "metroisation" of short haul services of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL), and have successfully secured the "Futian Same-day Flexi-trip Arrangement" as the first phase of this transformative initiative.

3. Social Welfare

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. The government has allocated an additional budget of 1.9 billion dollars to further enhance community and residential care services, as well as social work services, to support the elderly, persons with disabilities, and children.
2. Regularize the two schemes, namely the "Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families" and the "Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities," while also increasing the amount of the allowances provided.
3. Establish a dedicated 24-hour hotline to support carers.
4. Launch a special scheme to import care workers for residential care homes, alleviating the shortage issues.



5. Allocate an additional HKD170 million for recurrent expenses to support preschool children with special needs and regularize the "Pilot Project on Tier 1 Support Services in Kindergartens / Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres."
6. Expand the Residential Care Service Scheme in Guangdong, including extending the coverage to a wider range of elderly individuals and inviting eligible operators of elderly homes to apply for inclusion of their homes in the scheme within the Greater Bay Area.

4. Medical Affairs

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Allow spouses to share and use the vouchers together.
2. Increase subsidized quota for Chinese medicine outpatient services from 600,000 to 800,000 annually.
3. Establish integrated clinics with multidisciplinary teams to shorten waiting times for patients to see specialists.
4. Establish databases for individual uncommon disorders and facilitate collaboration and exchange with the national network for uncommon disorders diagnosis and treatment and the Hong Kong Genome Institute.
5. Gradually expand the scope of application for the "Measure of using HK registered drugs and medical devices used in HK public hospitals in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area", allowing designated healthcare institutions in the Greater Bay Area, after approval from the Guangdong Province, to use urgently needed registered pharmaceutical products from Hong Kong, as well as medical devices already procured and used by public hospitals in Hong Kong.



5. Recreation, Culture and Community

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Support the construction of a multi-purpose facility building for the Hong Kong Sports Institute.
2. Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macau would jointly host the 15th National Games in 2025.
3. Support the development of emerging urban sports and explore the possibility of transforming Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building into an urban sports centre to cater the needs of activities such as sport climbing and skateboarding.
4. Construct the "Round-the-Island Trail" on Hong Kong Island to encourage citizens to utilize the waterfront promenade.
5. Set up the Culture Commission to map out a Blueprint for Arts and Culture and Creative Industries Development and enhance the ecosystem for the industries.
6. Establish the "Mega Arts and Cultural Events Fund" to attract more international arts and cultural events to be held in Hong Kong.
7. Map out a 10-year development blueprint for sports and recreation facilities, providing about 30 diversified facilities by phases, such as sports centres, swimming pools, sports grounds and parks. The planned facilities include Hong Kong's second sports park to be developed in Whitehead, Ma On Shan, and large-scale sports and recreation facilities in the Northern Metropolis.
8. Allocate over HKD135 million to support Hong Kong performing arts groups and artists in participating in performances and creating works in the Greater Bay Area for a period of 5 years.
9. Increase the maximum monthly subsidy for full-time elite disabled athletes to HKD40,000.



6. Education

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Promote STEAM education vigorously in primary and secondary schools through popularization, gamification, and diversification approaches.
2. Enhance applied learning and workplace experiences for secondary school students, optimize the applied learning curriculum in senior secondary education by providing more course choices and support, and launch the Business-School Partnership Programme (BSPP) 2.0" with increased business partnerships, covering a wider range of industries.
3. Require newly hired teachers at publicly funded schools, as well as teachers eligible for promotion at public schools, to participate in study tours to the Mainland to deepen their understanding of the national situation.
4. Allocate HKD60 million to support all kindergartens participating in the Kindergarten Education Scheme to organize school-based activities that promote understanding of Chinese culture and history. Implement a phased learning approach and gradual progression to incorporate Chinese culture into early childhood education.
5. Further expand the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth with the goal of increasing the number of advisory committees participating in the Scheme from the current 60+ to no less than 180 within this government term.
6. Increase the number of active members in youth uniformed groups of various disciplinary forces and promote national security education to approximately 10,000 youth uniformed group members from disciplinary forces by the end of 2023.



7. Human Resources

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Commence a new round of manpower projection in 2023, enhancing the forecasting methods to shorten the cycle from 10 years to 5 years. This adjustment aims to closely align with economic and labor market trends and facilitate the development of effective strategies for overall manpower demand by the government.
2. Introduce the Temporary Unemployment Relief Scheme to provide a one-time assistance of HKD10,000 to eligible individuals who experienced temporary unemployment during the fifth wave of the pandemic. Assure applicants who have previously engaged in casual labor during the specified period that their applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis, allowing those with insufficient work history to still have a chance to receive assistance.
3. Optimize the policy concerning foreign domestic helpers and propose amendments to the Code of Practice for Employment Agencies to enhance the regulation of employment agencies and combat the issue of job hopping.
4. Optimize the Supplementary Labour Scheme by temporarily suspending the inclusion of 26 job categories that are typically not covered under the Scheme. This measure will last for a period of two years and aims to alleviate the shortage of manpower.
5. Relaxes the Immigration Arrangement for Non-local Graduates (IANG) by extending the duration of stay from one year to two years, providing convenience for non-local graduates to stay or return to Hong Kong for employment.
6. Provides a refund of additional stamp duty on property purchases in Hong Kong to qualified foreign talents.
7. Organize various activities to further promote vocational and professional education, enhancing public awareness and elevating the professional image of vocational and professional education.



8. Business Environment

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

Reduce business costs

1. Provide a 100% reduction in profits tax for the 2022/23 tax year, subject to a ceiling of HK\$6,000.
2. Provide concessions in rates for non-domestic properties for the first two quarters of the 2023/24 fiscal year, subject to a ceiling of HK\$1,000 per quarter per property.
3. From July 2023 onwards, provide a 50% reduction in rent and fees for eligible tenants of government premises, qualified short-term tenancies and waivers under the Lands Department for a period of 6 months.
4. Waive the business registration fee for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.
5. Reduce water and sewage charges for non-residential users until the end of July 2023.
6. Extends the effective period of the Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme until the end of June 2023.

Attract investments and foster the development of diverse industries.

7. Establish the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises to attract high-potential and representative key enterprises from around the world.
8. Promote the Re-industrialization of Hong Kong, including setting a target to increase the local GDP contribution of the manufacturing industry from 1% to 5% within 10 years, establishing a “Commissioner for Industry” to oversee and supervise the strategic efforts of reindustrialization, and providing financial support for establishment of more intelligent production lines in Hong Kong through the Re-industrialization Funding Scheme (RFS).
9. Increase the funding cap for each company under the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales from HKD6 million to HKD7 million.



10. Allocate an additional HKD550 million to the Trade Development Council (TDC) to assist in seizing the opportunities presented by the Belt and Road Initiative and the development of the Greater Bay Area. The funds will also support the exploration of emerging markets and global promotion efforts.

9. Finance and Economics

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Establishing a listing system for “Specialist Technology Companies” to facilitate fundraising for advanced technology companies that have not yet achieved profitability or have sufficient financial performance.
2. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange released a consultation paper on the GEM listing reform in September 2023, taking a step forward in promoting the reform of the GEM.
3. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority announced the commencement of the e-HKD Pilot Programme to prepare for the issuance of the e-HKD.
4. In addition to the Bank of China, the People's Bank of China has added four pilot banks (Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, China Construction Bank, China Merchants Bank, and Bank of East Asia) to launch the agency witnessing service for Hong Kong residents to open personal bank accounts in the Greater Bay Area while staying in Hong Kong.
5. Introduce the Unilateral Recognition policy for cross-boundary motor insurance arrangement for Northbound Travel for Hong Kong vehicles, allowing Hong Kong private car owners to directly procure a Unilateral Recognition policy from Hong Kong insurers.
6. Promote the development of the bond market, including Issuing silver bonds of no less than HKD50 billion and retail green bonds of HKD15 billion in the 2023/24 fiscal year, and inflation-linked bonds of no less than HKD15 billion in the 2022/2023 fiscal year.



7. Establish an international carbon market in Hong Kong and support the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in continuing its collaboration with financial institutions in Guangzhou and other regions to develop the carbon market.
8. Successfully promote municipal governments outside of Guangdong Province to issue green bonds in Hong Kong - The People's Government of Hainan Province has issued offshore renminbi green and blue bonds worth a total of 5 billion RMB for the first time in Hong Kong in 2022.

10.Environmental Conservation

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Formulate a roadmap for promoting green transportation by 2025. By the end of 2027, approximately 700 electric buses and 3,000 electric taxis will be introduced to enhance the development of electric public transportation.
2. Collaborate with all four domestic ferry operators by 2024 or earlier to conduct trials of electric ferries.
3. The government is taking a step forwards reducing the usage of plastic products by submitting a draft legislation to the Legislative Council in 2023, proposing phased regulations on the manufacturing, sale, and supply of single-use plastic products.

11.Alleviate people's hardships

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

Tax deductions

1. Establish a tax deduction for domestic rental expenses, subject to a ceiling of HKD100,000.



2. Starting from the 2023/2024 tax year, the government increases the basic child allowance and the additional child allowance for the year of birth from the current HKD120,000 to HKD130,000.

Additional one-time relief measures

3. Provide an additional round of consumption vouchers totaling HKD5,000 in two installments to each eligible permanent resident aged 18 or above and new arrivals in Hong Kong.
4. Reduce 100% of salary tax and personal income tax for the 2022/2023 tax year, subject to a ceiling of HKD6,000.
5. Reduce property rates for the first two quarters of the 2023/2024 tax year, subject to a ceiling of HKD1,000 per quarter per residential property.
6. Subsidize each residential electricity user account with HKD1,000.
7. Provide eligible individuals receiving social security assistance with an amount equivalent to half a month's standard rate of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, Old Age Allowance, Old Age Living Allowance, or Disability Allowance in 2023.
8. Cover the examination fees for school candidates participating in the 2024 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination.

12. Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Increase the fixed penalties for offenses such as littering and obstruction of streets by shops.



2. Establish the "District Matters Co-ordination Task Force" in 2022 and launched the "Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots " starting from August 2022. Various departments are dedicated to cleaning up over 700 hygiene and street management black spots across Hong Kong to improve community environmental hygiene.

13. Integration into the National Development

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. The People's Government of Guangdong Province has issued the "Construction Plan for the Chinese Medicine Highlands in the GBA (2020-2025)", which supports the establishment of a common market for traditional Chinese medicine in the Greater Bay Area and explores the integration of TCM standards development among Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao.
2. The State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, together with the National Health Commission, will oversee medical practitioners in Mainland according to the law, and facilitate the practice of Hong Kong and Macau Chinese medicine practitioners in public hospitals in Guangdong Province.
3. The People's Government of Guangdong Province will implement fiscal measures to drive the development of the cultural tourism industry, offer tax incentives to projects that invest in the construction of tourism facilities, and organize iconic cultural and artistic events to promote the cultural tourism strategy in the Greater Bay Area.
4. Vehicle owners who have obtained quota under "Regular Quotas for Cross-boundary Private Cars travelling between Guangdong and Hong Kong" no longer need to return their old vehicles to Shenzhen for deregistration. Instead, they can handle it online through the "Single Window" portal in Guangdong Province.



5. The National Immigration Administration has announced that starting from May 8th, validity of the Home Return Permits for Hong Kong and Macau residents will be extended to allow travelling in and from Mainland with their permits. Residents can apply for a replacement Home Return Permit upon arrival in Mainland.
6. The "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles" scheme allows approved Hong Kong private vehicles to travel between Hong Kong and Guangdong Province through the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge port starting from midnight on July 1st.
7. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong will establish a dedicated promotion center to support the development of Hong Kong individuals and enterprises in the Greater Bay Area.
8. The Trade Development Council will establish "GoGBA One-stop platform" in nine mainland cities within the Greater Bay Area, and will organize business visits and training programs in different provinces and cities to facilitate trade and business development.

14. Security

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. Further enhance the legal framework and implementation mechanisms for safeguarding national security in Hong Kong to align with the original intent of the National Security Law. This includes advancing preparatory work for the legislation under Article 23 of the Basic Law, enacting legislation to regulate both online and offline crowdfunding activities, enhancing network security for critical infrastructure through legislation, and completing advisory research to address the dissemination of false information for policy considerations.
2. Actively explore the implementation of cooperative inspection and joint clearance system at control points, as well as extending the operating hours of control points to enhance their processing capacity.



15. Judicial Affairs

Multiple recommendations have been incorporated by the government:

1. The judiciary is considering establishing a target timetable, such as setting a period of 3 to 5 years after the launch of the Integrated Court Case Management System to require all litigants with legal representation must conduct their proceedings electronically, unless exempted under specific circumstances.
2. Announce the expansion of the "Pilot Scheme on Facilitation for Persons Participating in Arbitral Proceedings in Hong Kong" to cover all visitors, including those who require a visit visa or entry permit to enter Hong Kong (Visa-required Nationals) and residents of the Mainland, Macao and Taiwan.

16. Constitutional Affairs

1. Establish 110 different indicators (including Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for designated projects in order to monitor progress and effectiveness, and make timely improvements.

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