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Based on the construction of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area: The new route of development for modern logistics of Zhuhai

Opening Remarks
Lu Xiaofeng
Deputy Mayor of Zhuhai Municipal People’s Government
Topic: Economic Development of Zhuhai & New Opportunities of Modern Logistics

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Panel Speakers
Brian Wu
Chairman, Hongkong Association of Freight Forwarding and Logistics
Topic: Opportunities for Cooperation and Development of Air and Land Transportation of Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macao

Ken Chung
Chairman, The Chamber of Hong Kong Logistics Industry
Topic: Opportunities for Cooperation and Development between Enterprises and Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macao Logistics Park

Victor Lei
Chairman, International Logistics and Forwarding Association of Macau
Topic: Opportunities for Cross-Border Logistics Cooperation of Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macao

Ou Huisheng
Chairman, Zhuhai Port Holdings Group Co, Ltd
Topic: Opportunities for Cooperation and Development of Port Logistics of Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macao

Liu Wu
Chairman, P.G. Logistics Group Co, Ltd
Topic: Innovative Circulation Modes of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Greater Bay Area to Create New Impetus to Economic Development

Wei Jigang
Senior Research Fellow, Director of Division in Industrial Economic Research Department, Development Research Center of the State Council
Topic: Strengths and Opportunities of Zhuhai Logistics Cooperation with Hong Kong and Macao in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
As part of the seventh Asian Logistics and Maritime Conference, the Zhuhai Municipal People’s Government held a forum called “New Insights on Modern Logistics Development in Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macau within the Grand Plan of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area” to discuss cooperation on logistics development between the three cities.

Lu Xiaofeng, Deputy Mayor of the Zhuhai Municipal People’s Government, said that Zhuhai is striving to become a strategic hub for the One Belt One Road Initiative. When the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge opens, Zhuhai will become the only mainland city connected to Hong Kong and Macau by land, which will give it a unique advantage. Cooperation between Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macau is promising in light of the acceleration of the building of the Greater Bay Area and the imminent completion of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.

Leading figures in the logistics and research sectors discussed how to ensure cooperation between the three cities. Brian Wu, Chairman of the Hongkong Association of Freight Forwarding and Logistics, explained that freight forwarding is time-sensitive and hopes customs clearance of imports and exports can be simplified and that there will be 24x7 clearance and single-side clearance after the opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.

Ken Chung, Chairman of The Chamber of Hong Kong Logistics Industry, suggested the cities cooperate on three fronts: air and land logistics, e-commerce logistics and food cold chain logistics. One example he gave was the handling of cargo transported from Hong Kong airport over the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge to Zhuhai airport and then flown to inland cities, and also on the reverse route. On the e-commerce front, more research on demand is needed. Cross-border e-commerce will grow in both Hong Kong and Zhuhai if they cooperate.

Chung hopes to introduce the service standards of the Hong Kong logistics sector all over the mainland through its cooperation with Zhuhai. Victor Lei, Chairman of the International Logistics and Forwarding Association of Macau, who introduced Macau’s logistics infrastructure, explained how Macau could work with Zhuhai on logistics projects in the Greater Bay Area. He pointed out that Macau is a relatively small city lacking warehouse space, and suggested 24x7 customs clearance to improve the logistics flow of the Zhuhai-Macau Cross-Border Industrial Zone.

Ou Huisheng, Chairman of the Zhuhai Port Holdings Group, listed Zhuhai’s advantages as a modern logistics hub as location, policy, environment and infrastructure. He would like to build a Zhuhai-Hong Kong-Macau logistics ecosystem including: first, the construction of a logistics park in Hengqin, Hongwan Port and its bonded area; second, to improve cross-border city delivery and cargo transit by linking up seaports and airports; and third, to launch business and capital operations in the Gaolan Port area to explore One Belt One Road markets.

Liu Wu, Chairman of the P.G. Logistics Group, pointed out that with the growth of the already sizeable trade between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau, investment in commercial logistics would bring about a triple-win situation and another round of economic growth.
Finally, Wei Jigang, Research Fellow and Investigator at the Research Department of Industrial Economy of Development Research Center of the State Council, pointed out that as the Greater Bay Area and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge are national strategies, research on logistics in the region should be conducted from a global and strategic perspective, taking into account the situation of the country, the province, the region and the market as well as the historical context.

Wei Jigang said that a new economy led by China has already emerged in global trade, and China and the US have become the two main hubs of global connections and trade flows. In the past, multi-national companies were the facilitators of global connections and trade flows; nowadays, with the development of the Internet and e-commerce, small companies have also started to participate in international trade.