



### 1

#### Electronic attested documents now accepted in GBA

The soft opening of the Digital Platform for China-appointed Attesting Service (Hong Kong) means that attested documents for the business registration of Hong Kong-invested enterprises can now be handled electronically. The use of electronic attested documents to carry out business registration in the nine mainland GBA cities will reduce the time needed by Hong Kong investors to set up their businesses in the GBA. ([Nanfang Daily](#); in Chinese only)

### 2

#### Guangdong opens social security service outlets in Hong Kong

Guangdong has set up seven social security service outlets in Hong Kong, targeting Hong Kong residents as well as people residing in Hong Kong who have already joined social security schemes in Guangdong. The new outlets can provide consultation services and assist with the cross-border handling of affairs related to social security in Guangdong such as employee pension insurance. ([China News Service](#); in Chinese only)

### 3

#### New cross-border e-commerce export mode cuts delivery times

A new cross-border e-commerce overseas warehouse export mode has been implemented at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB). This means that a company can first export its goods to the overseas warehouse and then ship the goods in batches according to when orders are received. This will help to reduce delivery times by as much as 70%. The HZMB port had already been running a general export mode for cross-border e-commerce retail trade as well as a direct export mode for business-to-business (B2B) trade. ([Xinhua](#); in Chinese only)

## 4

### New IP protection specifications for commodity markets

Mainland China's Specifications for Intellectual Property Protection of Commodity Markets will come into effect on 1 July. As a national standard for IP protection in commodity markets, the specifications lay down the compliance standards that companies participating in commodity markets need to abide by. These standards will be applicable to all physical markets as well as e-commerce platforms.

([China National Intellectual Property Administration](#); in Chinese only)

## 5

### Guangdong IP Protection Centre sets up branch in Nansha

The Guangdong Intellectual Property Protection Centre has set up a branch at the Guangdong Medical Valley in Guangzhou's Nansha District. The new branch will provide services such as the pre-examination of patent applications, trademark examinations and IP consultations. An express patent pre-examination channel at the branch will shorten the time for patent applications from 22 months to just three months. ([Nanfang Daily](#); in Chinese only)