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Mainland to ease market access for foreign investors

Mainland China has unveiled plans to trim the market access negative list for foreign investors, with 24 new measures to lure foreign firms. For example, foreign investors are encouraged to establish research and development centres in the mainland while foreign-invested projects in biomedicine will see accelerated implementation. ([Xinhua](#))

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Online platform lures investment from domestic and foreign companies

The Guangdong Provincial Government has officially launched the “Invest Guangdong” investment promotion platform, providing information on investment projects, industrial parks and supporting facilities across the province for the benefit of domestic and foreign investors. The platform employs artificial intelligence and other digital technologies to offer investment-resources matching along with investment consultation. ([GD Today](#))

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‘Double-recorded signatures’ ease business registration in Qianhai

In a first for the mainland, Qianhai is experimenting with the use of “double-recorded signatures” for the verification of business registration. The technology allows business registration applicants to verify their identity through audio and video recordings submitted via WeChat. The measure will reduce companies’ costs in applying for a digital certificate and increase convenience for businesses making cross-border business registrations between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

([Shenzhen Daily](#))

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Handling of Shenzhen-Hong Kong cross-border affairs

Shenzhen's Futian District has launched a new initiative, the "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Cooperation Zone Talent Services Station", that will help Hong Kong companies and talent operating in the cooperation zone conduct customs and local administrative affairs on a one-stop basis. The time for getting cross-border approval has been substantially reduced – from about four months to as short as one day. ([Shenzhen Evening News](#); in Chinese only)

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Tianhe supports Hong Kong and Macao youth entrepreneurship

To encourage entrepreneurship among young people from Hong Kong and Macao, Guangzhou's Tianhe District is allocating funds of up to Rmb1 million annually to run a youth innovation and entrepreneurship service centre. The centre will provide Hong Kong and Macao youth with services such as entrepreneurship guidance as well as investment and financing matching, among others. Tianhe District will also establish an offshore incubation service centre in Hong Kong to support the development of entrepreneurially minded youth. ([China News Service](#); in Chinese only)