



Foreign tourists eligible for visa-free travel in Guangdong

Guangdong Province is implementing a visa-free transit scheme for foreign tourist groups arriving from Hong Kong and Macao. The new policy applies to foreign citizens holding ordinary passports who sign up to join tourist groups organised by travel agencies from the two SARs. These visitors can now enter the nine mainland GBA cities as well as Shantou without a visa and stay for a maximum of 144 hours. (<u>GD Today</u>)



Foreign employees entitled to multiple-entry visas for mainland trips

Foreign employees working for companies registered in Hong Kong can now apply for "multiple-entry visas", valid for two or more years, through the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre in Hong Kong and enjoy priority processing. The aim is to make it easier for these employees to travel to Mainland China for business purposes. (Chinese Visa Application Service Centre in Hong Kong)

Guangdong, HK and Macao set sights on "digital GBA"

The Three-Year Action Plan for the Construction of the Digital Greater Bay Area has been issued by Guangdong Province. The plan will facilitate the unimpeded flow of data, personnel, logistics and capital in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. It will also drive the unification of identity documents and the mutual recognition of electronic signatures across the three regions, leading to the creation of more cross-boundary public services. (<u>GD Today</u>)



Guangdong has unveiled a series of measures to foster the development of the artificial intelligence (AI) industry in the province, including the construction of a "Greater Bay Area Data Special Zone" and the establishment of a system of data-circulation rules. It will work closely with Hong Kong and Macao to jointly support AI projects, cultivate AI talents and facilitate AI investments to promote a new innovation union in the GBA. (China Daily)



Guangzhou strengthens financial support for tech enterprises

Guangzhou has announced a slew of measures to strengthen its financial support for technology-focused enterprises. One of the measures will leverage the pilot programme on qualified domestic limited partnerships (QDLP) and qualified foreign limited partnerships (QFLP) to broaden the cross-border financing channel for technology enterprises. (<u>Nanfang Daily</u>; in Chinese only)