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香港科技人才入境计划在粤港澳大湾区人才流动的协同效应

湾区经济不仅早已成为世界经济发展的重要增长极，更是各国竞争力和创新能力的载体。粤港澳大湾区作为中国经济增长新动能和接轨全球经济的新支点也应运而生。粤港澳大湾区横跨“一国两制三关税区”，其政策制定要以中央和粤港澳三地签署协议的协商方式推进，而非国家直接制定规划。在协商过程中，各地区的政府也就未来合作目标对三地进行了战略定位。在香港的规划上：我们要巩固和提升香港国际金融、航运、贸易三大中心地位，强化全球离岸人民币业务枢纽地位和国际资产管理中心功能，推动专业服务和创新及科技事业发展，建设亚太区国际法律及专业调解服务中心。

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总结

粤港澳大湾区将是中国经济增长的新动能和接轨世界经济的新支点，它进一步明确了中国以城市群发展协调区域经济的大方向。粤港澳大湾区这一概念从提出至今不过十个月，我们已经看到政企学界的积极行动。大湾区的发展确实需推动人才、技术、资金的高效流动，发挥已有创新本能，紧密地嵌入全球创新网络，使湾区从愿景转变为现实，成为真正具有世界影响力的顶级湾区。

为配合和接轨世界经济的新支点，企业可以从人才流动检视整体策略的发展与方向，利用香港科技人才入境计划，招聘企业缺乏的科技人才，推动创科发展，协助企业利用创新及科技（创科）升级转型，配合国家的规划，在粤港澳大湾区创造优质和多元的发展机会。香港政府十分支持私营企业投资研发及培育更多创科人才，现有实习研究员计划，如科技园公司及数码港公司聘请实习研究员协助进行研发项目时可以申请津贴，每月最高额为 16,000 港元。香港政府稍后亦会推出科技专才培育计划，资助合格企业聘用创科博士后专才，并以配对形式，支持这些企业保送他们的创科人才出外培训。这种种计划有利企业在粤港澳大湾区创造更多元化的发展机会。请企业密切留意发展。德勤中国的专业团队可从人才流动及税务方面提供个人及企业方案，助各行业投资者于大湾区的发展，提升企业自身的竞争力。

德勤中国充分关注粤港澳大湾区的整体区域规划以及相关地区的支持政策，我们将保持与粤港澳大湾区的政府、商会以及各类企业密切沟通，

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德勤中国也将积极针对粤港澳大湾区举办相关市场活动和发布专业看法，敬请关注德勤中国的微信、Facebook 以及官网的最新信息。

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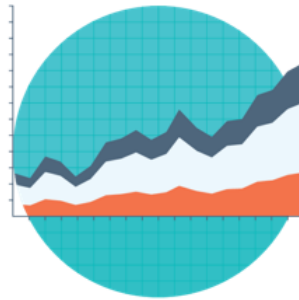
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New Immigration Scheme for Technology Talent Admission in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Brings New Opportunities and Synergies

The Greater Bay Area (GBA) has emerged as a new driving force for economic growth, a hub connecting Mainland China and its two special administrative regions (SARs) to the global economy, and a catalyst for competitiveness and innovation. The GBA embodies the concept of "one country–two systems–three customs zones", across Guangdong–Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)–Macao Special Administrative Region (MCSAR). The GBA's policies are realized through negotiation and agreement between China's central government and the local governments of Guangdong, HKSAR and MCSAR. HKSAR plays a key role in the GBA as an international finance center, shipping and trading center, and a global offshore RMB business hub, factors which continuously strengthen its international asset management position. The HKSAR also facilitates the development of technology and innovation-led businesses and is developing an international legal and arbitration center for Asia-Pacific.

With technology and innovation-led companies fast becoming key drivers of the global economy, the stock exchange in HKSAR is taking steps to attract listings by these "new economy" companies to capitalize on this growing trend. The new listing regime introduced by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong allows the listing of biotech companies that do not meet any of the Main Board financial eligibility tests, high-growth and innovative companies with weighted voting rights structures and issuers seeking a secondary listing in Hong Kong. The new listing regime makes the bourse more attractive to technology firms, which will not only expand capital markets in the region, but also spark innovation in the GBA.

The innovation and technology strengths of the HKSAR and Mainland GBA cities are highly complementary. HKSAR has a longstanding international network, excellent universities and well-established research capabilities, while mainland cities have high-end production facilities and high quality talent. The HKSAR government believes talent exchange between the HKSAR and Mainland GBA cities is the key to development of the innovation and technology sector. Talent exchange brings mutual inspiration and improvements, and will eventually contribute to the two SARs, Mainland GBA cities and China as a whole creating an international centre of technological innovation.

To address the increased demand for developing the innovation and technology-related sectors, the HKSAR government in June 2018 introduced the Technology Talent Admission Scheme (TechTAS).

TechTAS is a three-year pilot scheme, with a 1,000-person annual quota for hiring R&D-related talent from overseas and Mainland China. Each eligible technology company/institute can be allotted a maximum quota of 100 within each six-month quota validity period. Technology companies/institutes allotted quotas can proceed to apply for employment visas for qualified applicants and the expected accelerated processing time for visa applications is approximately two weeks.

Eligible technology companies/institutes are initially limited to the following groups:

- In general, tenants /occupants of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC) (including The Hong Kong Science and Technology Park, InnoCentre or industrial estates managed by HKSTPC), or Cyberport Management Company Limited; and
- Those engaged in biotechnology, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics, data analytics, financial technology or materials science.

Eligible overseas talent is initially limited to:

- Degree holders in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) subjects from one of the top 100 universities in the most recently published STEM

ranking tables (QS, Times Higher Education and the Academic Ranking of World Universities)

- Bachelor's degree holders should possess at least one year of work experience in a related technology area
- The work experience requirement can be waived for Master's or Doctoral degree holders

For every three people hired from overseas under a quota, the technology company/institute must employ the following number of locals to engage in R&D/technology-related work:

- At least one local on an employment contract of at least one year who has at least a Bachelor's degree; and
- At least two local interns who are undergraduates, graduates, or postgraduates with an internship duration of at least three months.

For more details on TechTAS, please refer to the website of the Innovation and Technology Commission at <https://www.itc.gov.hk/gb/techtas/faq.htm>

Looking Forward

The GBA will be a new driving force further connecting the region to the world economy. The GBA initiatives were only proposed less than 10 months ago, yet we have already seen positive action from political, business, and academic circles supporting its development. The GBA's development requires mobility of talent, knowledge and financing, fulfilling existing innovation capabilities and connecting with the global innovation network with the goal of turning the GBA vision into reality.

To connect with the world economy through the GBA, companies can benefit from the mobility and recruitment of talent through **TechTAS**. The HKSAR government strongly supports private enterprises investing in R&D and fostering more innovation and technology talent. Under the current Internship Programme, HKSTPC- and Cyberport-based companies can apply for funding to recruit R&D interns with a maximum monthly allowance of HKD16,000. The HKSAR government is also going to introduce a technology specialist development programme at a later stage, providing funding support to eligible companies to recruit postdoctoral innovation and technology specialists and provide them with professional training. These programs will help companies create more diversified development opportunities in the GBA.

Deloitte China has been following up closely and monitoring the development of the GBA. We have regular dialogue with local governments, business associations and companies within the Area. Deloitte China provides a full range of professional services and support tools in relation to the GBA, with the aim of helping governments improve the business environment and offer investors more and better investment options, collaborative solutions and innovative business models. In the coming months, Deloitte China will conduct a series of activities and produce publications in relation to GBA initiatives. Connect

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