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Get your foot in the door



Level:



Let's think!

1. What do you know about the Greater Bay Area?
2. What will you do if you have the opportunity to go there?

PLAYLIST

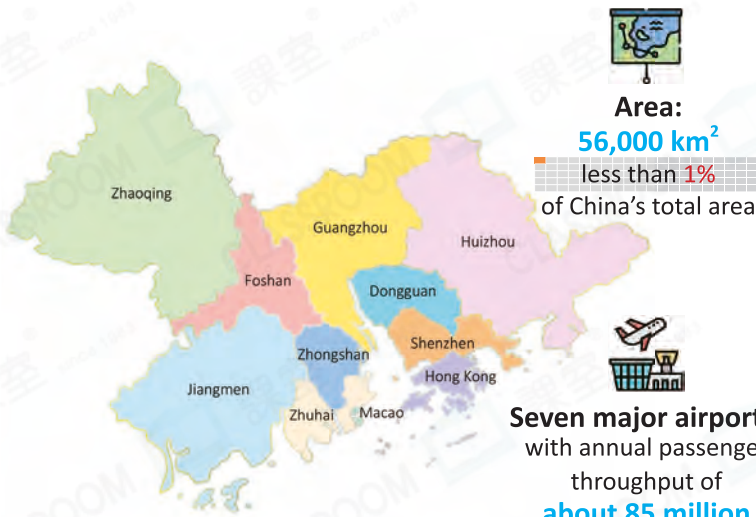


READ ALONG



Text 1

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area



Area:
56,000 km²
less than **1%**
of China's total area

Overview



Population:
over 86 million
more than **5%**
of China's total population



GDP:
over USD1,810 billion
12%
of China's GDP



Seven major airports:
with annual passenger
throughput of
about 85 million

Transportation



Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge:
55km,
world's longest
cross-sea bridge



High-speed rail:
48 mins from
Guangzhou to
Hong Kong
15 mins from
Shenzhen to
Hong Kong

Note: The data is drawn from reports done in 2021.

~80 words

Text 2

A guide to exploring the unlimited possibilities in the Greater Bay Area

1 The development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is one of the strategic plans for China's economic growth. By turning the Greater Bay Area into a world-class bay area with its favourable conditions, it is hoped that more people, especially the younger generation in the two special administrative regions, Hong Kong and Macao, can see the advantages and opportunities there. 5

2 Below is a list of programmes and schemes that have been launched by the governments of Hong Kong and Macao. The aim is to foster collaboration, internship opportunities and the exchange of talents and human resources with other Greater Bay Area cities.

Youth Employment Scheme

3 This scheme aims at helping young people in Hong Kong and Macao to better understand the latest developments of the two special administrative regions and the Mainland. The scheme wants to maximise their employment opportunities so that they can ultimately pursue and develop their careers in the cities 10

of the Greater Bay Area. 2000 job vacancies (of which about 700 are technology-related) will be available in total. On-the-job training will be provided for fresh graduates by the two cities.

Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme

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4 This scheme aims at helping young people in Hong Kong and Macao start and develop their own businesses in the Mainland. To assist budding entrepreneurs, there are incubation services to help them settle on positioning and meet their initial capital needs.

5 HKD300 million (or equivalent in MOP) has been set aside by the government to provide financial support to participants of this 18-month scheme—they will be offered a monthly salary of not less than HKD18,000 (a HKD10,000 living allowance included).

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Youth Internship Programmes

6 Various internship programmes are organised every year to give youngsters the chance to join the labour market and experience the work culture of the Greater Bay Area. This year, the programmes are going to be extended to areas outside the Bay Area for the first time in Wolong, Dunhuang, Wuyishan, Qingdao and Beijing. They aim at enabling graduates-to-be to gain deeper understanding of their respected industries and set their own career goals. When more first-hand information is gained, business connections and social networks can be established more easily. It is believed that this can greatly enhance participants' competitiveness and employability.

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Youth Exchange Programmes

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7 Theme-specific exchange programmes are carried out biannually. It is hoped that these frequent opportunities to visit the Greater Bay Area cities can cultivate youngsters' sense of national identity. Since the launch in 2019, 16,000 young people aged 18 to 21 have benefited from 319 exchange programmes.

Summary

8 The potential for development in the Greater Bay Area is massive. Hong Kong young people should seize the moment and explore the possibilities there. They should take full advantage of this incredible opportunity either to start their own businesses or to pursue their career goals in the Mainland.

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Looking into Grammar

We can introduce arguments or talk about general beliefs using the passive structure—*It + be + past participle + that ...*

✓ ... *it is hoped that* (~~*it hoped that*~~) more people ... can see the advantages and opportunities there.

? Underline TWO similarly structured sentences in paragraphs 6–7.

We often use the passive voice to make objective statements. We can omit the action doer when the action is more important than the doer.

✓ On-the-job training *will be provided* (~~*will provide*~~) for fresh graduates *by the two cities*.

? Circle FOUR passive verbs used in paragraph 6.

9. Complete the summary by filling in each blank with ONE word in paragraph 8. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

The various programmes and schemes in the Greater Bay Area are introduced to youngsters in Hong Kong and Macao so that they can fulfil their (i) _____ and build a (ii) _____ there.



10. Complete the table based on the information in the infographic and the programme guide.

Programme and scheme	Target participants from Hong Kong and Macao	Highlight(s) of the programme and scheme
Youth Employment Scheme	(i) _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2000 job vacancies
Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme	(ii) _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the scheme lasts for (iii) _____ years the monthly salary is at least (iv) _____ Hong Kong dollars, excluding the living allowance
Youth Internship Programmes	(v) _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit cities (vi) _____ the Greater Bay Area
Youth Exchange Programmes	young people aged between (vii) _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes place (viii) _____ a year cities to visit: (ix) _____, (x) _____, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing

11. Determine whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG).

	T	F	NG
(i) The Youth Employment Scheme provides mainly technology-related job vacancies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(ii) Forming business relationships is one of the advantages of joining these programmes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iii) Many Hong Kong youngsters are planning to work in the Greater Bay Area.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11 Scan for specific facts mentioned in the statements.

Vocabulary

GLOSSARY



A. Complete the sentences below with the given words. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

competitiveness (n.)

cultivate (v.)

employability (n.)

favourable (adj.)

foster (v.)

incubation (n.)

pursue (v.)

seize (v.)

strategic (adj.)

vacancy (n.)

- The _____ period of start-ups varies from a few months to years. Developing products or services is one of their tasks during this time.
- With the rise of the technology industry, there are more and more related job _____ in the market.
- The younger generation should _____ the opportunity to travel around the world and broaden their horizons.
- The government has launched various programmes in order to _____ the exchange of information and talents between Hong Kong and other places.
- Fresh graduates who want to _____ a career in the service industry will find on-the-job training useful.
- High-quality infrastructure and public services can increase the _____ of a city.
- Construction of airports is _____ for economic growth because it can facilitate tourism and trade.
- Opening up new hubs for economic and technological development is one of the _____ moves to enhance Hong Kong's information and communication technology (ICT) ecosystem.
- Gaining experience from internships and exchange programmes can boost graduates' _____.
- Networking is essential to _____ long-term business relationships in the workplace.

THEME



B. Look at the pictures. Write the correct names in the spaces provided.

Landmarks of cities in the Greater Bay Area

Canton Tower

Century Lotus Stadium

Donghua Bridge

Double Moon Bay

Futian Station

Jintai Temple

Moorish Barracks

Seven Star Crags

Symphony Ferris Wheel

West Kowloon Station

Yulan Theatre

Zhaoqing



1. _____

Foshan



2. _____

Zhongshan



3. _____

Jiangmen



4. _____

Zhuhai



5. _____

Macao



6. _____

Hong Kong



7. _____

Shenzhen



8. _____

Dongguan



9. _____

Huizhou



10. _____

Guangzhou



11. _____

Writing

Are you interested in working in the Greater Bay Area? Why or why not?

Write an article to express your views in about 200 words.