

15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao)

The Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao), also known as Forum Macao, was established in October 2003. It was an initiative by China's Central Government, organized by China Ministry of Commerce and implemented by Government of Macao Special Administrative Region. Participating countries of Forum Macao include China and eight Portuguese-speaking countries, namely Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe, and East Timor. Macao is committed to developing as the bridge and connecting platform, to strengthen economic and trade cooperation and exchanges between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and to promote common development.

Up to now, five Ministerial Conferences have been held in 2003, 2006, 2010, 2013 and 2016. At each of those meetings, respective participating countries approved the Action Plan for Economic and Trade Co-operation. These five Action Plans have identified a number of areas for co-operation – including trade; investment; production capacity; agriculture; forestry; fisheries and livestock; infrastructure; energy and natural resources; education and human resources; finance; development co-operation; tourism; transport and communication; culture; media; sports; health; maritime affairs; co-operation among provinces and municipalities; and role of Forum Macao. During the 5th Ministerial Conference, participating countries of Forum Macao signed the “Memorandum of Understanding on Promoting Co-operation in Production Capacity”, paving the way for a new model for economic and trade co-operation between China and the Portuguese-speaking Countries.

Fifteen years have passed since the establishment of Forum Macao in 2003. The participating countries actively implement the action plans and positively contribute to further enhancement of economic, trade and investment cooperation levels between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries.

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