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BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE · HONG KONG

BELT and ROAD HONG KONG 2026

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HONG KONG'S COMPETITIVENESS

Premier Functional Platform for Belt and Road Initiative

Internationally aligned professional services: investment and financing, insurance, risk management, architectural and engineering design, legal, accounting and consultancy services, etc.

No.1 World's freest economy

Fraser Institute: Economic Freedom of the World 2025 Annual Report

No.2 World's most competitive economy

2026 World Competitiveness Yearbook, International Institute for Management Development (IMD)

World's 5th largest trading entity in merchandise trade

total merchandise trade US$1,585 billion (2025)

↑ 17.5% from 2024

No.3 Globally, No.1 in Asia Pacific Global Financial Centre Index

UK-based Z/Yen and China Development Institute from Shenzhen (March 2026)

No.1 Global IPO centre

~US$36 billion raised from 106 new listings (2025)

No.1 World's largest offshore RMB hub

RMB1,101 billion (~US$157.2 billion) offshore RMB debt securities issued (2025)

Economy and Commerce

Hong Kong trade with B&R countries and regions (2025)
~US$323 billion

↑ 17% from 2024

~1,480 B&R companies
in Hong Kong (2025)

↑ from 1,360 in 2024

Free Trade Agreements
with 21 economies,including
14 B&R countries

100+ B&R companies
listed in Hong Kong
(as of July 2026)

Comprehensive Double Taxation Agreements / Arrangements
with 59 tax jurisdictions,
including **42 B&R jurisdictions**

24 Investment Agreements
with overseas economies,
including **~20 B&R economies**

US$53 billion

Value of some 20 projects from 10 countries which Belt and Road Office obtained and shared with Hong Kong industries through a **project-matching mechanism**

129 countries
including 99 B&R countries

covered by Economic and Trade Offices, Hong Kong Trade Development Council and InvestHK overseas offices

Hong Kong operates scheduled flights **to/from ~70 B&R destinations**

passenger and cargo flights

No. 1 air cargo throughput

ranked first for 15 times since 2010

No.2
Most preferred seat for arbitration in the world

2025 International Arbitration Survey conducted by Queen Mary University of London

People-to-People Exchanges

No. 4 World Talent Ranking 2025, IMD

Up from No. 16 in 2023
Ranking first in Asia

5 universities in the global top 100

QS World University Rankings 2026

5,000+ B&R students

in UGC-funded programmes in Hong Kong (2025/26 academic year)

830+ B&R students

from 57 countries received **B&R Scholarship** since 2016/17 academic year, with **150** annual quota

1,800 no. of attendance

in activities offered by **Belt and Road Capacity Building Platforms** from **30+** countries and regions (Q1 2026)

117 B&R countries

granted visa-free access or visa-on-arrival to HKSAR passport holders

No. 2 Muslim-friendly destination (non-Organisation of Islamic Cooperation)

Global Muslim Travel Index 2026

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THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE

The Belt and Road (B&R) Initiative is an important development strategy announced in 2013 that aims to promote co-operation on all-round connectivity among B&R countries and regions in areas including policy co-ordination, infrastructure connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration, people-to-people bonds and co-operation in new fields.

Under **"one country, two systems"**, Hong Kong has the unique advantage of closely connected with the Chinese Mainland and the world. As an active participant, contributor and beneficiary of the B&R Initiative, Hong Kong is fully aligned with the eight major steps taken by our country to support high-quality B&R development, with focus on co-operation in new areas such as green development, digitalisation, innovation and health. Hong Kong leverages its role as a **"super connector"** and **"super value-adder"**, giving full play to its position as a functional platform for the B&R Initiative.

HONG KONG'S TOP-LEVEL SUPERVISION WORK

- In December 2017, the HKSAR Government signed the **"Arrangement between the National Development and Reform Commission and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in and Contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative"**.

- The Arrangement focuses on six key areas, namely finance and investment, infrastructure and maritime services, economic and trade facilitation, people-to-people bonds, taking forward the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development and enhancing collaboration in project interfacing and dispute resolution services. A **Joint Conference mechanism** has also been set up to serve as a platform of direct communication between the HKSAR Government and the relevant Central authorities for regular dialogues on the work priorities and proposals with respect to Hong Kong's participation in the B&R development.

- The Chief Executive established the **Steering Group on Integration into National Development** in 2022, under which the **Working Group on Belt and Road Development** chaired by the Secretary for Justice was set up to proactively take forward the high-quality development of co-operation with B&R countries in such areas as trade and commerce and professional services.

- Established under the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, the **Belt and Road Office** (BRO) leads and co-ordinates the work of the HKSAR Government to promote Hong Kong's full participation in the B&R Initiative.

6 KEY AREAS

- Finance and investment
- Economic and trade facilitation
- Infrastructure and maritime services
- People-to-people bonds
- Taking forward the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development
- Enhancing collaboration in project interfacing and dispute resolution services

HONG KONG'S ADVANTAGES

Hong Kong's advantages closely align with the **eight major steps** our country takes to support high-quality B&R development

1. Building a multidimensional B&R connectivity network
2. Supporting an open world economy
3. Carrying out practical co-operation
4. Promoting green development
5. Advancing scientific and technological innovation
6. Supporting people-to-people exchanges
7. Promoting integrity-based B&R co-operation
8. Strengthening institutional building for international B&R co-operation

1 BUILDING A MULTIDIMENSIONAL B&R CONNECTIVITY NETWORK

Hong Kong International Airport is the **world's busiest cargo airport** in terms of annual total volume

Hong Kong operates scheduled **flights** (including passenger and cargo flights) to/from

36 B&R countries

(approximately 70 destinations in total)

Hong Kong has signed Air Services Agreements or Air Services Transit Agreements with about

60 B&R countries

Hong Kong ranks **4th** in the International Shipping Centre Development Index

Aviation

- Hong Kong is in the heart of the Asia-Pacific region, and is within a five-hour flight from about half of the world's population.
- Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) is named one of the world's top airports and has been the **world's busiest cargo airport in terms of annual total volume for 15 times since 2010**.
- The Three-Runway System of HKIA has an expected capacity to handle 120 million passengers and 10 million tonnes of cargo per annum from 2035 onwards.
- As at the end of June 2026, Hong Kong has signed **87 bilateral civil aviation agreements**. Among these, 30 aviation partners have fully opened their flight capacities, enabling airlines to adjust their services in response to market demands at any time.
- Over the past two years, Hong Kong has expanded bilateral air services arrangements with a number of aviation partners, including B&R countries such as Brazil, Kazakhstan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Poland, Luxembourg, Qatar, the Philippines, Türkiye and Egypt. Airlines have been encouraged to launch or increase flight services to support Hong Kong's overall development.
- **The Hong Kong International Aviation Academy** is the second institution in the world to obtain dual certification from Airports Council International and International Civil Aviation Organization TRAINAIR PLUS Programme. The Academy has also launched Advanced Master Programmes in collaboration with the École Nationale de l'Aviation Civile of France and provides aviation-related courses and training to students in the local and Chinese Mainland aviation industries and countries along the B&R.

Maritime Development

- Hong Kong is one of the world's busiest and most efficient ports, ranking **4th in the International Shipping Centre Development Index.** The HKSAR Government will continue to build a high-end port brand through green transformation, digitalisation and smart transition.
- Hong Kong has high-quality **shipping registration services, ranking 5th globally** in terms of gross tonnage.
- The HKSAR Government will enhance the existing tax concessions for maritime services industry, and attract commodity traders to set up businesses in Hong Kong by offering a half-rate profits tax concession, thereby driving the development of the maritime services sector. The Government will also encourage maritime services enterprises from relevant B&R countries to establish a presence in Hong Kong or make use of high value-added maritime services provided by Hong Kong companies.
- Hong Kong Maritime Week is a major annual event of the maritime and port industries in Hong Kong, bringing together maritime leaders from home and abroad, reinforcing Hong Kong's position as an international maritime centre. Hong Kong is listed by the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) in the BIMCO Law and Arbitration Clause 2020 as one of the four designated arbitration venues in the standard contracts for the global maritime industry.

Railway

- The MTR Corporation established the **MTR Academy** to nurture talents in railway management and operations. To support the B&R Initiative, the MTR Academy also promotes the export of Hong Kong's professional railway expertise and knowledge.

2 SUPPORTING AN OPEN WORLD ECONOMY

In 2025, Hong Kong's external trade with B&R countries and regions reached

~US$323 billion,

an increase of nearly

17%

compared with 2024.

*excluding trade with Chinese Mainland.

In 2024, Hong Kong's outward direct investment position in B&R countries and regions amounted to

~US$140 billion,

an increase of **4%**

compared with 2023.

- Hong Kong is an international trading centre and one of the **world's freest economies**.
- Hong Kong is home to around **1,480 B&R companies** in 2025.
- As a founding member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Hong Kong is firmly committed to the rules-based multilateral trading system with the WTO at its core.
- Hong Kong has set up 16 offices/liaison units in the Chinese Mainland and 15 overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs). Together with the offices of InvestHK and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) worldwide, Hong Kong has set up offices in 68 cities around the world, covering 129 countries, including **99 B&R countries**.

- Hong Kong is one of the world's largest merchandise trading entities in 2025. **Merchandise trade** recorded a year-on-year increase of 17.5% to **US$1,585 billion**, accounting for 3% of the world's total. (Global Trade Outlook & Statistics published by WTO)
- Hong Kong has signed nine **free trade agreements** with 21 economies (including **14 B&R countries**), and 24 **investment agreements** with 33 overseas economies (including about **20 B&R countries**).

- Hong Kong has signed Comprehensive Double Taxation Agreements/ Arrangements with 59 tax jurisdictions, including **42 B&R jurisdictions**, helping investors better assess their potential tax liabilities from cross-border economic activities.

- Hong Kong has concluded Authorized Economic Operator Mutual Recognition Arrangements with 19 economies, including **13 B&R economies**, with up to 90% reduction inspection rate in customs clearance for cargoes imported into Hong Kong. In 2025, 15.5% of Hong Kong trade value was under such arrangements, up from 13.9% in 2024.
- The HKSAR Government established the HK$200 million Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme (PASS) to provide financial support for non-profit-making projects aimed at increasing exchanges and co-operation of Hong Kong's professional services with counterparts in external markets, promoting publicity activities, and enhancing the standards and external competitiveness of Hong Kong's professional services. HK$50 million under PASS is set aside for the "Professionals Participation Subsidy Programme" to subsidise the participation of major professional bodies in relevant activities organised by the Government and HKTDC.
- The HKSAR Government provides financial support to small and medium enterprises through the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales (BUD Fund) to assist them in participating in export promotion activities as well as developing brands, upgrading and restructuring operations and promoting sales, so as to expand the Chinese Mainland and overseas markets and enhance their competitiveness.

3 CARRYING OUT PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION

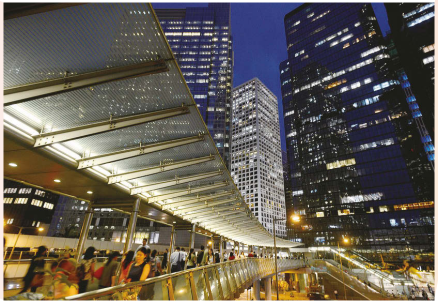
As the **premier functional platform** for the B&R Initiative, Hong Kong offers **internationally aligned professional services**, covering investment and financing, insurance, risk management, architectural and engineering design, legal, accounting and consultancy services, etc., to actively participate in and **contribute to signature infrastructure projects or "small yet smart" livelihood programmes in B&R countries**.

Premier Functional Platform

- The **Belt and Road Office** has organised various promotional activities and networking sessions, attended by more than 7,500 people in 2025.
- **HKTDC**, through its **B&R Portal** as a one-stop platform, provides information on B&R markets and business opportunities.

Finance

- Hong Kong is an international financial centre, **ranking third globally** and **first in Asia-Pacific** in the Global Financial Centres Index (published by UK-based Z/Yen and China Development Institute from Shenzhen in March 2026).
- **Hong Kong's IPO market** remained vibrant, raising about US$36 billion in 2025, being one of the world's leading IPO venues.
- Hong Kong is the **world's largest offshore renminbi (RMB) business centre**, providing diversified RMB investment, financing and risk management products. Hong Kong has the world's deepest offshore **RMB liquidity pool** of around **RMB 1 trillion, and settles around 75% of the world's RMB offshore payments.**
- The issuance of offshore **RMB debt securities** in Hong Kong increased by 2.7% year on year to **RMB1,101 billion** during 2025. In the same year, the Government of Indonesia and the Development Bank of Kazakhstan, launched their inaugural dim sum bond issuances in Hong Kong.
- Importers and exporters in B&R economies can settle their trade in RMB through Hong Kong's payment system. Investors can also invest their RMB funds in "dim sum" bonds or a wide range of RMB-denominated financial products available in the Hong Kong market.



- As the **world's largest cross-boundary wealth management centre** and an international risk management centre, Hong Kong can meet the demand for wealth, insurance and risk management services generated by B&R projects.
- The HKSAR Government has successfully issued three **Islamic bonds** (Sukuk), demonstrating to B&R countries and the world the diversity and viability of Hong Kong's bond market as a fundraising platform for Islamic jurisdictions.

- The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) established the **Infrastructure Financing Facilitation Office** (IFFO) in 2016. It serves as an exchange platform to facilitate infrastructure investment and financing by organising training workshops, high-level seminars and investor roundtables for key stakeholders. So far, around 90 local, overseas and Chinese Mainland organisations have joined IFFO as its partners.
- HKMA expanded investments in B&R regions through the jointly established **"BNR HK Flagship Impact Fund" with the Silk Road Fund Company Limited, with an initial capital of US$1 billion** or equivalent in RMB in the first phase.
- **HKMA** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund** to anchor a joint **US$1 billion fund** to invest in companies with Hong Kong nexus expanding to Saudi Arabia to drive localisation of key industries, including manufacturing, renewables, fintech and healthcare.
- The HKSAR Government is attracting more global capital to be managed in Hong Kong. In 2025, Hong Kong's **total assets under management** jumped 20% year-on-year to a record high of **HK$42.2 trillion**, and net fund inflow almost tripled to HK$2.1 trillion. At present, **over 100 B&R enterprises are listed in Hong Kong, raising over HK$72 billion**. As of 31 July 2026, there were **27 listed ETFs which covered B&R markets**.
- There were **82 bonds issued by B&R entities** in Hong Kong, accumulatively **raising US$60 billion**.
- Hong Kong is dedicated to being an ideal destination for issuing insurance-linked securities (ILS). A regulatory regime and pilot grant scheme for ILS was announced in 2021 to assist enterprises in **managing weather and emerging risks in B&R projects** by issuing catastrophe bonds and other tools for transferring risks.
- The HKSAR Government supports and encourages enterprises to set up captive insurance companies in Hong Kong, enhancing enterprises' comprehensive risk management capacities and improving their risk management systems, strategic planning and resource allocation for B&R business development.

Legal

- Hong Kong is an international legal and dispute resolution services centre, and is ranked as the **No. 1 most preferred seat for arbitration in the Asia-Pacific region and the No. 2 most preferred seat for arbitration in the world** (tied with Singapore) in the 2025 International Arbitration Survey conducted by Queen Mary University of London.
- **The International Organization for Mediation (IOMed),** being the first-ever international legal organization headquartered in Hong Kong, has commenced operations since October 2025 and has been administering international mediation cases. Leveraging on Hong Kong's position as the Global Capital of Mediation, the IOMed is well positioned to serve as a global public good for promoting world peace.
- IOMed had completed its first mediation case in early May 2026. As of 31 July 2026, the number of **signatories to IOMed increased to 47**.
- **The Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy** organises practical training courses, seminars, international exchange programmes, leveraging on Hong Kong's bilingual common law system and international status. The Academy will deliver more capacity building initiatives to promote talent exchanges along the B&R.
- **AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre** has been featured in the Panel List of Hong Kong Legal Services Providers Supporting "Go Global", published by the Department of Justice of the HKSAR for the first time. The Centre provides solutions for multilateral disputes in B&R co-operation, and promoting trade and investment in the Asian and African regions.

Intellectual Property

- Hong Kong's IP regime is highly regarded internationally. Hong Kong's unique advantage in IP development is also a major reason why overseas enterprises choose to set up international headquarters, IP management centres and R&D centres in Hong Kong. The HKSAR Government will strengthen the protection of the products of innovation and creativity yielded by R&D efforts, strengthen its position as a regional IP trading centre, as well as contributing to the country's strategies of building an IP powerhouse to serve the B&R markets.

Construction Sector

- The **Belt and Road Office** has spearheaded a new mechanism, together with the Development Bureau and Construction Industry Council, to facilitate signature and small yet beautiful projects from B&R countries to use Hong Kong as the **platform for deal making** and roadshow. Through such initiative, some **20 projects** from **10 B&R countries** were shared, with **total value over US$53 billion**, and facilitated two proposal submissions.

- Hong Kong's infrastructure, both in construction standards and building technologies, is of international standard and has been maintaining a leading position globally. In the "**World Competitiveness Yearbook 2026**", our ranking in **"Basic Infrastructure" rose to fourth globally**. Hong Kong's construction industry is well recognised as demonstrated by the numerous international awards received for its infrastructure projects.

- The Development Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of Guangdong Province signed in June 2026 the **Cooperation Agreement on Guangdong-Hong Kong Construction Standardisation** to establish a collaborative mechanism for construction standardisation between the two places, co-ordinating and leading the formulation of the Greater Bay Area construction standards, thereby capitalising on Hong Kong's international advantages to bridge national and international standards, enhancing the global competitiveness of the country's construction industry and expanding the B&R markets.

- The **Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders** under the Development Bureau is committed to enhancing the delivery capabilities of major project leaders on a global scale, and its strategic role is to become an international expert knowledge hub on project delivery and expanding horizon on the potential opportunities for development along the B&R. The Centre also took part, together with other major bodies of the industry, in the Seminar on Belt and Road Capacity Building Platforms organised by the Belt and Road Office in April 2026.

- The **Building Technology Research Institute** drives the adoption of high-quality construction products and modular integrated construction (MiC) through the Construction Product Accreditation Scheme (CPAS) and the MiC Manufacturer Accreditation Scheme (MiC-MAS), enhancing quality assurance, cost-effectiveness and productivity of construction projects, while supporting accredited products and MiC in expanding into B&R markets.

- The **Hong Kong Green Building Council** (HKGBC) grants green building ratings to new and existing buildings using an internationally recognised rating tool named **"BEAM Plus"**. In recent years, the application of BEAM Plus has been extended to regions outside Hong Kong. Up to the present, applications are found in several B&R countries including Djibouti, Belarus, Thailand and Cambodia. In June 2026, HKGBC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant authority of Saudi Arabia to join hands in promoting "BEAM Plus".

Missions relating to Belt and Road (2025 – 2026)

2025 MAY
- Chief Executive
- Qatar and Kuwait
- 50+ delegates
- 59 MoUs and agreements reached

JUN
- Belt and Road Office
- Indonesia and Malaysia
- ~20 delegates
- ~20 MoUs signed

OCT
- Financial Secretary
- Saudi Arabia
- ~40 delegates
- 5 MoUs and agreements signed

DEC
- Belt and Road Office
- Vietnam
- 15 delegates
- 4 MoUs and agreements witnessed

2026 JUN
- Chief Executive
- Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
- 70+ delegates
- 96 MoUs and agreements reached
  Valued at ~US$1.65 billion

AUG
- Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
- Malaysia
- 20+ delegates
- 12 MoUs signed

AUG
- Secretary for Justice
- Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
- ~40 delegates
- 1 MoU signed

Led by
Destination
Size of delegation
Achievement

4 PROMOTING GREEN DEVELOPMENT

Hong Kong is committed to promoting green development and green transformation, with a view to achieving carbon neutrality. As an international financial centre, Hong Kong strives to promote the development of green finance. Converging global capital as well as top-notch financial institutions and talents while offering diverse and abundant financing channels, **Hong Kong is Asia's green finance hub as well as an ideal partner for B&R projects** (including green development projects).

In 2025, green and sustainable bonds arranged in Hong Kong

- **~US$38 billion**
  Total issuance volume
- Ranking **FIRST** in the Asian market for eight consecutive years since 2018

Green Finance

- Corporations in B&R countries and regions can make use of the international carbon marketplace **Core Climate** of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) to facilitate capital flow to green projects. Core Climate provides the market with carbon credit projects from B&R countries and regions, primarily in Asia, Latin America and Africa.

- **HKMA and HKEX** joined the Green Investment and Finance Partnership (the Partnership) initiated by the **BRI International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC)** as inaugural members in October 2023. In March 2024, HKMA's IFFO and BRIGC co-organised a seminar on Financing the Green Development of the Belt and Road Initiative, the first event of the Partnership held outside the Chinese Mainland.

- In November 2025, the **HKSAR Government** successfully **issued digital green bonds totalling around HK$10 billion** equivalent and denominated in Hong Kong dollars, RMB, Euro and US dollars. This is the HKSAR Government's third issuance of digital green bond, which attracted overwhelming subscription with the issuance amount reaching a new high, reflecting the market support for tokenised products. A number of innovative features have also been introduced to further promote fintech empowerment in the development of bond market as well as green and sustainable finance market. In 2025, the volume of **green and sustainable bonds** arranged in Hong Kong amounted to **around US$38 billion**, **ranking first in the Asian market** for eight consecutive years since 2018.

Environment and Ecology

- The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) sets up a **B&R Sustainable Green Development Training Centre** in Hong Kong in 2026, providing training courses for personnel of B&R countries, thereby consolidating Hong Kong's position as a hub for B&R green development.

- The HKSAR Government will continue to leverage the annual Eco Expo Asia as a platform to bring together local, Chinese Mainland, and overseas exhibitors and buyers, fostering business matching and exchange of innovative green technology solutions. This positions Hong Kong as a two-way springboard for Mainland enterprises to "go global". During the 2025 expo, the first **Green Silk Road International Training Program on Environmental Technologies and Sustainable Development** was held in Changsha, Hunan, with the participation of senior environmental officials from 6 B&R countries. The EPD will continue to organise the second International Training Program in October 2026 to promote green development among B&R countries.

- In December 2025, the HKSAR Government and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment signed a co-operation arrangement for the EPD and the B&R Initiative International Green Development Coalition to establish the **B&R Green Development Cooperation Platform** in Hong Kong. By organising high-level summits, seminars and exchange visits, the Platform will foster technical exchanges and technology transfer, and promote high-level aggregation of talents, resources and funding.

Meteorology

- Through the **Meteorological Training Centre for Belt and Road Countries**, the Hong Kong Observatory and the China Meteorological Administration jointly organised an international training workshop in Guangzhou in December 2025. With the theme of artificial intelligence application in weather forecasting, the workshop attracted around 70 participants from over 30 countries.

- The Observatory will continue to join hands with the China Meteorological Administration and international organisations to promote the activities of the Training Centre, and enhance meteorological co-operation and development.

5 ADVANCING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

Based on IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2025, Hong Kong ranks

4th Globally

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks (HKSTP) community comprises

2,400+

technology companies including **13 unicorns**

Cyberport gathers

2,300+

companies including **12 listed companies and 10 unicorns**

- The Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau continues to promote innovation and technology (I&T) exchanges and co-operation among enterprises and organisations from the Mainland and overseas, including those from B&R countries and regions, with a view to advancing I&T development and deepening cross-sectoral collaboration in areas such as artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure, cross-boundary data flow and digital security.

- Three major organisations of I&T parks in Hong Kong **(Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited and Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park Limited)** and the Hong Kong Productivity Council continue to promote exchanges and co-operation between enterprises from B&R countries and regions and Hong Kong through various channels.

- On the development of **Chinese medicine (CM)**, Hong Kong will fully leverage its advantages in healthcare system, regulatory regime, standard-setting, clinical research and other areas to develop Hong Kong into a bridgehead for the global expansion of CM, and foster the establishment of more high-level platforms for CM collaboration and exchange between Hong Kong and B&R countries.

- Regarding healthcare standards, five public hospitals in Hong Kong have already obtained accreditation under international accreditation standards developed based on national Tier 3A hospital accreditation standards. The hospital accreditation programme will be further extended to two other major acute hospitals in 2026. The research centre which formulated the standards has set up an office in Hong Kong to promote national standards to B&R countries.

6 SUPPORTING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES

117

B&R countries granted visa-free access or visa-on arrival to HKSAR passport holders

Nationals from

about 110

B&R countries may visit Hong Kong visa-free

Hong Kong

8,000+

B&R countries

6,200+

Youths travelled between Hong Kong and B&R countries under Working Holiday Scheme by end-June 2026

5,000+

students from B&R countries studied in Hong Kong's University Grants Committee-funded programmes in 2025/26 academic year

150

annual quota of B&R Scholarship each academic year

830+

students from 57 countries received B&R Scholarship since 2016/17 academic year

- Hong Kong is developing as an **East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange**, actively enhancing mutual learning among different civilisations and people-to-people exchanges.
- The **Asia+ Festival** is held annually from September to November, focusing on Asia and connecting with B&R countries and regions in Europe, Africa and the Americas, to showcase diverse and vibrant cultures.
- The HKSAR Government, through the **CreateSmart Initiative** and the **Film Development Fund**, provides funding for the industry to promote Hong Kong's cultural and creative industries in B&R countries, strengthening cultural exchange and co-operation and opening up relevant markets.
- In 2026 **Global Muslim Travel Index (GMTI), Hong Kong claimed second place for the Muslim-friendly Destination of the Year** among the non-Organisation of Islamic Cooperation destinations, moving one place up from 2025.

- The HKSAR Government is actively encouraging various sectors of the community to enhance tourism support measures for creating a friendly environment for visitors, including providing information at the airport in Arabic and encouraging taxi fleets to provide fleet service information in Arabic; **compiling a list of restaurants offering halal food**; encouraging more commercial establishments to provide appropriate facilities, such as worship facilities in hotels; and stepping up staff training to strengthen their knowledge on receiving visitors from different cultural backgrounds.
- The HKSAR Government continues to organise various youth internship and exchange programmes with B&R countries, including **HYAB - United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme**, HYAB Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange, and HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas. In 2025/26, **around 2,600 young people** participated in these programmes, which span more than 40 countries, many of them are located in regions along the B&R.

7 PROMOTING INTEGRITY-BASED B&R CO-OPERATION

50+ training and thematic programmes were organised for **~90 B&R countries** by Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption since its establishment in 2024

- The anti-graft tripartite partnership formed by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) with the **Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption (HKIAAC)** and the International Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (IAACA) continues to leverage its synergy to expand network and deepen exchanges on anti-corruption initiatives with anti-corruption agencies (ACAs) of B&R countries so as to provide integrity safeguards to support the country's Clean Silk Road initiative.
- Through a "going global and bringing in" dual strategy, ICAC shares Hong Kong's anti-corruption experience with B&R countries and global partners, strongly supporting the country's strategy of building a clean B&R.
- Throughout the years, ICAC has signed **MoUs with ACAs** of several B&R countries (including Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Maldives, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates) to strengthen co-operation, exchanges and collaborative training in anti-corruption.
- Since the establishment of the HKIAAC of ICAC in 2024, HKIAAC has organised a total of **over 50 international anti-corruption training programmes**, covering over 6,000 participants from more than 90 jurisdictions, mostly B&R countries, to strengthen the anti-graft capabilities of personnel from B&R countries. The ICAC has been contributing to building a Clean Silk Road, including through sharing experience in combating and preventing corruption in infrastructure projects.
- The HKIAAC has been actively engaged in visiting and providing professional training for B&R countries to share Hong Kong's anti-corruption experience on one hand; and organising anti-corruption thematic programmes in Hong Kong on the other hand, for participants to conduct in-depth studies on Hong Kong's successful anti-corruption strategies. Study visits to the Chinese Mainland were also arranged for anti-corruption personnel from B&R and other countries to gain firsthand knowledge of China's latest development and integrity building.

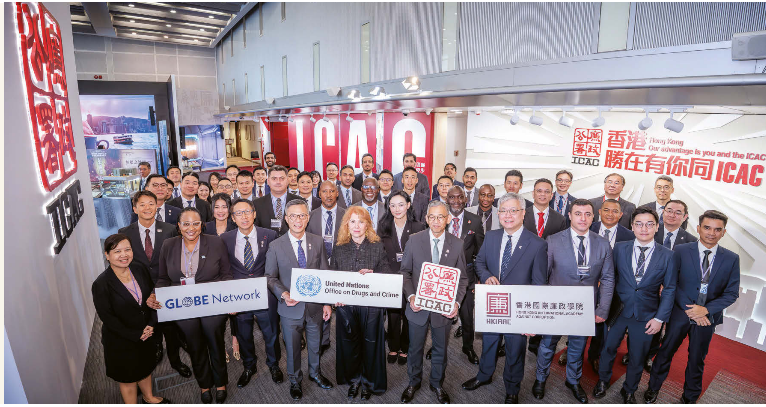
- The HKIAAC continues to deepen co-operation and exchanges with anti-corruption agencies worldwide, for example, the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority of Saudi Arabia has arranged two personnel to the ICAC in April 2026 for one-year attachment for comprehensive exchanges of practical issues in anti-corruption work areas. In addition, 60 personnel from the same anti-corruption agency in Saudi Arabia have also been arranged to visit Hong Kong in July 2026 for anti-corruption capacity building training.

- Serving as the **President of the IAACA**, the ICAC actively invited ACAs of various B&R countries to join the organisation. Through multilateral and regional collaboration among more than 190 member organisations, the United Nations Convention against Corruption has all along been effectively implemented within a robust anti-corruption framework.

- With the support of the ICAC, IAACA has successfully held its General Meeting and Annual Conference in Doha, Qatar, in December 2025, bringing together over 250 high-level representatives from 80 anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies as well as international organisations worldwide, including representatives from various B&R countries, to exchange insights and explore strategies and future direction on enhancing anti-corruption capabilities worldwide.

- In May 2026, IAACA successfully hosted its first European regional anti-corruption conference, IAACA Europe 2026, in Budapest, Hungary. Over 180 experts from more than 70 ACAs, including ACAs of various B&R countries, gathered to discuss integrity issues across Europe and globally, strengthening co-operation and exchanges.

- ICAC has continued to collaborate with international organisations and platforms, such as the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**, to advance more anti-corruption co-operation initiatives that benefit B&R countries. For example, in 2025, ICAC collaborated with the UNODC and IAACA to conduct capacity building programmes in Brunei Darussalam and Thailand, promoting youth engagement for the anti-corruption cause.



- In September 2025, ICAC, UNODC and IAACA jointly hosted in Hong Kong the **Coding4Integrity Asian Youth Anti-Corruption Hackathon 2025**. This event provided a platform for young people from Hong Kong and over 10 B&R countries and regions to showcase their anti-corruption programmes.

- Furthermore, ICAC collaborated with UNODC and IAACA to co-develop the **Guide on Corruption Risk Management in Prison Systems**, assessing corruption risks in prison systems worldwide and providing practical anti-corruption guidelines. In November 2025, a group of 18 experts on prison systems and criminology scholars from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong and various B&R countries and regions gathered in Hong Kong to attend the expert panel and review the draft guide. The guide is slated for launch during the 15th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2026. ICAC and IAACA will organise training courses on the guide for B&R countries.

In 2025, the Belt and Road Summit

- attracted **~6,200 participants**
- with **90+** government and business speakers
- **100+** delegations

witnessed a record high of 45 MoUs

Around US$1 billion value of projects and deals closed around the Summit

8 STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING FOR INTERNATIONAL B&R CO-OPERATION

- The **B&R Summit** is held in Hong Kong since 2016, and has established itself as the largest and most important international commerce, business and investment platform for promoting collaboration among Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland and overseas enterprises on B&R projects.
- The Summit has been recognised by our country as a case of significance for the implementation of the B&R Initiative in building a global community of shared future, and was included as **one of the deliverables of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation**.
- The Belt and Road Office has coordinated some 20 public organisations and institutions to establish the **Belt and Road Capacity Building Platforms** in Hong Kong, covering areas such as transport and logistics, financial services, legal services, development and construction, environment and ecology, innovation and technology, health, and integrity. The Platforms aim to offer capacity building for promoting development, deepen soft connectivity of rules and standards, and enhance people-to people bonds with B&R countries.
- In Q1 of 2026, the organisations and institutions of the Belt and Road Capacity Building Platforms have organised 56 sessions, offering capacity building/experience sharing activities to over **1 800 number of attendance** by participants from **over 30 B&R countries and regions**.

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