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Question :

One of the matters requiring special attention in 2005-06 is the maintenance of close liaison with Guangdong authorities on planning matters under the auspices of the Hong Kong-Guangdong Joint Conference. What important areas are covered by these planning matters? Do they involve the planning of land in North-western New Territories as a back-up site for the logistics industry and a review on the land use planning for the frontier area between the New Territories and Shenzhen? If so, please provide details.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Hong Kong-Guangdong Joint Conference has agreed to the establishment of a new Expert Group on Hong Kong-Guangdong Town Planning and Development with a view to strengthening co-operation on strategic town planning and ensuring timely exchange of planning information and carrying out more advance studies on major infrastructure projects.

The land-use planning of North-western New Territories and the frontier area between the New Territories and Shenzhen do not fall within the ambit of the Hong Kong-Guangdong Joint Conference.

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