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Question: Could the Government inform this Council of the details and the working

schedule of the Planning Study on the Co-ordinated Development of the

Greater PRD Townships?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

## Reply:

The Planning Study on the Co-ordinated Development of the Greater Pearl River Delta (PRD) Townships (the Study) is an initiative of the Expert Group on Hong Kong/Guangdong Town Planning and Development set up under the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference. The objective of the Study is to formulate a co-ordinated development strategy for the cities in the Greater PRD. In December 2005, the Hong Kong and Guangdong planning authorities reached consensus on the principles and approach of the Study and agreed to commission the Peking University and the Guangdong Urban & Rural Planning and Design Institute to undertake the Study. The Study would commence in March 2006 and take 24 months to complete.

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