

Gist of the Declaration of Intent on Co-operation in Wine-related Businesses between Hong Kong and Germany

- The Declaration of Intent (Declaration) is an extensive one, covering several areas of co-operation that also feature in our co-operation agreements with other wine-producing countries/regions, including promotion of wine trading, investment, auctioneering, storage, education and manpower training, and combat against counterfeits, etc. The common elements are:
 - (a) **facilitation of business visits, exhibitions and wine-related events** – to strengthen wine-related trading and promotional activities, Hong Kong and Germany will endeavour to facilitate business visits and encourage each other's participation in wine fairs organised in Hong Kong or Germany;
 - (b) **Investment promotion activities** – the investment promotion agencies of the two sides will provide industry connections to interested investors and facilitate exchange of information on wine-related investment activities and services;
 - (c) **wine-related tourism and wine culture** – Hong Kong and Germany will endeavour to encourage enhanced partnership on promoting wine-related tourism and wine culture;
 - (d) **education and manpower training** – Hong Kong and Germany will endeavour to encourage the training institutions to enhance partnership so as to strengthen education on wine appreciation/culture and manpower training on wine-related subjects;
 - (e) **wine storage facilities and services** – Hong Kong and Germany will endeavour to encourage the provision of quality wine storage facilities in Hong Kong, enhancing the confidence of wine traders and investors in using Hong Kong's storage facilities; and
 - (f) **co-operation against counterfeit wine** – the two governments will endeavour to provide assistance to each other to prevent, investigate and prosecute illicit activities involving counterfeit wine.

- Under investment promotion, the two sides will promote the opportunities afforded by the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, whereby wines made in Hong Kong from imported grapes can enjoy zero tariff on entry into Mainland China.

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