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Greater Bay Area Impact Forum Foundation Announces Partnership with Policy 21 Research to Develop United Nations Sustainable Development Goal indices for Greater Bay Area cities

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The Greater Bay Area Impact Forum Foundation has announced its collaboration with leading Hong Kong research organization POLICY 21 to develop a set of sustainability indices based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) for the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and its member cities, including the Hong Kong SAR.

The results of this research will be published annually to help city governments formulate policy and track their progress against world-recognized indices that are crucial to sustainable development.

The collaboration will provide thought leadership as well as independent and reliable data to help city governments in the GBA evaluate various policy options for quality of life improvement in their communities. The 17 UN SDG indices include measurements such as: elimination of poverty, adequacy of affordable housing, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, equitable quality education, gender equality and other key indices.

The Greater Bay Area Impact Forum Foundation is sponsoring this research on an on-going basis. Co-founder of the Foundation, Dr. C.K. Wong, said:

“We are delighted to be collaborating with POLICY 21 on this research and to address sustainable development issues in the GBA. The UN SDG index is a world-recognized set of measurements that we should benchmark our communities against to ensure that we are not driving unbalanced economic growth at the expense of our future generations. We believe the study will form the basis for sound judgments and decisions in formulating public policies that are conducive to the sustainable development of the GBA. Recent events in Hong Kong have accelerated the need to provide a set of common goals that Government and different community stakeholders, including our youth, can work toward in building a 21st century Hong Kong.”

Dr. Ma Jun, who chairs China's Green Finance Committee, co-chairs the G20 Sustainable

Finance Study Group, and chairs the Hong Kong Green Finance Association, welcomed the initiative. Dr. Ma said:

"Green finance will play a critical role in advancing the global sustainability agenda and be the next major investment opportunity. Having a thorough understanding of the GBA 9 + 2 cities through the sustainability indices based on UN practices will enable identification of major sustainable growth and development areas."

Mr. Hak Kwong Yip, the Chairman and founding director of POLICY 21 said:

"We are excited to be collaborating with, and sponsored by, the Greater Bay Area Impact Forum Foundation to perform this research and collaborate with leading overseas universities and various data contributing government agencies to develop this set of indices for the GBA cities, including the Hong Kong SAR. The indices will underscore the strengths and attributes that differentiate Hong Kong and other GBA cities from other great cities of the world, bearing witnesses to how the GBA becomes a world-class sustainable city cluster rivaling the leading bay areas in San Francisco, New York and Tokyo."

About the Greater Bay Area Impact Forum Foundation

The Greater Bay Area Impact Forum Foundation is a NGO registered in Hong Kong. In addition to organizing its annual flagship event, the Greater Bay Area Impact Forum, the Foundation also funds research projects that are in support of the Foundation's mission; organizes exchange programs for tertiary education institutions in the GBA area; hosts regular lunch talks, dinner talks and seminars for students and industry practitioners in chosen high impact areas. The 2019 Greater Bay Area Impact Forum will be held on November 18 in Hong Kong and November 19-20 in the city of Shenzhen. (<http://gba.impactforum.hk>)

About POLICY 21

POLICY 21 is a leading research organization in Hong Kong that provides evidence-based research services to the community and has conducted over 700 research projects for universities, NGO's, government bureaus and private organizations. (<https://www.policy21.org/>)

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大灣區影響力論壇基金會與政策二十一建立合作關係 按聯合國可持續發展目標 為大灣區的各城市進行分析研究

香港，2019年9月25日 — 「大灣區影響力論壇基金會」宣佈與「政策二十一」建立緊密合作關係，為大灣區的各城市，包括香港特別行政區的各项可持續發展指標進行分析研究，這十七項指標是聯合國用以評價其成員組織在可持續發展目標（UN SDG）上的績效。雙方將會每年發表研究報告，為大灣區內城市及特別行政區提供客觀參考數據，並以這國際公認的可持續發展指標作為區內成就的量化參考。

這些指標包括：減貧和消除貧困的成效、足夠並可負擔的房屋供應、普惠和可持續的經濟增長模式、公平和優質的教育制度、男女享有平等機會等等共十七項。合作雙方期望可以為大灣區內的九個城市和兩個特別行政區提供客觀可靠的數據，用作政策制訂的參考，逐步提高可持續發展水平，實質改善民生。

社會動盪促使加快研究工作

基金會的其中一位聯合創始人黃仲翹博士，代表基金會發言：「我們很高興和政策二十一合作進行這研究項目，為大灣區的可持續發展貢獻一份力量。聯合國制訂的可持續發展目標（UN SDG）包括了一系列國際認可的指標。希望研究能為區內城市及兩個特別行政區提供政策制訂的參考，避免過度依賴失衡的發展模式，確保發展不會為追求短期經濟目標而犧牲下一代的未來。」

「近日香港社會上的動盪不安、互信的坍塌和社會撕裂的擴大促使我們要加快這項研究工作，希望能為特區政府、民間不同的持份者提出一套有客觀定義和標準的共同目標，為建構21世紀的香港，21世紀的大灣區而努力。」

綠色金融促進大灣區可持續發展

身兼中國金融學會綠色金融委員會主席、G20組織的可持續金融研究室的聯席主席以及香港綠色金融委員會主席的馬駿博士對這項有意義的工作表示歡迎：「綠色金融對全球可持續發展有不可替代的作用，同時是當代的一個最重要的投資領域。大灣區9+2城市群的可持續發展研究，採用聯合國制訂的目標，提供客觀指標作為大灣區發展的參考，應該能帶動更利於可持續發展的經濟模式。」

為大灣區城市提供客觀基準，量度在可持續發展各領域的成就

政策二十一的創辦總監兼主席葉克剛先生表示：「作為一家立足香港的本地研究機構，我們非常鼓舞能承擔此重任，我們將與大灣區影響力論壇基金會合作並接受其資助，同時與一些海外知名大學和提供原始數據的政府機構來進行此項研究。聯合國的可持續發展目標（UN SDG）包含了十七個指標，研究結果將會為大灣區內的城市提供客觀的基準，量度在可持續發展各領域的成就，推動這方面的提升。可持續發展的大灣區足以令

這區域能成為世界級的城市群，比肩甚致超越三藩市、紐約和東京等成熟的灣區經濟。」

大灣區影響力論壇

2019 年的大灣區影響力論壇將於 11 月 18 日在香港，19-20 日在深圳舉辦。

關於大灣區影響力論壇基金會

大灣區影響力論壇基金會 (<http://gba.impactforum.hk>) 是在香港註冊成立的非謀利、非政府機構，基金會每年主辦大灣區影響力論壇，同時資助一些與基金會目標相符的研究項目，也協助青年組織和學生組織，通過離港外出交流學習和實習機會來拓闊視野，又定期舉辦午餐會、晚宴講座等活動，邀請年青學生，關鍵領域的行業實踐者進行互動交流，促進了解。

關於政策二十一

政策二十一 (<https://www.policy21.org/>) 是香港的一所知名獨立研究機構，已完成的循證研究項目超過七百多項，給大學、政府的政策局、非政府機構和私營機構提供服務。

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