



Press Release

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**Dr Allen Shi Urges Resumption of Quarantine-free Travel with Mainland
to Boost Domestic Sales Market in Greater Bay Area**

The pandemic has caused serious setbacks to Hong Kong's industries. In the latest episode of SCOM Talk Show produced by The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK), Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak, President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, was quoted as saying that Hong Kong's industrial sector has been hit hard by the impact of COVID-19 and the China-US trade conflict. He hoped that the quarantine-free travel with the Mainland would be fully resumed to help boost the sales of Hong Kong products in the Mainland market. He was confident that Hong Kong has talents in design and technology to develop local brands, which can make Hong Kong a "Pilot-manufacturing" transformation centre.

According to China's foreign trade statistics in the first half of 2022, the US is China's third largest trading partner, and the main export market for Hong Kong and the Mainland. Dr Shi said that the US policy of "De-Sinicisation" and the impact of COVID-19 have severely impacted the industries. He hoped that the re-open of the Mainland borders and the development of production lines in Southeast Asian countries could help relieve the reliance on the US market.

Dr Shi also believed that Hong Kong has a bright prospect in re-industrialisation. He explained that Hong Kong's upstream industries, including scientific research, product design, brand promotion and quality assurance are well recognised in the Mainland and other countries. With its solid foundation and the pool of research and design talents, Hong Kong can become a "Pilot-manufacturing" transformation centre.

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Photo 1: Dr Allen Shi (centre) calls for resumption of quarantine-free travel with the Mainland.

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