

## *HK-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge benefits cross-boundary students*

Since the opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in October last year, an increasing number of Hong Kong residents have chosen to live a dual-city life between Hong Kong and Zhuhai as the "one-hour living circle" in the city cluster has brought tremendous opportunities and benefits to them.

Among those commuting between the two cities are a significant number of Hong Kong children who live in Zhuhai and cross the border every day to attend school. To ease the pressure on checkpoints, a new method was introduced at the Zhuhai checkpoint of the cross-border bridge in February when the new semester started.

Every morning at around 6:50 am, when the cross-border shuttle buses carrying the students arrive at the port, students can enjoy an "on-bus check" instead of getting off and on to have their documents stamped, as those personal documents have been filed with customs in advance.

This helped cut checking time from the previous 15 minutes to only six minutes, and also reduced the potential dangers for the children, especially those of kindergarten age, as they don't have to walk through the port by themselves.

The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is offering a new traffic route, which is more efficient and convenient for cross-boundary students. According to Xinhua News Agency, about 18,000 cross-boundary students have benefited from the new route.

The 55-kilometer-long bridge, the longest bridge-and-tunnel sea crossing in the world, is the first large-scale infrastructure project jointly developed by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao under the principle of "one country, two systems".

Over the past year, the bridge has seen more than 14 million passengers as well as 1.5 million vehicles.

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## *Closer ties sought with Brazil*

### **Xi tells Bolsonaro more high-quality imports from nation are encouraged**

China would like to expand cooperation with Brazil in areas covering agriculture, energy, mining industry, aerospace and infrastructure, President Xi Jinping said on Friday.

Xi made the remark while meeting with Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro, making his first state visit to China from Thursday to Saturday, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Saying that practical cooperation should benefit the people of both countries, Xi added that China would like to import more products of high quality and high added value from the South American nation.

Xi called on the two developing countries to make joint efforts to maintain multilateralism, oppose trade protectionism and unilateralism and promote the balanced, inclusive and sustainable development of the world economy.

Witnessed by the two presidents, China and Brazil signed a number of cooperation documents after their talks.

The world is undergoing unprecedentedly large changes, but the historic trend of peace, development and win-win cooperation is unchanged, Xi said.

The rising momentum of the developing countries and emerging markets including China and Brazil has not changed, and China's policy of developing bilateral ties with Brazil from a strategic level and visionary perspective also has not changed, Xi added.

Xi expressed appreciation for Bolsonaro's congratulatory letter on the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Both China and Brazil are at a critical period for development, and the two countries should develop their comprehensive strategic partnership and contribute more positive energy to global peace, stability and prosperity, Xi said.

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--- Julius Erving