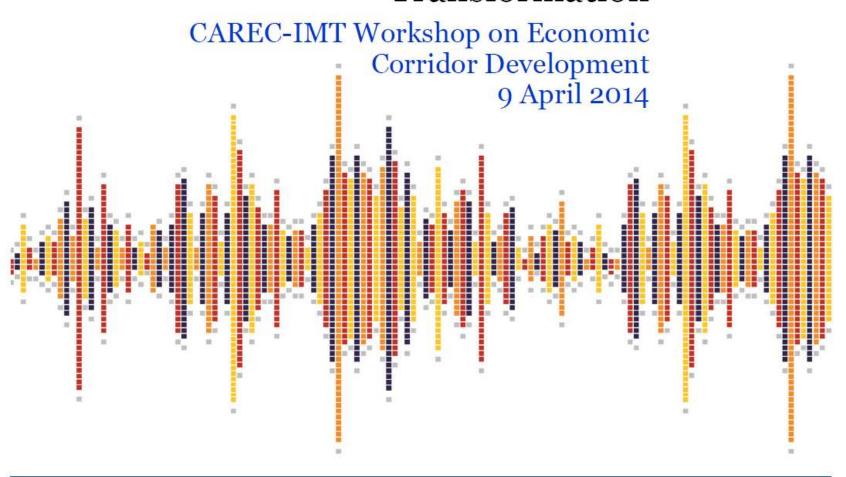
Stimulating Border Economic Transformation



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What are Special Border Economic Zones (SBEZs)?

Key value proposition

Clusters of related business activities

(manufacturing, services, logistics) with optimal synergies to reduce costs, increase efficiency and provide greater ease of doing business via levers such as



Regulatory incentives including policies and taxation regimes



Good physical infrastructure necessary for industrial production (e.g. land space to build facilities, utilities)



Better connectivity for movement of goods and people - enables easier access to markets (physical connectivity, logistics support)



Easier access to raw materials and labour

Distinction from other SEZs

- Located at/near/across border areas
- Designed to increase trade and investment flows between countries by maximising competitive advantages on both sides (e.g., lower cost labour, land/resource availability, demand for services. technological capacity)
- Usually involves some level of inter-governmental cooperation especially to ensure infrastructure and regulatory integration

Cross-border economic development programmes seek to maximise competitive advantages on each side of the border

Input-driven

Complementary

Synergistic

Fully Integrated



China SEZs in areas bordering its neighbours, e.g.

- Guangxi/Dongxing-Mong Cai (Vietnam)
- Mohan Boten (Laos)
- Yili Horgas (Kazakhstan)
- Erenhot Zamiin Uud (Mongolia)

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- Located at border to be close to source of raw materials and labour
- Typically driven by the country with a stronger manufacturing base



- United States Mexico Border Economy
- Singapore-Batam

- Designed to leverage competitive advantages along value chain (e.g., lower cost, labour-intensive activity)
- Formalised governance structure supported with collaboration frameworks, e.g., NAFTA

- Hong Kong-Shenzhen
- Iskandar Malaysia-Singapore

- Capitalises on crossborder investment opportunities and consumer demand
- Prioritises lifestyle and leisure dimensions as well
- Separated governance, with formal collaboration frameworks



 Oresund Region (Sweden-Denmark)

- Effectively a single, 'borderless' region
- Governed by transnational body with permanent representation from both countries

Cross-border economic cooperation promotes GDP growth, job creation and strengthening of bilateral ties

GDP growth



- Manufacturing-led growth
- Export receipts
- Infrastructure development
- Ancillary revenues from creating and operating SBEZ

Job creation



- Direct jobs
- Indirect jobs

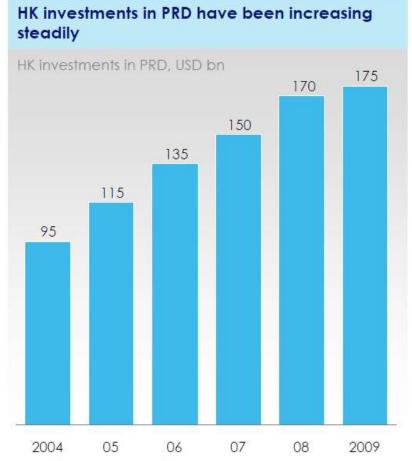
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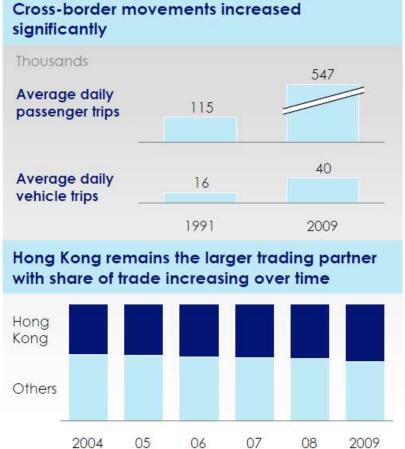


- Trade
- Investments
- G2G cooperation

Example: Hong Kong-PRD border transformation has resulted in increased investments, cross-border movement and trade







Six key success factors of cross-border economic collaboration

Coordinated Governance and professional zone management

Liveability conducive environment to work and live

Competitive advantages to be gained/created as a result of cross-border collaboration

Infrastructure to facilitate operations and movement of goods and labour

> Cross-border synergies – driven by interest and willingess to leverage crossborder resources

Favourable regulatory environment and fiscal incentives

Example: Chiang Rai special border economic zone





- The Thai government developed Chiang Rai as its first special border economic zone (SBEZ) for trade with China, Laos and Myanmar in 2003 to reinforce economic relationships with China (Yunnan), Laos, and Myanmar
- Relevant infrastructure has been constructed over the last 10 years
 - custom houses and ports to facilitate trade with China built by Thailand; Chiang Saen inland port opened in 2003
 - highway and bridge linking Thailand and China jointly built by the 2 countries; Fourth Mekong Friendship Bridge was due to open in 2013, jointly funded by Thailand & China
 - train project linking Thailand to China approved in 2007; construction started
 - Route 3A highway linking China, Laos and Thailand (254 km)

Example: Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta Region





Hong Kong has been utilizing the Pearl River Delta (PRD) region as a hinterland since the 1980s

- Hong Kong has skilled labour to concentrate on higher value added businesses while PRD has focused on manufacturing activities
- neighbouring Chinese cities have manufacturing capabilities, lower labour cost and access to raw material
- Similarities in language and culture helps in building relationships

Chinese government has invested heavily in building megacities

- Shenzhen has population of over 10 million
- Hong Kong is recognised as a major financial and cultural hub)

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Discussion

Which particular elements from these examples are relevant to CAREC and/or your individual countries?

Are there any immediate opportunities that you can see arising across some of your countries?

What will it take for similar collaborations to happen across CAREC countries?