The two sides decide to intensify their joint efforts to strengthen cooperation in the area of intellectual property. The specific content of cooperation shall be formulated and implemented in accordance with Chapter 11 (Economic and Technical Cooperation).

## CHAPTER 11 ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

#### Article 28

## Economic and Technical Cooperation

- 1. The two sides decide that, for the purposes of enhancing the mutual benefits under the CEPA, promoting the implementation and liberalisation of the CEPA, as well as facilitating trade and investment between the two sides, economic and technical cooperation will be enhanced in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, policy objectives and allocation of resources.
- 2. The two sides decide to promote trade and investment facilitation through greater transparency, standard conformity and enhanced information exchange.
- 3. The two sides will formulate a Work Programme to set out

the areas and the specific content of cooperation to be implemented in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

4. At the request of either side, the two sides may expand and amend the Work Programme formulated in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article through consultation.

# CHAPTER 12 OTHER PROVISIONS

#### Article 29

## **Exceptions**

The provisions in the CEPA shall not affect the ability of either side to maintain or adopt exception measures consistent with the rules of the WTO.

#### Article 30

## Institutional Arrangements

- 1. The two sides shall set up a Joint Steering Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Steering Committee"), which will comprise senior representatives or designated officials of the two sides.
- 2. Liaison Offices shall be set up under the Steering