

## *Legal and Regulatory Harmonization in the Greater Bay Area\**

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### *Abstract*

The notion of legal and regulatory harmonization has been a focal point in the national policy agendas for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). This emphasis has catalyzed a recent proliferation of initiatives, widely perceived as steps towards bridging legal and regulatory differences across the GBA's three composite jurisdictions. While some initiatives are top-down, formal and official in nature, others are organic, indirect, and voluntary in orientation. The special feature presents a collective intellectual endeavor aimed at reflecting on the GBA legal and regulatory harmonization enterprise. Additionally, it sheds light on areas warranting further exploration within the nascent field of study.

The development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) is high on the list of China's national priorities. Because of its historical circumstances, the GBA includes three different legal jurisdictions. Guangdong Province (specifically, the nine cities included in the GBA), the Hong Kong SAR, and the Macau SAR have each developed an

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