Closing Remarks for
Panel Discussion: “Europe – What does it contribute to Macao?”
The Secretary for Administration and Justice - Florinda Chan
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Honorable Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macao, Mr Piket
Ladies and Gentlemen

I am very honoured by this occasion to extend my gratitude to the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao, for organizing today’s Panel Discussion, which is also deemed to be in time of commemoration for the 20th anniversary of the EU-Macao Agreement for Trade and Cooperation. I would like to give special thanks to the Moderator and all the participants in the Panel Discussion for their effort put together contributing to the success of this event, a result that has brought forth the enduring relationship built up between the Macao SAR and the EU with an outlook of the bilateral cooperation to a fuller understanding being reviewed.

The partnership between the Macao SAR Government and the European Union today is one concrete example optimizing the sharing of information and communication of dialogues on various aspects such as in the legal, public administration, cultural, and environmental areas. We recognize a series of fruitful and consistent EU exchanges and appreciate that a lot of human and financial resources have been committed on the perspectives of education, trades, services, cultural, and training arenas over the past decades of years.
Upon such reviewing, the Macao SAR Government is delighted to maintain the relation with the EU basing on mutual interests and welcomes more EU programmes including in the SMEs development within our Region. In a further front, the Macao SAR also acts as an effective platform to foster the Sino-EU relationship, where the two places can take advantage of each other the economic complementarities to expand their cooperation on various forms.

I am positive that we shall become stronger through exchanges and collective learning opportunities. In line with the Macao SAR’s policy objective putting people at the centre of governance, our key tasks would be to bring more talents closer together and upkeep the value of the continuing friendship between the Macao SAR and the European Union states. My best wishes for everyone. Thank you.