Investment options for technical & vocational training in Guangdong province

New opportunities to support China’s economic growth

The expansion of industry and commerce in the People’s Republic of China has led to a growing demand for skilled labour, and new challenges for the country’s Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector.

With its rapidly growing export industries and its position as mainland China’s gateway to Hong Kong and South-East Asia, Guangdong province was selected a special pilot area for a review of TVET needs and expansion prospects. The project was managed by CC International for China’s Ministry of Finance with funding from the Asian Development Bank.

Urbanisation and disparities between regions were key contextual factors. The project paid special attention to the training and education needs of migrant workers. CCI Australia conducted surveys of migrants working in the cities of Guangdong and Dongguan, and arranged focus groups as part of the assessment.

The project presented a series of strategic recommendations to the Asian Development Bank, which involved strategies to increase the capacity of TVET schools, colleges and institutes. Options for funding, and mechanisms to attract investment from the private sector were also considered.

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Initiative

Drawing on the expertise of local partners, CC International conducted a sector-wide review that involved consultations with:

> school and college personnel, on visits to almost 20 public and private institutes throughout the province
> government officials, including staff from the labour, social security and education ministries
> industry representatives, as well as job centre personnel and recruitment experts