Dear editor,

Please find attached “**Urban transition dynamics in the regional rescaling of the Pearl River Delta Area: a qualitative approach**” by Yang FU. I would like to submit this article to the **first issue** of **Macro Management & Public Policies.**

We believe that this manuscript is in line with the scope ofthe journal since it focuses on the urban development and expansion in an era of urban rescaling. China has recently been undergoing a trend of urban rescaling, emphasizing integration and cooperation between different urban units. Most current research focuses on flagship projects and megacities, depicting urban dynamics against the backdrop of urban upscaling.

This study takes one prominent experiment of urban expansion, Hengqin in Zhuhai, as a case study to investigate how institutional innovations are forged and managed to boost urban development and transitions towards sustainable growth and regional integration. Urban expansion reflects not only the political economy of Zhuhai but also regional coopetition on a broader scale. We adopt a multi-level perspective framework to analyze Hengqin’s urban transition. Government archives, master plans, various documents and interviews with government officials, planners, residents, and businesses from Zhuhai, Hong Kong, and Macau are chosen as sources of the analysis, which delineates the complex interactions from a variety of stakeholders. Despite difficulties in the early days, Hengqin is now transitioning quickly, although still confronted with inter-scalar challenges. A better understanding of the governance and economic innovations that have taken place, and the investment-driven development strategies involved, will help shed light on the urban transition of other similar city regions.

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