

# World's longest sea crossing

The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau bridge is set to be officially launched today after repeated delays. Hong Kong correspondent Claire Huang looks at the mammoth structure 20 times the length of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.

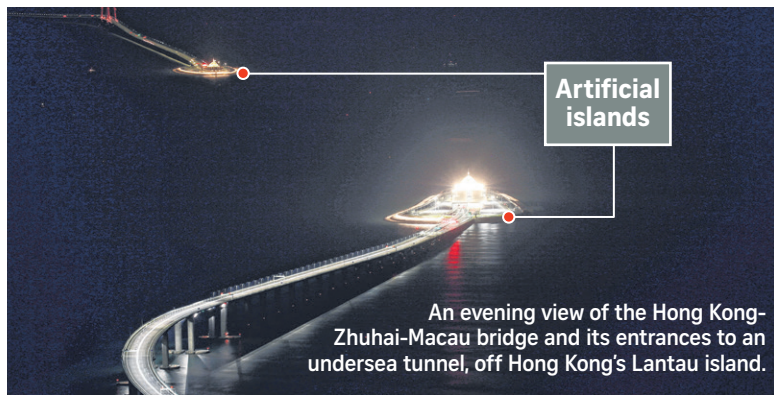
**CONSTRUCTION** 420,000 tonnes of steel were used, 60 times the steel used to build Paris' Eiffel Tower  
**2009 to June 2018**

**TOTAL LENGTH** 55km  
(Longer than the 50km length of Singapore from east to west)

**COST OF ENTIRE PROJECT**  
Estimated amount  
**US\$20b (\$\$27.6b)**

**TIME SAVED**  
Cuts travelling time from Hong Kong International Airport to Zhuhai from the current four hours to just 45 minutes

**SPEED LIMIT** 100kmh



**LIFESPAN**  
Built to last 120 years, able to withstand a magnitude-8 earthquake, a super typhoon or strike by a cargo vessel weighing 300,000 tonnes

**TOLL CHARGES**  
**60 yuan (\$\$12) to 300 yuan**  
depending on the type of vehicle

