

Federation sets up regional headquarters in Hong Kong to foster ties in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Industry and Commerce Federation announced today (January 7) that its regional headquarters in Hong Kong is up and running, making use of the city's strategic location to boost industrial, business and trade exchanges and collaboration in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

The Federation aims to assist companies to make good use of the complementary advantages of the three places and tap the new opportunities arising from the Bay Area. Through a wide range of activities including forums, seminars, talent matching programmes and more, the Federation works to enhance co-operation among different sectors in the Bay Area. Companies that enrol as members will have access to the latest economic and market information of the Bay Area, plus extensive business networking and global market opportunities.

The Founding President, Mr Xu Guowei, said, "Hong Kong offers a great location that is not only well connected with Mainland and Southeast Asian markets but also has efficient communication infrastructure linking to the rest of the world. It makes the city an ideal platform from which our members can connect with business people, entrepreneurs and professionals from around the globe, building international business rapport in their overseas expansion while enhancing business ties in the Bay Area."

The Founding Chairman, Mr Zhong Xueyong, added, "Hong Kong upholds the rule of law with a level playing field and sound regulatory systems, making it the important international financial centre it is today. The Federation will help members seek listing in the local stock market and promote the collaboration between entrepreneurs, professionals and financial institutions to explore business opportunities in the global market."

Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion Dr Jimmy Chiang said, "Hong Kong plays a key role as the most open and international city in the Greater Bay Area. The city is also known for its status as the international financial, transportation, trade and aviation hub. I believe that the Federation will make good use of our city's advantages to assist companies to tap the new opportunities arising from the Greater Bay Area."

About the Federation

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Industry and Commerce Federation was founded by a group of business leaders and members of the

elite of society in the Bay Area. It aims to assist member companies to make good use of the complementary advantages of the three places and tap the new opportunities arising from the Bay Area as well as further enhance co-operation in the Bay Area. For more information, please visit www.icf-gba.com.

About Invest Hong Kong

Invest Hong Kong is the department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government responsible for attracting foreign direct investment and supporting overseas and Mainland businesses to set up or expand in Hong Kong. It provides free advice and customised services for overseas and Mainland companies. For more information, please visit www.investhk.gov.hk.

Employee fined for violation of safety legislation

A site foreman was fined \$30,000 at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today (January 7) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance. The prosecution was launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on March 29, 2017, at a construction site of the Hong Kong Link Road of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge project. A temporary working platform erected underneath a bridge under construction on the site was suspended by a lifting system erected on the bridge deck of the bridge. While three workers were dismantling the working platform, a lifting beam of the lifting system suddenly collapsed and two slings suspending the platform snapped. The platform plunged into the sea together with the three workers. At the same time, the collapsed lifting beam hit two other workers on the bridge deck. As a result, two workers died and the other three sustained injuries.

Appeal for information on missing woman in Mong Kok (with photo)

Police today (January 7) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Mong Kok.

Hung Chiu-kam, aged 73, went missing after she left her residence on Waterloo Road on January 5 night. Her family made a report to Police yesterday (January 6).

She is about 1.5 metres tall, 40 kilograms in weight and of thin build. She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short greyish-white hair. She was last seen wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt, light-coloured vest and khaki trousers and black shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon West on 3661 8038, 9020 6542 or email to rmpu-kw@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



[Suspected case tests negative for MERS-CoV](#)

The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health today (January 7) reported that the suspected case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) pending results yesterday (January 6), upon preliminary testing, tested negative for MERS Coronavirus.

Agenda of tomorrow's LegCo meeting revised

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The agenda of the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting, scheduled for tomorrow (January 8) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex, has been revised. The President has given permission for Ms Alice Mak, Ms Elizabeth Quat and Dr Kwok Ka-ki to ask, under Rule 24(4) of the Rules of Procedure, urgent oral questions concerning HKSAR Government's measures in response to the occurrence of pneumonia cases with unknown cause in Wuhan.

For the latest agenda items of tomorrow's LegCo meeting, please refer to the LegCo Website:

www.legco.gov.hk/yr19-20/english/counmtg/agenda/cm20200108.htm.