

Belt and Road Office of Commerce and Economic Development Bureau joins Department of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs of Ministry of Commerce to lead Mainland-Hong Kong joint business mission to visit Hungary and Kazakhstan

The Commissioner for Belt and Road, Mr Nicholas Ho, together with the Director-General of the Department of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce, Mr Fan Shijie, will lead the "Mainland of China and HKSAR, China – Joint Business Mission" to visit Hungary and Kazakhstan from tomorrow (May 16) to May 25, with a view to encouraging Hong Kong and Mainland enterprises as well as Hong Kong professional services in "going global" en bloc to explore business opportunities along the Belt and Road and seek collaboration opportunities with relevant Belt and Road countries.

Subsequent to the joint "going global" business mission in 2019, this is the first time the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Department of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce are organising a similar mission after the resumption of normalcy. The mission centres on "promoting green development" and "advancing scientific and technological innovation", which are among the eight major steps announced by President Xi Jinping in supporting the joint pursuit of high-quality Belt and Road development. Hong Kong delegates of the mission include some 30 representatives from local chambers of commerce, professional services, enterprises (including small and medium enterprises and start-ups) as well as businesses related to green development and innovation and technology, covering finance, construction and engineering, new energy and environmental services, legal, accounting, transport and logistics, and innovation and technology, etc. The event is co-organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the China International Contractors Association.

When in Hungary and Kazakhstan, the delegates will meet with government officials, business leaders and representatives of chambers of commerce, visit a number of enterprises related to green development and innovation and technology, and participate in business matching activities to learn about the latest developments of relevant local industries and promote multi-partite partnership and co-operation.

Upon conclusion of the visits to Hungary and Kazakhstan, the mission will return via Xinjiang to visit enterprises and key infrastructures

supporting "going global" under the Belt and Road Initiative, such as an international supply chains hub connecting China and the Eurasian landmass, as well as the China-Europe Railway Express.

Hong Kong delegates of the mission will return to Hong Kong on May 25.