

CE exchanges views with major chambers of commerce and professional bodies on Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development (with photos)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, held a meeting via video conferencing with representatives of major chambers of commerce and several professional bodies in the afternoon today (October 30) to exchange views with them on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)'s participation in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and better integration into the overall development of the nation to prepare for her visit to Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen next week. In addition to Mrs Lam, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau; the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai; and the Under Secretary for Development, Mr Liu Chun-san, also attended the meeting. More than 10 representatives from local chambers of commerce and professional bodies in relation to construction, finance and arbitration joined via video conferencing.

Mrs Lam welcomed the participation of the representatives of various bodies to give their views further to their attendance at the 2020 Policy Address consultation sessions earlier. This shows that all of them are dedicated to working towards Hong Kong's economic recovery and attach great importance to the opportunities brought about by Hong Kong's integration into the overall development of the nation, she said.

The participants put forward to Mrs Lam a number of proposals to boost the flows of people, goods and capital within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and expressed the hope that there would be more facilitation measures for access of Hong Kong enterprises and professionals to the Mainland market in the future. Most of the participants said that they looked forward to the early implementation of cross-boundary travel between the people of the two places with exemption from compulsory quarantine, thereby allowing the gradual resumption of necessary commercial activities.

Mrs Lam said that Hong Kong, with unique advantages, will continue to strengthen its competitiveness. She will strive for more measures that would help enhance the economic integration of the Mainland and Hong Kong to enable the Hong Kong economy to regain momentum.

