

# CE leads delegation to visit Shanghai and attend seventh China International Import Expo

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, will lead a Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government delegation to visit Shanghai on November 4 and will attend the seventh China International Import Expo (CIIE).

Members of the HKSAR Government delegation include the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan; the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau; the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip; the Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services), Ms Salina Yan; and the Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Ms Maggie Wong.

On November 5, Mr Lee will attend the opening ceremony of the CIIE and the Hongqiao International Economic Forum and visit the booths of Hong Kong enterprises at the Hong Kong exhibition area to show support. In addition, the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council will hold a high-level event, namely the 2024 Hong Kong Investment Promotion Conference – Shanghai Forum, during the CIIE, where Mr Lee and Mr Chan will deliver speeches to promote Hong Kong's advantages and its role as a connecting platform under the national dual circulation strategy to Mainland and overseas enterprises.

"The CIIE is an important economic diplomatic event held after the victorious conclusion of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, providing vast business opportunities for Hong Kong enterprises to tap into the domestic market. Hong Kong has always actively participated in and supported the CIIE. In addition to senior government officials attending, over 300 Hong Kong enterprises are taking part in the exposition this year, jointly promoting Hong Kong's advantages and development opportunities in different areas and telling Hong Kong's good stories," Mr Lee said.

During his visit to Shanghai, Mr Lee will meet with leaders of Shanghai to deepen Hong Kong-Shanghai cooperation. He will also exchange views with Hong Kong people and representatives of Hong Kong enterprises in Shanghai.

Mr Lee will return to Hong Kong on November 6. During his absence, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, will be the Acting Chief Executive. During the absence of Mr Paul Chan, the Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Michael Wong, will be the Acting Financial Secretary. During the absence of Mr Yau, the Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan, will be the Acting Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development.