

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

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, will lead a Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government delegation to visit Shanghai tomorrow (November 4) and will attend the sixth 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 Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin; the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip; and the Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Clement Woo.

Over 300 Hong Kong enterprises will also participate in the CIIE in Shanghai. This is the first time that a seminar with the theme of Hong Kong, namely Channelling Global Business through Hong Kong, will be hosted during the CIIE.

On November 5, Mr Lee will attend the opening ceremony of the CIIE and visit the booths of Hong Kong enterprises at the Hong Kong exhibition area to show support. Moreover, Mr Lee will respectively deliver a speech at the seminar on Channelling Global Business through Hong Kong and the Invest in China Year Summit under the Hongqiao International Economic Forum, to promote to Mainland and overseas enterprises Hong Kong's role as an important channel between the country and the world.

Mr Chan will deliver a speech at a seminar on Revitalizing Real Economy with Financial Resources under the Hongqiao International Economic Forum to promote Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre.

Mr Lee said, "Hong Kong proactively participates in and supports the CIIE. In addition to senior government officials attending, a number of business leaders will participate in a seminar to be held during the CIIE and introduce to participants the unique strengths of Hong Kong on various fronts under 'one country, two systems'.

"The CIIE is a significant move by the country to actively open the Mainland market to the world, and provide vast business opportunities for Hong Kong enterprises to tap into the domestic market. The CIIE is receiving an overwhelming response from Hong Kong's business community, with a record high of over 300 Hong Kong enterprises taking part in the exposition this year."

During his visit to Shanghai, Mr Lee will meet with leaders of the Shanghai Municipal Government. He will also exchange views with Hong Kong

people living, working and studying 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. During the absence of Dr Choi, the Under Secretary for Education, Mr Sze Chun-fai, will be the Acting Secretary for Education.