

CE meets Executive Director of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (with photo)

â€‹The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met with the visiting Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, Ms Ghada Fathi Waly, today (May 22). The Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Mr Woo Ying-ming, also attended the meeting.

Mr Lee welcomed Ms Waly's visit to Hong Kong with her delegation to attend the 8th ICAC Symposium commencing today, and sign a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the UNODC with the ICAC to further strengthen collaboration on promoting international anti-corruption. Mr Lee said that the dedication of the UNODC to leading its member countries to combat drugs, organised crime and terrorism has been highly valued.

Noting that Hong Kong is one of the cleanest cities in the world, Mr Lee attributed the achievement to the determination of the Government, a robust legal system and public support. The ICAC has strived to strengthen liaison with its overseas counterparts to push forward the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, promoting Hong Kong's anti-corruption achievements to the global community and the international graft-fighting collaborations. As part of these efforts, the ICAC has joined the UNODC's Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities to share its anti-corruption experiences with other representatives from various places. The Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption, which was established early this year, co-organised an international anti-corruption training programme with the network to provide a learning platform for graft fighters from all over the world. In addition, with the support of the Central Government, the ICAC Commissioner has been the President of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) since 2022. The ICAC co-hosted the Symposium with the IAACA to gather representatives of anti-corruption agencies and experts around the world to exchange views on global challenges and strategies in anti-graft work, he added.

Mr Lee said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will continue to work closely with the UNODC to promote experience-sharing among their anti-graft counterparts and advance the international anti-corruption cause together.

