

CE meets Founder and Executive Chairman of World Economic Forum

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, met the Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF), Professor Klaus Schwab, and hosted a lunch for him at Government House this afternoon (September 14).

Mrs Lam welcomed Professor Schwab's visit to Hong Kong and said she was pleased to meet with him again following their meeting in January this year at the WEF Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland. She noted that Professor Schwab will depart for Tianjin later to attend the Annual Meeting of the New Champions, also known as the "Summer Davos", which has been held annually in the Mainland since 2007. She said the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, will lead a delegation of start-ups to participate in the forum and wished the forum every success.

Mrs Lam noted that the WEF, established more than 40 years ago, fosters collaboration and international initiatives and has become an important platform for promoting global co-operation. While attending the WEF Annual Meeting in the capacity as the Chief Executive for the first time earlier this year, Mrs Lam met and exchanged views with leaders as well as members of political and business sectors of various economies. She said she benefited enormously from attending the forum and looks forward to going there again next year to strengthen Hong Kong's external relations. She also said she was pleased to learn that the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX), the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AA) and the MTR Corporation have recently joined the WEF as partners.

Those joining the lunch today included Mr Chan, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau; the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau; the Chairman of the HKEX, Mrs Laura M Cha; the Chief Executive of the HKEX, Mr Charles Li; the Chairman of the AA, Mr Jack So; the Chief Executive Officer of the AA, Mr Fred Lam; the Non-executive Chairman of the MTR Corporation, Professor Frederick Ma; the Chief Executive Officer of the MTR Corporation, Mr Lincoln Leong; the Head of Asia, Strategic Partnership of the WEF, Ms Julia Devos; and the Chairman of the First Eastern Investment Group, Mr Victor Chu.

