

CE meets Governor of Hainan Province (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met the Governor of Hainan Province, Mr Liu Xiaoming, today (September 12) to exchange views on further deepening Hong Kong's co-operation with Hainan. Also attending the meeting were the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai, and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip.

Mr Lee welcomed Mr Liu's visit to Hong Kong with his delegation. He said he is pleased to meet with Mr Liu again since they last met when attending the Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference in Guizhou in July.

Mr Lee welcomed the People's Government of Hainan Province's decision to issue bonds in Hong Kong again, after the province issued offshore Renminbi local government bonds in the city in October last year. Noting that the bond portfolio issued this time includes bonds related to sustainable development, biodiversity and marine ecosystem, Mr Lee said he believes that Hong Kong can leverage its strengths as an international financial centre and the gateway between China and the rest of the world, with a view to connecting the flow of green and sustainable funds with the Mainland and the world to promote green investments and ecological civilisation on the Mainland.

On strengthening trade and investment co-operation between Hong Kong and Hainan, Mr Lee said that Hong Kong has all along been adopting a free trade policy and a legal system in line with international standards. He held that Hong Kong and Hainan can complement each other by leveraging Hong Kong's advantage as a highly internationalised city and seizing the development opportunities of the Hainan Free Trade Port, in order to help Hainan enterprises go global.

Noting that Hong Kong has a large pool of talent in professional service industries such as accounting, finance, law and innovation and technology, Mr Lee said that these talents can provide support for the development of the Hainan Free Trade Port, while creating greater room for development for talents in Hong Kong's professional service industries.

