

CE meets Mayor of Chongqing (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met the Mayor of Chongqing, Mr Hu Henghua, at Government House today (June 28) to exchange views on strengthening Hong Kong's co-operation with Chongqing. Also attending the meeting were the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip.

Mr Lee welcomed Mr Hu's visit to Hong Kong with his delegation. Mr Lee said that Hong Kong and Chongqing have maintained close ties, and Hong Kong has long been the largest source of foreign direct investment in Chongqing. He added that since the establishment of the Hong Kong/Chongqing Co-operation Conference mechanism in May last year, both governments have actively taken forward the implementation of co-operation initiatives in various areas, which have yielded fruitful results.

Mr Lee pointed out that the framework arrangement signed by the Department of Justice of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Chongqing Municipal Justice Bureau last month on legal services co-operation between Hong Kong and Chongqing deepens the cities' exchanges and co-operation in legal services, enabling lawyers in the two places to better serve economic development. He said he believes that with the joint efforts of Chongqing and Hong Kong, co-operation and exchanges between both sides in such areas as legal services, trade and investment, technology innovation, education and youth development will definitely make steady progress to achieve complementarity and mutual benefits.

Noting that Chongqing is the focus for the country in developing the western region, Mr Lee said that Hong Kong will continue to work with Chongqing to jointly facilitate the two key national strategies, namely the Chengdu-Chongqing Economic Circle and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development, in order to make greater contributions to the high-quality development of the country.

