

# CE meets Mayor of Guangzhou Municipal Government (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met the Mayor of the Guangzhou Municipal Government, Mr Sun Zhiyang, today (June 6) to exchange views on deepening Hong Kong's co-operation with Guangzhou. Also attending the meeting was the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai.

Mr Lee said he is pleased to meet with Mr Sun again since they last met at the inaugural meeting of the Organising Committee of the 15th National Games in Guangzhou this April. Noting that both Hong Kong and Guangzhou are core cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) that act as key engines for regional development, Mr Lee said that the two places have been actively taking forward a series of co-operation initiatives in recent years, including the high-quality development of Nansha, investment by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited in the Guangzhou Futures Exchange, and the equine industry development.

Mr Lee said that according to the Global Innovation Index 2023, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou science and technology cluster has ranked second globally for four consecutive years, which shows that the three places embrace great potential for innovation and technology (I&T) development. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), established in Nansha, nurtures students to become top I&T talent, fostering the joint building of a major I&T platform of Hong Kong and Guangzhou, and making contributions to the construction of China as a strong country in science and technology, he added.

Mr Lee noted that this year marks the fifth anniversary of the promulgation of the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and he believes that Hong Kong and Guangzhou will continue to work together under the spirit of complementarity and mutual benefits, with a view to promoting co-operation between the two places at a higher level, and the high-quality development of the GBA.

