

## CE meets Permanent Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met with the visiting Permanent Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Hoa Binh, at Government House today (September 11). Also attending the meeting were the Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Michael Wong; the Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan; and the Commissioner for Belt and Road, Mr Nicholas Ho.

Mr Lee welcomed Mr Nguyen Hoa Binh's visit to Hong Kong with his delegation for the Ninth Belt and Road Summit. Mr Lee said that Hong Kong and Vietnam are important economic partners and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government values strengthening connections with Vietnam. During a recent visit to Vietnam of an HKSAR delegation led by him, Mr Lee witnessed the signing of a total of 30 memoranda of understanding covering areas such as economy and trade, education, and tourism.

Noting that Vietnam has experienced rapid economic developments in recent years, Mr Lee said that Hong Kong can act as a close partner with enterprises of Vietnam to explore overseas markets. He expressed his hope that Hong Kong and Vietnam will continue to explore opportunities for co-operation. Mr Lee extended his gratitude to Vietnam for its continuous support for Hong Kong's early accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership to further contribute to regional economic developments.

The Permanent Deputy Prime Minister expressed in the meeting that the relationship between Vietnam and Hong Kong has always been close, and he looks forward to closer exchanges between the two places in the future at both government and community levels, further benefiting the people of both places.

