

CE meets President of Democratic Republic of the Congo (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) at Government House today (May 29) to exchange views on matters of common interest. The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki; the Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Michael Wong; and the Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan, also attended the meeting.

Mr Lee welcomed President Tshisekedi's visit to Hong Kong. Mr Lee said that Hong Kong has maintained cordial trade relations with the DRC, and with an average annual growth of 12 per cent over the past five years in total merchandise trade, he saw good potential to further enhance business and trade co-operation between the places.

"Hong Kong is a leading international financial centre with boundless opportunities, bringing together talent and capital from all over the world. Under the 'one country, two systems' principle, Hong Kong also reaps the unique benefits of enjoying strong national support while maintaining unparalleled connectivity with the world. The city is well-positioned to serve as a key link for the DRC and other African countries to jointly promote the development of the Belt and Road Initiative," said Mr Lee.

Mr Lee also said that many Hong Kong enterprises have vast experience in investing in and taking up overseas infrastructure projects, and will embrace opportunities in the DRC to expand their businesses.

