

# CE meets Secretary of CPC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met with the Secretary of the CPC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee, Mr Liu Ning, today (May 21) to exchange views on further promoting co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangxi. Also attending the meeting were the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheuk Wing-hing, and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-kai.

Mr Lee welcomed Mr Liu's visit to Hong Kong with his delegation to attend a series of events on building Guangxi into an important strategic hinterland of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). Noting that Hong Kong has been playing an active role in promoting the high-quality development of the GBA, Mr Lee said that Guangxi can make good use of Hong Kong's advantage as a core city of the GBA to better grasp the opportunities brought about by the GBA, with a view to further promoting co-operation with the GBA cities and achieving complementarity and mutual benefits.

Noting that Guangxi serves as the country's bridgehead to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), while ASEAN has long been Hong Kong's second-largest trading partner, Mr Lee said he believes that the economic ties between Hong Kong and ASEAN will continue to expand, and Hong Kong can play an important role in promoting Guangxi's external trade, enjoying mutual benefits and unlimited business opportunities.

Mr Lee said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will continue to work with the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government to pursue higher-level, deeper and broader collaboration, and promote co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangxi in such areas as trade and economic, transportation and logistics, cultural exchanges and education.

