CE meets Secretary of CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee (with photos)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, met the Secretary of the CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee, Mr Zhang Shuofu, at Government House this morning (October 15). The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang; the Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan; and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, were also present.

Mrs Lam welcomed Mr Zhang's visit to Hong Kong and thanked him for personally receiving her and other guests who arrived at Guangzhounan Station by the Vibrant Express train on the day of commissioning of the Hong Kong Section the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) last month and for briefing her on the latest developments of Guangzhou. She said that Hong Kong and Guangzhou enjoy close ties in economic affairs and trade and people-to-people exchanges, and that the commissioning of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL will further enhance the connectivity between the two places. Noting that some of the trains running between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Guangzhounan Station pass through Qingsheng Station in Nansha and that she viewed the transportation network and surrounding development of Qingsheng Station during her visit to Guangzhou in May, she said she believes that the high-speed rail service can help Hong Kong and Nansha explore co-operation in different areas.

Mrs Lam said that the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area will bring new development opportunities for Guangzhou and Hong Kong. She said that Hong Kong has advantages in areas such as innovation and technology, biomedicine and education and that Guangzhou can provide land as the hub for transformation of technological achievements as well as provide more room for the development of innovation and entrepreneurship by young Hong Kong people. She said she hopes that the two places will strengthen co-operation and jointly contribute to the development of the Bay Area.