

CE meets Secretary of CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met with the Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee, Mr Meng Fanli, at Government House today (April 24) to exchange views on further deepening Hong Kong's co-operation with Shenzhen and promoting the high-quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). Also attending the meeting were the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheuk Wing-hing; the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai; the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong; and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip.

Mr Lee welcomed Mr Meng's visit to Hong Kong with his delegation. Mr Lee said that the relationship between Hong Kong and Shenzhen has always been close, with frequent flows of people. Under the Hong Kong/Shenzhen co-operation mechanism, Hong Kong and Shenzhen have set up various working groups to promote collaboration in a wide range of key areas including the Northern Metropolis, innovation and technology, finance, commerce and trade, youth employment and entrepreneurship, and Qianhai. The governments of Hong Kong and Shenzhen have been making steady progress in various co-operation areas to propel the co-operation of the two places to new heights.

Mr Lee pointed out that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government jointly held the first meeting of Task Force on the Development of the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone in early February this year to exchange views on promoting and implementing the Overall Development Plan for the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone more effectively, and deepening the collaboration between Hong Kong and Shenzhen. The HKSAR Government will continue to actively maintain close communication with the Shenzhen Municipal Government, and enhance collaboration to jointly promote the high-quality development of the GBA.

The Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone (Co-operation Zone) lies at the convergence of the Northern Metropolis and the Guangzhou-Shenzhen innovation and technology corridor, and is one of the major platforms for co-operation in the GBA under the National 14th Five-Year Plan. Noting that the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park will soon enter its operational phase, Mr Lee said that Hong Kong will continue to work closely with Shenzhen to leverage the advantages of "one zone, two parks" under the "one country, two systems" principle in the Co-operation Zone to create new quality productive forces at a faster pace.

Mr Lee said that Hong Kong will continue to capitalise on its advantages in basic scientific research, finance, talent and professional services, and internationalisation, with a view to playing its crucial role in leading the

development of the GBA, and implementing the principles of complementarity and mutual benefits with Shenzhen to make greater contributions to the country's development.

