

CE meets Secretary of CPC Zhejiang Provincial Committee (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met the Secretary of the CPC Zhejiang Provincial Committee, Mr Yi Lianhong, at Government House today (June 26) to exchange views on deepening Hong Kong's co-operation with Zhejiang. The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki; the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai; the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin; the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak; and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip, also attended the meeting.

Mr Lee welcomed Mr Yi's visit to Hong Kong with his delegation to organise the Hong Kong & Macao – Zhejiang Week 2023 event and witness the signing of a co-operation agreement and a number of memoranda of understanding between the two places. He said he hopes that Hong Kong and Zhejiang will further expand the scope for development and start a new phase in deepened co-operation on all fronts together through strengthened and high-level collaboration and exchanges.

Mr Lee said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government attaches great importance to deepening co-operation between Hong Kong and Zhejiang, adding that it set up the Zhejiang Liaison Unit in 2017 to actively promote exchanges between the two places in various aspects. He expressed gratitude to the People's Government of Zhejiang Province for its support and assistance to the work of the liaison unit over the years.

Mr Lee pointed out that Hong Kong has all along been the largest source of foreign direct investment in Zhejiang Province, and is the best platform for enterprises to list outside Zhejiang. Hong Kong is also one of the preferred locations for Zhejiang enterprises to explore foreign markets and "go global". Noting that Zhejiang is a major powerhouse of the economy and local enterprises, Hong Kong and Zhejiang must be able to achieve complementarity and mutual benefits through close co-operation. He expressed the hope that the two places will continue to have practical co-operation on various aspects including finance, aviation and culture and tourism, and seize opportunities arising from the National 14th Five-Year Plan together to foster synergistic development and a bright future.

