

CE to visit Beijing

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, will visit Beijing from July 25 to 28. The Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, will accompany Mrs Lam on the visit. The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang; the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah; and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, will join parts of the visit.

Mrs Lam will depart for Beijing in the evening on July 25 and will watch a performance by the Sing Fai Cantonese Opera Promotion Association from Hong Kong in the evening on July 27, which will be part of a Chinese opera show that brings together different local opera performances from across the nation. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Ministry of Culture signed the Agreement between the Mainland and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on Enhancing the Arrangement for Closer Cultural Relations in November last year to provide more chances for Hong Kong arts organisations to perform in the Mainland. Arranged and sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Sing Fai Cantonese Opera Promotion Association's performance in Beijing will provide opportunities for 30 Hong Kong actors aged 6 to over 20 to promote Cantonese opera to Mainland audiences and showcase the results of the Hong Kong new generation in learning Cantonese opera.

While in Beijing, Mrs Lam will also pay visits to central ministries and other organisations and meet young participants from Hong Kong who have joined internship programmes in the Mainland.

Mrs Lam will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on July 28. During her absence, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, will be the Acting Chief Executive.