

## [CE tours New Territories North, the boundary and other areas \(with photos/video\)](#)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (December 27), accompanied by the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, and the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, visited the headquarters of the Government Flying Service (GFS) and took a helicopter tour to view sites related to various development plans that she outlined in the 2020 Policy Address.

Mrs Lam and the other officials first visited the GFS headquarters and were briefed by the Controller of the GFS, Captain Wu Wai-hung, on the establishment and daily work of the GFS and the performance of the new generation of helicopters it has purchased. Commending the GFS for its professionalism and bravery, given that it provides services to various government departments and bears the vital responsibility to save lives in emergencies, Mrs Lam noted that the GFS has handled nearly 2 500 cases covering provision of air ambulance service, search and rescue and firefighting operations in the first 11 months of this year with distinguished performance. She encouraged the GFS to continue to rise to the challenges and overcome difficulties to provide the best services for members of the public.

During the visit, Mrs Lam also learned more from Captain Wu about the flight distance and time required to travel between Hong Kong and different cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) by helicopter. As mentioned by Mrs Lam in the 2020 Policy Address earlier, the Civil Aviation Administration of China has agreed to commence preparation for the provision of cross-boundary commercial helicopter services between Guangdong and Hong Kong, which will enhance the international business environment in the GBA.

Mrs Lam and the other officials then took a helicopter ride to have an aerial view of the reclamation works of the Three Runway System of Hong Kong International Airport and in Tung Chung, land use planning of Tuen Mun West, Lung Kwu Tan, the development of boundary control points (especially Huanggang/Lok Ma Chau Control Point and Lo Wu Control Point), the alignment of the Northern Link and more to learn more about the present situations of these areas.

"Every land development project set out in the 2020 Policy Address is vital to the future of Hong Kong. As long as society can set aside disputes and forge a consensus, these development blueprints can all be realised to boost Hong Kong's economic growth and create a more liveable city. In particular, along with the integration of Hong Kong into the overall development of the country and the enhancement of collaboration with Shenzhen, we will fully consider how to leverage the geographical advantages of the border area and the sites near cross-boundary infrastructure to grasp

the various opportunities brought about by the GBA development," Mrs Lam said.

