

# Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area visits Foshan (with photos)

The Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Ms Maisie Chan, visited Foshan today (January 29) to meet with leaders of the Foshan Municipal Government as well as leaders of the Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Bureau and Office of Leading Group for the Development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area of Foshan Municipality. She also visited Lingnan Tiandi and two local enterprises.

Upon her arrival in Foshan in the morning, Ms Chan called on Member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China Foshan Municipal Committee and Vice Mayor of the Foshan Municipal Government, Mr Liu Jie, as well as leaders of the Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Bureau and Office of Leading Group for the Development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area of Foshan Municipality to learn about the latest developments of Foshan, and exchange views on further deepening Hong Kong's co-operation with Foshan to promote the high-quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

Ms Chan said that Hong Kong and Foshan have always been close partners and have co-operated on various fronts to achieve complementarity and mutual benefits. Foshan has a solid foundation in manufacturing and enjoys the advantage of a complete industry chain, while Hong Kong has rich experience in finance, commerce, logistics, management and professional services. Under the GBA development, the co-operation between Hong Kong and Foshan can reinforce the complementarity of industries, promote the efficient and smooth flow of various factors of production, and strengthen the co-ordinated development of the GBA.

Ms Chan added that the Guangdong-Hong Kong Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre, which officially came into operation in April 2023, had further enhanced the publicity and promotional efforts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in the Mainland cities of the GBA through activities of different natures. The Promotion Centre has provided practical support for Hong Kong people and enterprises seeking development in Foshan and encouraged Mainland talents and enterprises, including those in Foshan, to leverage Hong Kong's unique advantages under the principle of "one country, two systems" to "go global", thereby creating even greater room for development.

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In the afternoon, Ms Chan departed for Lingnan Tiandi to learn about the development of the cultural tourism industry and experience in revitalising historic heritage in Foshan. Lingnan Tiandi is one of the most well-preserved compounds of historic buildings in the Mainland, and is an integrated development project with dining, retail, hotel, entertainment and cultural

facilities.

Ms Chan then visited an enterprise that produced architectural ceramic products and an enterprise that specialised in the engineering and technology of high-end functional medical non-woven fabric in Foshan. She was briefed about the latest developments and opportunities of the industries by the representatives of the two enterprises. Ms Chan said that Hong Kong is blessed with the strong support of our country and our close connection to the world, and is the only world-class city that can capitalise on both the China advantage and the international advantage. She encouraged Foshan enterprises with development potential to make good use of Hong Kong's unique advantages, especially Hong Kong's international business network and the rich experience of talents in professional management, to develop global markets, thereby fully leveraging Hong Kong's dual roles in "going global and attracting foreign investment".

