

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

The Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Ms Maisie Chan, visited Guangzhou today (February 22) to meet with leaders of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province (GDHKMAO). She also visited a Hong Kong youth innovation and entrepreneurial base as well as high and new technology enterprises in Nansha.

Upon her arrival in Guangzhou in the morning, Ms Chan called on the Director of GDHKMAO, Ms Chen Li-wen, to discuss the continuous enhancement of co-operation between Guangdong and Hong Kong, with a view to injecting strong impetus into the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

Ms Chan said the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has all along attached great importance to GBA development, and has been maintaining close liaison with relevant Central Ministries and Commissions, and working with the governments of Guangdong and Macao in a concerted manner under the principles of complementarity to proactively seek policy innovations and breakthroughs, with a view to promoting a higher level of connectivity and integrated development in the GBA.

The Central Government promulgated the Three-year Action Plan for the Development of International First-class Business Environment in the GBA and the Overall Development Plan for the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone, as well as two important planning documents related to the development of the Guangdong-Macao Zone in Hengqin in December 2023, providing important guidance and support for the steadfast and successful development of the GBA, as well as the better integration of Hong Kong and Macao into the overall development of the country. With the promulgation of these important documents, the HKSAR Government has also promptly communicated with the Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government to jointly explore enhanced collaboration for implementing more policy measures conducive to the development of the country and the GBA which are also beneficial to Hong Kong.

Ms Chan added that the HKSAR Government will continue to lead all sectors of the community to seize the significant opportunities brought about by the development of the country and the GBA, and will fully leverage Hong Kong's dual roles of "super connector" and "super value-adder" between the Mainland and global markets. At the same time, we will strengthen our co-operation with the Guangdong Province in promoting the compatibility and

alignment of the rules and mechanisms to higher standards, in a wider range of areas, and to a deeper level, in order to create greater opportunities for residents and enterprises in Hong Kong and the Mainland cities of the GBA.

In the afternoon, Ms Chan visited Nansha, Guangzhou to learn about the planning and latest development of the Nansha New Area. Ms Chan also visited a youth innovation and entrepreneurial base there, as well as two high and new technology enterprises specialising in artificial intelligence and autonomous vehicle technology respectively. She was briefed about the latest developments of the industries by the representatives of the two high and new technology enterprises, and took a test ride on an autonomous vehicle. She welcomed the two enterprises to share their experiences and enhance co-operation with their counterparts in Hong Kong.

