

Commissioner of Customs and Excise welcomes Deputy China International Trade Representative to visit Hong Kong Customs (with photos)

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Ms Louise Ho, today (September 12) welcomed the Deputy China International Trade Representative, Ms Li Yongjie, to visit Hong Kong Customs with her delegation at the Kwai Chung Customhouse. The two sides exchanged views on facilitating international trade and consolidating Hong Kong's position as a maritime centre.

Ms Ho told the delegation that Hong Kong Customs has officially assumed the post of Vice-Chairperson for the Asia/Pacific Region of the World Customs Organization, and is expected to organise a number of large-scale events in the Asia Pacific region during the two-year tenure to support the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the Belt and Road Initiative. She added that Hong Kong Customs will fully co-operate with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government to develop the intermodal operation and launch various trade facilitation measures, including the Single E-lock Scheme and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Customs Clearance Information Platform, particularly in the GBA. Along with the promotion of mutual recognition arrangements of the Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) focusing on the Belt and Road countries and regions, all these initiatives would help Hong Kong enterprises to explore international markets, facilitate foreign trade, and maintain Hong Kong's position as an international trade and maritime centre.

The delegation today toured the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound to learn about the situation of sea cargo clearance at Hong Kong Customs.

