<u>Director-General of Investment</u> <u>Promotion visits Thailand to promote</u> <u>Hong Kong's business advantages</u>

 $\hat{a} \in \text{The Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips, today (July 23) started his duty visit to Bangkok, Thailand, in the latest bid to attract Thai companies to set up a presence in Hong Kong to tap the new business opportunities that the city has to offer.$

During the visit, Mr Phillips will meet with leaders from diverse industries as well as officials from the Thailand Board of Investment. Thailand is the second-largest economy in Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), hence the visit is a significant step for Invest Hong Kong to lure Thai companies seeking an international business platform from which to grow.

Mr Phillips said, "Through this visit I hope to update Thailand business communities of the various new economic developments in Hong Kong, so that they can better understand the benefits of having a presence in Hong Kong.

"The country is undergoing a significant economic transformation with the Thailand 4.0 policy. The various initiatives include reinforcing promotions and support for innovation, creativity, research and development, higher technologies and green technologies. These bear a lot of similarities with some of Hong Kong's economic priorities," he added.

He continued, "While Hong Kong is a convenient channel for companies to manage and raise funds for Belt and Road projects, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development adds another appeal. Hong Kong is being identified as the international hub for this integrated market that has a population of 71 million and a gross domestic product of US\$1.6 trillion. By having a base in Hong Kong, companies from Thailand can easily tap the huge opportunities arising from the bay area."

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