## <u>DSD holds Mid-Autumn Lighting Festival</u> <u>at revitalised rivers (with photos)</u>

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) is holding a Mid-Autumn Lighting Festival themed "Beauty of the Moon" and "River Revitalisation" at Jordan Valley Channel and Kai Tak River from today (September 5) to September 18, to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, accompanied by the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Ricky Lau, and the Director of Drainage Services, Ms Alice Pang, officiated at the lighting ceremony. Ms Linn also visited the Jordan Valley Channel and a works site of the Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River Project to learn about the DSD's river revitalisation work.

Ms Linn noted the DSD's efforts in the implementation of river revitalisation projects to enhance the drainage capacity of rivers, and the introduction of innovative ideas into works design so as to enrich the ecological and scenic value of the rivers, and develop them into public spaces.

The Jordan Valley Channel was revitalised with the concept of rivers in the city under the Revitalisation Works of Jordan Valley Nullah, incorporating design elements such as enhancing biodiversity, greening the channel, increasing public open space, promoting a water-friendly culture and more. The Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River Project, which is under construction, also integrates landscaping and ecological elements to create a green river corridor in the area to beautify the community.

The lighting festival features giant moon lanterns at the Jordan Valley Channel and Kai Tak River as well as bird-shaped lanterns along the river banks to create a festive atmosphere and show the biodiversity element of river revitalisation. An arch walkway at the Jordan Valley Channel is also decorated with lighting and gingko leaves.

For the details of the Mid-Autumn Lighting Festival, please visit the website of the DSD (<a href="https://www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/WhatsNew/WhatsNew/news30812.html">www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/WhatsNew/News30812.html</a>)









