

# **EEB signs Cooperation Arrangement on Capacity Building for Ecological and Environmental Protection Staff with Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (with photos)**

The Environment and Ecology Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (HKMAO of MEE) of the People's Republic of China signed the Cooperation Arrangement on Capacity Building for Ecological and Environmental Protection Staff today (October 29). The Cooperation Arrangement leverages on the HKSAR's advantages to strengthen the work of both parties on implementing international environmental conventions and pressing ahead with the ecological and environmental protection work for the green Belt and Road.

The Cooperation Arrangement was signed by the Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Environment), Miss Janice Tse, and the Director of the HKMAO of MEE, Ms Zhou Guomei. It covers the strengthening of high-level exchanges, information sharing, staff training and related capacity building, as well as organisation of and participation in important events in respect of ecological and environmental protection. The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, and the Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group of the MEE, Mr Sun Jinlong, attended the signing ceremony.

The implementation of the Cooperation Arrangement will effectively promote exchanges between high-level officials of both sides; pressing ahead with the establishment of effective, reliable and efficient communication channels; strengthening the sharing of information, documents, reports and data on international environmental conventions and green Belt and Road development; and taking forward training and related capacity building for ecological and environmental protection staff including arranging staff exchanges and learning in respective organisations.

The delegation from the MEE will join Eco Expo Asia 2024 during their stay in Hong Kong, and the head of delegation, Mr Sun, the Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group of the MEE, will give a speech at the opening ceremony of Eco Expo Asia 2024 tomorrow (October 30).

