

FS arrives in London and begins visit (with photos)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, yesterday (September 20, London time) arrived in London to commence his visit to the UK.

Upon arrival in London, he attended Hong Kong Dinner hosted by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council in London, which welcomed around 400 leaders and professionals from different sectors of the UK.

Addressing the UK's political and business communities at the dinner, Mr Chan said Hong Kong has fully stepped out of the pandemic and reconnected with the Mainland and the world. The Hong Kong economy is also steadily recovering, with large-scale activities, meetings and events to be organised one after another locally. While the country supports the implementation of the "one country, two systems" principle in the long run, Hong Kong will continue to perform unique roles and functions in connecting Mainland and the world. Facts have demonstrated that the common law system and the rule of law are alive and well in Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong National Security Law has effectively safeguarded national security, maintained the overall social stability in Hong Kong, and reinforced the confidence of international investors and businesses in Hong Kong.

Mr Chan said that looking to the future, with the staunch support of the country, Hong Kong will actively consolidate and enhance Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre, and raise the competitiveness and attractiveness of the securities and bond markets, asset and wealth management centre, offshore renminbi hub, etc. Hong Kong will also press ahead with innovation and technology (I&T) development by actively strengthening collaboration with sister cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. More innovative policies will be taken forward together to spur the development of the Northern Metropolis as an I&T hub. In particular, there is promising prospect for green tech and green finance.

Mr Chan also pointed out that Hong Kong is taking forward such projects as the development of the Northern Metropolis as well as Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands in full steam. The amount of investment in infrastructure will be massive in the future.

Mr Chan welcomed UK enterprises and investors to take part in the development projects and explore the business opportunities together.

Today (September 21, London time), Mr Chan will continue to visit London.

