

FS to attend APEC meetings in US

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, will depart for the United States tomorrow night (November 11) to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministers' Meeting and other related events held in San Francisco November 12 and 13. He will also attend the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting and other related events on behalf of the Chief Executive from November 15 to 17.

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, will depart for San Francisco in the early morning on November 14 to attend the Ministerial Meeting and related events from November 14 to 16.

On the sidelines of the meetings, Mr Chan will also have bilateral meetings with officials of other economies to exchange views on issues of mutual concern. He will also visit enterprises and meet with the local business community.

With the theme "Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All", this year's APEC focuses on three priorities: (i) being interconnected – building a resilient and interconnected region that advances broad-based economic prosperity; (ii) being innovative – enabling an innovative environment for a sustainable future; and (iii) being inclusive – affirming an equitable and inclusive future for all.

Mr Chan will return to Hong Kong in the morning of November 19. In his absence, the Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Michael Wong, will be the Acting Financial Secretary. Mr Yau will return to Hong Kong on November 18. In his absence, the Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan, will be the Acting Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development.