## <u>FS to attend St Petersburg</u> International Economic Forum in Russia

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, will depart for Russia at around midnight on June 5 (Wednesday) to attend the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), which will be held from June 6 to 8, and other related activities.

Held since 1997, the SPIEF offers a global platform for members of the business community to meet and discuss key economic issues facing Russia, emerging markets, and the world as a whole.

Mr Chan will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on June 9. In his absence, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, will act as Financial Secretary.