

FS to visit US

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, will depart in the late evening of April 7 for a four-day visit to the United States to strengthen ties between Hong Kong and the US in innovation and technology (I&T).

He will begin his visit programme in Seattle on April 8 (US West Coast time) and head to San Francisco in the late afternoon of the following day.

During the stay, Mr Chan will visit I&T companies focusing on different areas, meet with the companies' senior management and US government officials to exchange views on promoting economic development through developing I&T.

Mr Chan will also attend a gala reception and dinner to mark the launch of direct flights between Hong Kong and Seattle, and speak on the latest I&T developments in Hong Kong in a business seminar.

Furthermore, he will take the opportunity to meet with members of the Hong Kong community in San Francisco.

Mr Chan will leave San Francisco in the early morning on April 12 (US West Coast time) and return to Hong Kong in the morning of April 13 (Hong Kong time). In his absence, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, will act as Financial Secretary.