

HKSAR Government to attend APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in United States

In response to media enquiries, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) indicated today (October 31) that Hong Kong, China had, according to convention, received the invitation from the host economy to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting to be held from November 15 to 17 in San Francisco, United States. The HKSAR Government had already replied that, due to scheduling issues, the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, would not be able to attend the meeting to represent Hong Kong, China in person, and that the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, would attend the meeting on behalf of the Chief Executive.

APEC is a useful platform for member economies to engage in discussions and forge consensus on policy directions and measures that help stimulate economic development in an inclusive and sustainable manner in the region. The HKSAR has long been participating in APEC as a full and separate member under the name of Hong Kong, China. Hong Kong, China will continue to participate in APEC matters, with a view to contributing to regional economic co-operation by leveraging our distinctive advantages under "one country, two systems" and our status as an international trade and financial centre.