

## Hong Kong Customs holds seminar on trade facilitation measures (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs today (December 5) held a seminar at the Customs Headquarters Building to introduce the Customs' trade facilitation measures to the logistics industry.

An introduction to the four trade facilitation measures by Customs, namely the Hong Kong Authorized Economic Operator Programme, the Wine Exports to Mainland – Wine Facilitation Scheme, the Free Trade Agreement Transshipment Facilitation Scheme and the Single E-lock Scheme was presented at the seminar. The seminar highlighted the measures' expected merits both within and outside Hong Kong to the industry.

In the opening remarks, the Assistant Commissioner (Boundary and Ports) of Hong Kong Customs, Ms Louise Ho, encouraged the industry to get hold of the opportunities of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.

In order to enhance the industry's knowledge about the latest development of cross-boundary logistics measures in the Mainland, Hong Kong Customs also invited representatives from the Guangdong Sub-Administration, General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China to speak at the seminar on the relevant facilitation measures launched by the Mainland Customs.

Around 200 representatives from various sectors including airlines, cargo terminal operators, express couriers, freight forwarders, and logistics and trade federations joined the seminar.

The first seminar on trade facilitation measures, held in May last year, was well received. To tie in with national developments such as the Belt and Road Initiative and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Customs will continue to organise seminars of different kinds with a view to providing the latest information for the industry.

Hong Kong Customs has been playing an important role in facilitating trade and putting in place various measures to create a favourable business environment, with a view to further strengthening Hong Kong's status as a major logistics hub in the Asia-Pacific region.

