

# Hong Kong/Guangdong Customs' annual review meeting maintains close co-operation on various fronts (with photos)

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Ms Louise Ho, and the Director General of the Guangdong Sub-Administration of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, Mr Li Kuiwen, led delegations to attend the 2023 Annual Review Meeting between Hong Kong and Guangdong Customs held in Hong Kong today (June 15).

The meeting reviewed the co-operation between the Guangdong and Hong Kong Customs on clearance facilitation, anti-smuggling, combating cross-boundary drug trafficking, intellectual property rights protection and staff training over the past two years.

The two Customs administrations reached consensus on a series of co-operation plans at the meeting. On customs clearance, the two sides will proactively facilitate development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and explore new co-operation initiatives, including strengthening various trade facilitation measures and pressing ahead with the development of a new trade corridor of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to enhance customs clearance efficiency and create a more advantageous business environment. They will also continue to combat cross-boundary smuggling and drug trafficking activities, protect intellectual property rights, and strengthen the risk prevention and control mechanism of the Customs of the GBA through intelligence exchanges and joint operations.

To enhance the enforcement and management capabilities of Customs officers of both administrations, they will continue to provide mutual training programmes and arrange visits and exchange activities. In addition, both pledged to deepen the understanding of enterprises and the public of both sides about Customs' duties through publicity campaigns and education.

