

## International Forum on China's Economy and Policy successfully held (with photo)

The Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the National Academy of Economic Strategy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences today (November 27) jointly held the International Forum on China's Economy and Policy 2018 at the Central Government Offices. The supporting organisations were Fung Business Intelligence and the Chinese Institute of Hong Kong. The Forum offered a platform for participants from the Mainland, overseas and Hong Kong to review China's achievements in reform and opening up in the past 40 years, and explore how Hong Kong can make the best use of its unique strengths in supporting China's implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development, thereby giving impetus to Hong Kong's long-term economic development.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, and the President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Mr Xie Fuzhan, delivered the welcoming remarks and special remarks respectively at the Forum. The Group Chairman of the Fung Group, Dr Victor Fung, and the Director of the National Academy of Economic Strategy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Professor He Dexu, delivered keynote addresses on "Forty Years of Reform and Opening Up". The Forum included three panel discussion sessions. The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, and the Acting Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Andy Chan, as well as Mainland, overseas and local experts and scholars, shared their views on the achievements and outlook of China's 40 years of reform and opening up, including the development of enterprises under the reform and opening up, and new opportunities for Hong Kong to be brought about by a new driving force for reform and opening up – the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

About 300 participants attended the Forum including experts, scholars and personnel from overseas institutions in Hong Kong as well as representatives from think tanks, the business sector, professional bodies and local and foreign chambers of commerce.

