

S for IT meets with founders of Greater Bay Area Association of Academicians (with photos)

The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Alfred Sit, today (April 29) met with founders of the Greater Bay Area Association of Academicians (GBAAA) to solicit insightful ideas from top-notch scientific research talents on the technological development of Hong Kong and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and valuable advice on the development of the international innovation and technology (I&T) hub. The Permanent Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Ms Annie Choi, and the Under Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Dr David Chung, also joined the meeting.

Mr Sit said the GBAAA is a strong platform and assumes an important role and huge responsibility for driving technology by leading national scientists. Combining the edge in scientific research and Hong Kong's advantage as an international city, the GBAAA helps foster cross-disciplinary exchange and collaboration and promote technology and popular science education. All this will be a driving force for the synergistic innovation and technology development of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao as well as Hong Kong and the GBA's development into an international I&T hub, making contributions to the nation's advancement in technology.

With the country's domestic and international dual circulation development strategy and the support of the 14th Five-Year Plan, Hong Kong will push ahead in the development of the GBA into an international I&T hub, and will complement with Mainland cities of the GBA and Macao, to make good use of the advantages of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao's research and development and industrial innovation to better integrate into national development and leverage Hong Kong's strengths to serve the country's needs.

Mr Sit also expressed gratitude to the GBAAA for its contribution to improve Hong Kong's electoral system, which can put Hong Kong back on the right track and regain its momentum in driving technology. As for the composition of the Election Committee, 15 seats under the newly added technology and innovation subsector will be nominated from among the Hong Kong academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences or the Chinese Academy of Engineering, and the nomination forms should be submitted by the GBAAA.

The GBAAA was initiated by six Hong Kong academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering. They are Professor Nancy Ip (the Convenor), Professor C C Chan, Professor Teng Jinguang, Professor Vivian Yam, Professor Henry Wong and Professor Lee Chack-fan.

