

SEE commences visit to Beijing (with photos)

The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, today (April 17) started his visit to Beijing.

In the morning, Mr Tse visited the National Energy Administration (NEA) to exchange views on issues such as the promotion of energy co-operation. Mr Tse said in the meeting that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government would proactively integrate into the overall development of our country and strengthen regional co-operation in clean energy, so as to lead Hong Kong towards the goal of carbon neutrality and to tie in with our country's planning and development of energy and decarbonisation.

"The NEA expressed their support in ensuring Hong Kong's electricity supply and in the promotion of clean energy and green and low-carbon transition. The HKSAR Government is grateful for the support of the NEA," said Mr Tse.

Mr Tse then visited the State Grid Corporation of China (State Grid) to learn about its history and development, as well as its contributions to areas including energy security, green development and supporting people's livelihood. Mr Tse also met with the representatives from the State Grid and conducted exchanges.

In the afternoon, Mr Tse visited the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) to exchange views on issues of mutual concern, including the facilitation arrangement for exporting food made in Hong Kong to the Mainland markets, as well as the construction and commissioning of the electronic data transmission system for food supply for Hong Kong. Both parties exchanged some initial thoughts at the meeting today. The GACC supports the enterprises of Hong Kong to integrate into the overall development of the country proactively. Further discussion on the way forward will be conducted at working level later.

The Environment and Ecology Bureau and the GACC also signed the Co-operation Arrangement for Regulation of Safety of Raw Milk supplied from the Mainland to Hong Kong. Mr Tse said the Arrangement can further strengthen co-operation of both parties in the field of food safety and increase the clearance efficiency. He also expressed gratitude to the national support in securing the supply of food to Hong Kong, stressing that the HKSAR Government will continue to maintain close liaison with the Mainland authorities to ensure an adequate, stable and safe food supply to Hong Kong.ã€€

Mr Tse will return to Hong Kong tomorrow (April 18).

