

SFST forges financial co-operation between Hong Kong and Ireland (with photos)

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, yesterday (February 12, Dublin time) commenced his visit to Dublin to foster closer financial co-operation between Hong Kong and Ireland.

Upon arrival in Dublin around noon, Mr Lau joined a luncheon hosted by Goshawk, an international aircraft leasing company headquartered in Dublin, where he shared with attending executives how Hong Kong and Ireland could step up collaboration in aircraft leasing and work together to capitalise on the vast opportunities ahead.

Mr Lau then paid visits to Goshawk and another leading aircraft leasing company, Avolon. He shared with the management teams of these companies what Hong Kong had been doing in promoting the aircraft leasing business.

In the evening, Mr Lau met with the Minister of State at the Department of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform of Ireland, Mr Michael D'Arcy, to discuss the latest developments of green finance and financial technologies in both places. Both sides looked forward to further collaboration between Hong Kong and Ireland in financial services.

He later joined the welcoming reception for international delegates and speakers of the European Financial Forum (EFF). Mr Lau will attend the opening session and deliver a closing keynote speech at the EFF scheduled for today (February 13, Dublin time).

The EFF is in its 4th edition this year. It brings together the leading figures in the public and private sectors to discuss financial issues of concern to the European and global markets.



