

# SFST to attend European Financial Forum in Dublin to strengthen financial ties

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, will leave for Dublin, Ireland, in the early hours tomorrow (February 12) to attend the 4th European Financial Forum (EFF) to promote Hong Kong's strengths as an international financial centre and forge closer financial collaboration with Ireland.

To be held on February 13, the theme of this year's EFF is "Policies and Business Models for a Changing Financial Landscape". Mr Lau will attend the opening session and deliver a closing keynote speech on Hong Kong's strengths as well as how it can help global enterprises capture opportunities in Hong Kong and the Mainland of China amid the changing financial landscape.

During his stay in Dublin, Mr Lau will meet with senior government officials of Ireland and key personnel of the Irish Central Bank and Stock Exchange to share views on efforts to create an enabling environment for financial developments.

Mr Lau will also visit global aircraft leasing companies headquartered in Dublin and meet with leading figures in the sector to exchange views on the latest developments in the aircraft leasing market.

In addition he will meet with representatives of the local financial technology (Fintech) industry to foster Fintech collaboration with Ireland.

Mr Lau will return to Hong Kong in the morning of Friday (February 15). During his absence, the Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Joseph Chan, will act as Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.