## <u>SFST to lead a delegation to attend</u> <u>UK-HK Financial Dialogue 2019 in</u> <u>London</u>

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, will depart for London, the United Kingdom (UK) tomorrow (May 6) afternoon to lead a delegation to attend the UK-Hong Kong Financial Dialogue 2019 (Dialogue) to foster closer financial collaboration between financial officials, regulators and business leaders of the two places.

The delegation comprises representatives from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Securities and Futures Commission and the Insurance Authority; as well as industry leaders from the banking, financial technology (fintech) and asset management sectors.

Mr Lau will take part in various sessions of the Dialogue, including delivering opening remarks at the "London-Hong Kong Financial Services Forum" and "the UK-Hong Kong Financial Services Government Dialogue" to be held on May 7 and 8 (London time) respectively.

During his stay in London, Mr Lau will have meetings with the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Philip Hammond, and the UK Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Mr John Glen.

He will also call on the Acting Chinese Ambassador to the UK, Ms Chen Wen, address the Hong Kong Association at a luncheon and visit two fintech companies.

Mr Lau will return to Hong Kong on May 9. 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.