

# SFST to visit Germany and Switzerland to promote financial services

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, will depart Hong Kong in the early hours tomorrow (October 23) for a three-day visit to Frankfurt in Germany and Zurich in Switzerland to promote Hong Kong's advantages in financial services.

During the visit, he will take part in the NZZ Swiss International Finance Forum to be held in Zurich on October 25, where he will deliver a keynote speech on how Hong Kong can leverage its unique advantages in the opening up of the Mainland's financial markets.

Upon arrival in Frankfurt on October 23, Mr Lau will meet with senior management of various financial institutions and financial technology (Fintech) companies. He will also speak to leading business figures at a luncheon co-organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Berlin.

In Zurich on October 24 and 25, Mr Lau will meet with key personnel of the financial regulators and the banking, asset and wealth management sectors as well as the Fintech community to strengthen ties and discuss the latest developments in Hong Kong's financial markets.

He will also give a keynote speech at a business luncheon co-organised by the Swiss-Hong Kong Business Association and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Berlin.

Mr Lau will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on Friday (October 26).