

SHA and DC chairmen and vice chairmen start visit to Guangdong-HK-Macao Greater Bay Area (with photos)

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, and a delegation of District Council chairmen and vice chairmen started their three-day visit to four cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, namely Guangzhou, Foshan, Zhongshan and Zhuhai today (September 7).

Upon arrival in Guangzhou this morning, the delegation joined a seminar hosted by the Guangdong Development and Reform Commission and learnt more about the development and planning of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the Guangzhou Transport Information and Control Centre to learn about the centre's operation and its traffic monitoring and management platform. They then visited the Tianhe Sports Centre and the Museum of Guangzhou Asian Games and Guangzhou Asian Para Games, and attended a briefing on the public service platform Quntitong. The platform was launched in 2013 and provides sports-related services including venue booking, updates on sports activities and games, online maps and health management. The delegation also toured the Beijing Street Yanyunxi Community and the family service centre there.

They then attended a dinner reception hosted by Guangdong Provincial Government officials. Speaking at the dinner, Mr Lau said that the delegation had looked forward to the visit, through which they hoped to learn about the community planning and infrastructure developments of the cities. Mr Lau noted that District Councils are an important advisory body broadly reflecting district opinion and a crucial channel of communication between the Government and the community. He said he believed that the visit would enable the District Council chairmen and vice chairmen to involve more Hong Kong district communities in and better understand the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

The delegation will continue the visit in Guangzhou tomorrow morning (September 8) and will leave for Foshan in the afternoon.

Twenty-seven DC chairmen and vice chairmen joined the visit. The Chairman of Sai Kung District Council, Mr George Ng, and the Chairman of Kwun Tong District Council, Dr Bunny Chan, are respectively the leader and deputy leader of the delegation. The secretaries are the Chairman of Wong Tai Sin District Council, Mr Li Tak-hong, and the Chairman of North District Council, Mr So Sai-chi.

