

## SHA meets with Deputy Minister of Culture, Information and Tourism of Kyrgyzstan (with photos)

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, today (September 14) met with the Deputy Minister of Culture, Information and Tourism of Kyrgyzstan, Mrs Ainura Temirbekova, in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, to discuss ways to enhance cultural co-operation between the two places.

Mr Lau said that Kyrgyzstan is recognised as an important country under the Belt and Road Initiative, and that it participated in the 10th Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum for the first time last year. Kyrgyzstan and the Hong Kong Museum of History also collaborated for the large-scale exhibition "Miles upon Miles: World Heritage along the Silk Road" in Hong Kong. Mr Lau said he looked forward to strengthening cultural bonds between the two places.

In the afternoon, Mr Lau met with the Director of the State Agency for Youth Affairs, Physical Culture and Sport under the Government of the Kyrgyzstan, Mr Amankulov Kanat, to exchange views on the strategies and measures to promote sports development.

During his visit to Bishkek, Mr Lau visited cultural and sports facilities, and also called on the Ambassador of China to Kyrgyzstan, Mr Xiao Qinghua. Mr Lau will leave for Almaty, Kazakhstan tonight.



