

# SHA meets with Vice Mayor of Almaty (with photos)

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, today (September 15) met with the Vice Mayor of Almaty, Mr Arman Kyrykbayev, in Almaty, Kazakhstan, to exchange views on strengthening co-operation between the two places. Mr Lau also visited cultural and sports facilities in Almaty.

Tonight, Mr Lau will attend a concert jointly presented by Hong Kong and Kazakhstan. Young Hong Kong musicians who play Chinese and Western music will perform alongside renowned Kazakhstan musical ensembles including the State Academic Symphony Orchestra of Kazakhstan, the Kazakh State String Quartet and the Turan Kazakh Ensemble. Some of the music pieces were composed by a young Chinese musician, Meilina Tsui, who was born in Kazakhstan. She will also take part in the performance.

Under a theme of transcending the boundaries of time and space, the performing groups will showcase the characteristics of Hong Kong and Kazakhstan music. In addition to introducing the music culture of Hong Kong to the audience in Kazakhstan, the concert also represents the commencement of a cultural friendship between Hong Kong and Kazakhstan.

Tomorrow, Mr Lau will attend the opening ceremony of the Alma Fest. The festival is a traditional celebration event of Almaty City Day, when local people participate in various kinds of cultural and recreational activities. After visiting football facilities, Mr Lau will leave Kazakhstan in the evening.



