

## **SJ to lead government officials to attend joint conference on Belt and Road Initiative in Beijing**

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, will depart for Beijing tomorrow (July 18) for the sixth Joint Conference on Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in and Contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative. Mr Lam, in his capacity as the chair of the sub-group on Belt and Road development under the Steering Group on Integration into National Development, will lead the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government officials, including the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau; the Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Joseph Chan; and the Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Ms Lillian Cheong, to attend the joint conference to be held on Wednesday morning (July 19).

During his stay in Beijing, Mr Lam will also meet with a number of organisations and institutions, including the All China Lawyers Association, the National Judges College, the China University of Political Science and Law and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, to promote further exchanges and co-operation of the organisations between the two places, so as to enhance opportunities for Hong Kong's legal professionals to play to their strengths and to serve the country's needs for better integration into the overall national development.

Mr Lam will return to Hong Kong on Thursday afternoon (July 20). During Mr Lam's absence, the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, will be the Acting Secretary for Justice. During Mr Yau's absence, the Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan, will be the Acting Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development.