

STH to lead HKMPB delegation to Nordic countries

The Secretary for Transport and Housing and Chairman of the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board (HKMPB), Mr Frank Chan Fan, will lead a delegation comprising members of the HKMPB and representatives of the maritime industry to visit Copenhagen in Denmark, and Oslo and Bergen in Norway from March 11 to 15 to promote Hong Kong as an international maritime centre.

Arriving in Copenhagen, Denmark on March 11, the delegation will call on various maritime-related organisations including the Danish Maritime Authority, the Danish Ship Finance and the Danish Maritime Fund, meet with local shipowners and industry representatives, and visit the Copenhagen Business School to learn about the local maritime industry and related developments. Mr Chan will give a speech at a seminar-cum-luncheon jointly organised by the HKMPB, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO), and the Denmark-Hong Kong Trade Association.

On March 13, the delegation will proceed to Oslo, Norway. Mr Chan will call on the Minister of Trade and Industry of Norway, Mr Torbjørn Røe Isaksen, and will deliver a speech at a seminar-cum-reception jointly organised by the HKMPB, the HKTDC, the London ETO and the Norway-Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce. Joined by members of the delegation, Mr Chan will visit a hybrid electric sightseeing vessel. They will also meet with DNV GL, an international accredited ship classification society.

On March 15, the delegation will visit Bergen, Norway for the last leg of their Nordic tour. They will call on local shipping enterprises and tour various types of green vessels to learn about the development of green shipping. They will also meet with the Mayor of Bergen, Ms Marte Mjøs Persen, and representatives of the local maritime sector.

Mr Chan will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on March 16. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Transport and Housing, Dr Raymond So Wai-man, will be the Acting Secretary for Transport and Housing.