STL attends Global Sustainable Transport Forum in Beijing (with photos)

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, continued his visit to Beijing today (September 26) to attend the Global Sustainable Transport Forum (2023), where he shared with other participants Hong Kong's development in smart mobility and smart logistics at a thematic session.

He noted that Hong Kong has one of the world's leading public transport systems, airports and port facilities, with about 90 per cent of daily passenger trips made on public transport, which is one of the highest in the world. In terms of land transport, the public benefit from over 1 000 sets of traffic detectors on the roads and receive real-time traffic information through mobile phone applications for better travel planning. In addition, since this May, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has been progressively implementing the HKeToll, a free-flow tolling service, at a number of government tolled tunnels, which has helped smooth the traffic flow.

As Hong Kong is an international aviation hub, Mr Lam also briefed the participants on how Hong Kong is using innovation and technology to drive the development of the aviation industry.

"Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) has already achieved full 5G network coverage, which helps the airport industry to expand the use of automation and other technologies. We are also actively identifying potential airport risks through data analysis and the use of the Digital Twin of the airport," he said.

On the maritime and logistics front, Mr Lam said the HKSAR Government has been actively promoting the development of high-end, high value-added and smart logistics, with a view to transforming Hong Kong into a sustainable international smart logistics hub.

"We have launched the HKIA Cargo Data Platform, which uses technologies such as blockchain and cloud computing to digitise, synchronise and standardise documents and workflows. This enables the air cargo industry to communicate, share data and track shipment status on the same platform, thereby helping to enhance the efficiency of air cargo handling in Hong Kong," he said.

He added that the HKSAR Government is making every effort to build a Smart Port. By establishing a digital port community system to facilitate information flow among different stakeholders in the maritime, port and logistics industries, the port will enter a new era. Various measures of the Government can help Hong Kong become a regional distribution centre, develop

e-commerce and high value-added cargo and logistics businesses.

The two-day forum concluded today. Mr Lam returned to Hong Kong in the evening.