

## STL leads delegation to visit Vietnam (with photos)

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, led more than 10 members of the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council (LOGSCOUNCIL) to Vietnam for a four-day visit, with a view to introducing Hong Kong's advantages as an international logistics hub to local political and business communities.

Mr Lam met with the Deputy Minister of Transport of Vietnam, Mr Le Dinh Tho, in Hanoi today (October 11). They exchanged views on issues of mutual concern and explored business opportunities between Hong Kong and Vietnam. Mr Lam also called on the Chinese Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr Xiong Bo, to brief him on the latest developments of Hong Kong's logistics industry with the support of the Central Government.

Upon arrival yesterday (October 10), the delegation toured a large-scale local modern logistics warehouse in Hanoi and inspected the operation of the logistics facilities. The delegation also exchanged views with representatives of related enterprises to learn about the smart logistics development in Vietnam.

"The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has been progressively exploring new markets from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Middle East regions, as well as other countries under the Belt and Road Initiative. Vietnam is the second largest trading partner of Hong Kong among the 10 member states of ASEAN. This time, I am leading a delegation from the LOGSCOUNCIL to visit Vietnam, with the aim of further promoting Hong Kong's advantages as an international logistics hub and gaining firsthand knowledge of Vietnam's development in modern logistics. The visit also aims to facilitate industry exchanges between the two places and explore new opportunities for co-operation," Mr Lam said.

The delegation will continue the visit to Vietnam tomorrow (October 12) to attend a business luncheon in Ho Chi Minh City and meet with local business representatives.

