## STL visits Hangzhou with LegCo Panel on Transport (with photos)

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, together with Members of the Legislative Council Panel on Transport, started their visit to Hangzhou today (September 13). The Commissioner for Transport, Ms Angela Lee, also joined the visit.

Mr Lam and the delegation visited the Hangzhou City Brain Operation Command Center in the morning to learn how the local government applies the "City Brain" system. This includes analysing large amounts of real-time data to work out traffic enhancement proposals, such as adjusting traffic signal timings to improve road traffic speed. The delegation then toured the headquarters of a large vehicle manufacturer in Hangzhou to inspect the research and development and usage of new energy vehicles.

They then met with representatives of the Hangzhou Transportation Bureau to exchange views on topics such as traffic management, the development of new energy vehicles and green transport. Mr Lam said that the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is taking forward a series of measures under the smart mobility strategy, including the launch of the free-flow tolling service HKeToll, automated parking systems and the establishment of the \$1 billion Smart Traffic Fund to provide funding support to local organisations and enterprises for conducting research and application of vehicle-related innovation and technology. These initiatives aim to adopt innovation and technology to support effective traffic management, facilitate the commuting of the public and enhance the use of public transport, thereby alleviating road traffic congestion and reducing overall carbon emission.

The delegation also visited Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, where they received a briefing from a representative of the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK). The AAHK has participated in the operation and management of Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport since 2006, and holds a partial share of the project.

The delegation concluded its four-day visit to the Yangtze River Delta Region and will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon.









