

## USEE attends Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Food Security Ministerial Meeting (with photo)

The Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Miss Diane Wong, attended the eighth Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Food Security Ministerial Meeting today (August 4) via video conferencing to discuss and exchange views with leaders of other economies on achieving sustainable and resilient agri-food systems.

The meetings of APEC 2023 are held in a hybrid form in the United States this year. The main discussion topics of the Food Security Ministerial Meeting this year include how APEC economies take forward the implementation plan for the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 and the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040 by promoting interconnectedness, innovation and inclusivity among the economies to combat threats of global food security, and how member economies achieve the objectives of food security through regional co-operation.

During the discussion among ministers, Miss Wong said, "The meeting offers us a valued opportunity to connect and to fortify our economic region in support of food security and sustainable agri-food systems."

Miss Wong remarked that Hong Kong, China supports advancing food safety through the use of digital technology, compressing the time for movement of perishable food imported from other places, enhancing food traceability, working hand in hand with stakeholders to formulate a blueprint for the sustainable development of agriculture and fisheries, and reducing food losses and food waste as part of the efforts to achieve carbon neutrality.

Miss Wong added, "Hong Kong, China fully supports the continued pursuance of measures to strengthen the development of an open, transparent, productive, sustainable and resilient food system, hand in hand with other APEC economies."

