

Vice Premier He Lifeng attends Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit in Hong Kong (with photo)

The Vice Premier of the State Council, Mr He Lifeng, attended and delivered a keynote speech at the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit today (November 19). Accompanying Vice Premier He at the Summit were the Acting Chief Executive, Mr Chan Kwok-ki; the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan; and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui.

Vice Premier He said that President Xi Jinping and the Central Government care for and attach much importance to the development of Hong Kong. With the strong support of the Central Government, effective leadership of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, and joint efforts from all sectors of Hong Kong society, Hong Kong has achieved new accomplishments in economic and social development, and its financial system remains vibrant.

He emphasised that building, consolidating and developing Hong Kong as an international financial centre is not only necessary for Hong Kong, but also important to the country. The Central Government has always positioned the development of Hong Kong as an international financial centre from a strategic perspective, and will continue to improve the policy system supporting the construction of Hong Kong as an international financial centre. As always, the Central Government will give full support and safeguards to Hong Kong in deepening financial reform and ensuring financial stability.

Having just concluded the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings in Lima, Peru, and is currently en route back to Hong Kong, the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, expressed his gratitude to Vice Premier He for attending and delivering a keynote speech at the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit in Hong Kong, which reflected the support and the great importance the country attaches to Hong Kong as an international financial centre.

Noting that the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC Central Committee) adopting the Resolution of the CPC Central Committee on Further Deepening Reform Comprehensively to Advance Chinese Modernization, Mr Lee said that the Resolution calls on Hong Kong to fully harness the institutional strengths of "one country, two systems" while consolidating and enhancing its status as an international financial, shipping and trade centre, and supports Hong Kong in exerting a greater role in the country's opening up to the world. Hong Kong is an international centre ranking third globally and first in investment environment. The Summit, hosted in Hong Kong and entered its third edition, has gathered global financial leaders, underscoring international investors'

recognition of both the country and Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will ride on the Summit to tell the good stories of Hong Kong to global financial leaders and will continue to take forward the reforms in the financial sector, consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's position as an international financial hub, and leveraging its unique advantages of enjoying strong national support while maintaining unparalleled connectivity with the world.

Vice Premier He concluded his trip and left Hong Kong at noon today.

