

6th World Customs Organization Global Canine Forum concluded with success (with photo)

The 6th World Customs Organization (WCO) Global Canine Forum organised by Hong Kong Customs was successfully concluded today (March 7).

The three-day Forum delivered fruitful outcomes by gathering over 120 members from more than 40 customs organisations around the world (including the Mainland and other overseas countries), the WCO, and local law enforcement dog teams, who engaged in discussions and experience sharing on canine-related topics. The participants also visited the newly established Regional Dog Training Centre (RDTTC) of Hong Kong Customs and enjoyed detector dog demonstrations to gain insights into the achievements and the latest developments of the Hong Kong Customs Canine Force, particularly in canine breeding, Smart Collar, Smart K9 Management System, etc.

After the Forum, Hong Kong Customs held a Heads of RDTTC Meeting with various RDTTC representatives to discuss the improvement of accreditation standards and procedures of the existing RDTTC, aiming at enhancing the professionalism and collaboration among canine forces.

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In the closing ceremony of the Forum, the Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Ms Louise Ho, highlighted that the Forum not only provided a valuable platform for customs organisations worldwide to share experiences, but also facilitated knowledge exchange and collaborative networks. Hong Kong Customs will continue to strengthen co-operation with the WCO to elevate the canine enforcement capability of members while fully affirming the department's international standing in the canine profession.

