<u>Appointment of Hong Kong, China</u> <u>representatives to ABAC</u>

The Government today (December 19) announced that the Chief Executive has re-appointed Dr Allan Zeman and Dr Jonathan Choi as Hong Kong, China (HKC) representatives, and appointed Dr Aron Hari Harilela as alternate representative, to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC) until the end of 2020.

Dr Zeman is the Chairman of Lan Kwai Fong Group, Dr Choi is the Chairman of Sunwah Group and Dr Harilela is the Chairman and CEO of the Harilela Group.

Meanwhile, Mr Douglas Woo will be retiring from ABAC as an HKC alternate representative.

"I am very grateful to Dr Zeman, Dr Choi and Dr Harilela for agreeing to represent Hong Kong, China in ABAC. I am sure their wealth of business experience will inject further impetus into the work of ABAC.

"I would also like to express my appreciation to Mr Woo for his support and contribution to the work of ABAC since his first appointment in 2013," the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, said.

ABAC was established in 1996 as a permanent business advisory body to provide advice to APEC on business sector priorities. Hong Kong, China has appointed three representatives and two alternate representatives to ABAC. Currently, the Chairman of Esquel Group, Ms Marjorie Yang, is the other representative. The Deputy Managing Director of Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited, Mr Nicholas Ho, is the other alternate representative.