

Three Directors of Bureaux to join LegCo joint-Panel duty visit to major cities in Yangtze River Delta Region

The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip; the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang; and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, will join the Legislative Council (LegCo) joint-Panel (Panel on Economic Development, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Panel on Financial Affairs and Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting) duty visit to the major cities in the Yangtze River Delta Region and visit Shanghai and Hangzhou from April 21 to April 24. The Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan, will also attend.

The three Directors of Bureaux will, together with LegCo members, tour the latest developments of Shanghai and Hangzhou in areas such as innovation and technology, economy and finance, culture and conservation, education and tourism and learn about the progress of the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta region. They will also meet with the respective provincial and municipal officials as well as Hong Kong people living, working and studying there.

After the visit, Mr Nip and Mr Yang will depart for Beijing to attend the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. Mr Lau will return to Hong Kong.

LegCo joint-Panel to conduct duty visit to Yangtze River Delta Region

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Economic Development, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Panel on Financial Affairs, and Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting will depart for the major cities in the Yangtze River Delta (YRD) Region tomorrow (April 21) to conduct a four-day joint-Panel duty visit to better understand their economic, financial and innovation and technology developments.

The YRD Region was one of the first regions in the Mainland to develop and open-up, and is now known for its competitive and innovative industries. Cities and provinces in the Region have their own strengths in specific areas. Shanghai is a logistics and financial centre, while Zhejiang and

Jiangsu provinces have strong manufacturing bases.

The Yangtze River Delta Regional Cooperation Office issued a three-year action plan (2018-2020) for the Region's integrative development last year, which aims to integrate the economies of Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Anhui provinces, and Shanghai, through co-ordination and collaborative development. The action plan covers co-operation in 12 economic sectors including transportation energy, scientific innovation, industry, informatization, environmental protection and public services. It also focuses on seven key aspects for integrated development in the Region including transportation connectivity, industrial innovation, and collaborative and orderly opening-up of the market.

In view of the strategic significance of the development of the YRD Region to Hong Kong, the purpose of the duty visit is for Members to visit Shanghai and Hangzhou to see for themselves the latest development of the Region. Members will also take the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Zhejiang Provincial Government and the Shanghai Municipal Government as well as attending a seminar on "the latest development of regional integration of the Yangtze River Delta". During the visit, Members will also meet with Hong Kong people living in Zhejiang and Shanghai.

The delegation will visit the following places:

April 21 to 24, 2019 (Sunday to Wednesday)

Shanghai

- Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
- Fudan University
- Zhangjiang Science City
- Shanghai Stock Exchange
- Changyang Campus
- West Bund Xuhui Waterfront
- Huangpu River

Hangzhou

- Hangzhou Public Service Center
- Alibaba Group
- Hangzhou National High-Tech Industries Development Zone
- Hangzhou LHD New Energy Technology Co., Ltd.
- WeDoctor Group

The joint-Panel delegation is led by the President of the LegCo, Mr Andrew Leung. Deputy delegation leaders are the Chairman of Panel on Commerce and Industry, Mr Yiu Si-wing; the Chairman of Panel on Financial Affairs, Mr Christopher Cheung; the Chairman of Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Dr Elizabeth Quat; and the Chairman of Panel on Economic Development, Mr Chung Kwok-pan. Other participating Panel members include Mr Jeffrey Lam, Mr Chan Kin-por, Mr Wong Kwok-kin, Ms Alice Mak, Ir Dr Lo Wai-kiwok, Mr Jimmy Ng, Dr Junius Ho, Ms Yung Hoi-yan, Mr Chan Chun-ying, Mr Luk

Chung-hung and Mr Lau Kwok-fan as well as non-Panel members Dr Priscilla Leung, Mr Leung Che-cheung, Mr Kwok Wai-keung, Mr Ho Kai-ming, Mr Kenneth Lau and Mr Tony Tse.

Meanwhile, at the invitation of the joint-Panel delegation, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip; the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang; the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau; and the Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan will also join the duty visit.

Red flag lowered at Silver Mine Bay Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (April 20) that since the water off Silver Mine Bay Beach in Islands District is now suitable for swimming, the red flag has been lowered.

The red flag was hoisted at the beach earlier on after a red tide was found.

Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay First Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (April 20) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay First Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Red flags hoisted at Lower Cheung Sha Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (April 20) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Lower Cheung Sha Beach in Islands District and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.