

CE meets Governor of Jiangxi Province (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met with the Governor of Jiangxi Province, Mr Ye Jianchun, at Government House today (April 2) to exchange views on strengthening Hong Kong's co-operation with Jiangxi. Also attending the meeting were the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai, and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip.

Mr Lee welcomed Mr Ye and his delegation to Hong Kong. Mr Lee noted that Hong Kong and Jiangxi have been maintaining close economic and trade relations, and the Jiangxi-Hong Kong economic and trade co-operation activities held by Jiangxi since 2002 have been a significant platform for exchange and collaboration between the two places. He said that Hong Kong is Jiangxi's largest source of external investment and an important trading partner, with the total value of imports and exports between the two places exceeding US\$9.4 billion last year. Hong Kong also serves as a main capital market for Jiangxi enterprises listed outside of the Mainland.

Mr Lee said that this year marks the 60th anniversary of Dongjiang's water supply to Hong Kong. Jiangxi, as the source of Dongjiang River, has been providing a vital water supply to Hong Kong over the past six decades. He expressed gratitude to Jiangxi Province for its long-standing efforts in ensuring the safety and cleanliness of the Dongjiang water source, which has been crucial to Hong Kong's prosperity and development.

Mr Lee noted that Hong Kong is a key link in the Belt and Road Initiative and a core city of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Under the "one country, two systems" principle, Hong Kong has the distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world. He said that Hong Kong will give full play to its roles as a "super connector" and a "super value-adder" to serve Jiangxi in expanding international markets.

