

Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area visits Huizhou (with photos)

The Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Ms Maisie Chan, visited Huizhou today (October 17) to meet with leaders of the Huizhou Municipal Government and attend the Symposium for Promoting the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. She also met and exchanged views with Hong Kong young entrepreneurs who started their businesses in Huizhou, as well as Hong Kong business people operating there.

Upon arrival in the morning, Ms Chan called on the Mayor of Huizhou, Mr Wen Jinrong, to learn about the latest development in Huizhou and exchange views on deepening co-operation between Hong Kong and Huizhou to jointly promote the high-quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

In the afternoon, Ms Chan attended the Symposium for Promoting the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to explore with government officials and business leaders in Hong Kong and Huizhou on the significant opportunities brought about by Greater Bay Area development to talent and enterprises. The Symposium was co-organised by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong (GDET0) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, the Office of the Leading Group on Construction of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area of Huizhou Municipality, and the Bureau of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs of Huizhou Municipality.

Speaking at the Symposium, Ms Chan said that through further deepening co-operation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, the objectives of Greater Bay Area development are to leverage the complementary advantages of the three places, take forward the synergistic economic development, and further enhance the supporting and leading role of the Greater Bay Area in the country's economic development and opening up. Huizhou is an important hub on the east coast of the Greater Bay Area and is known as the Gateway of Eastern Guangdong. With its convenient transportation network, ample marine resources, long history and rich cultural and tourism resources, Huizhou has huge scope for development. Being the most international city in the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong can give full play to its dual roles in going global and attracting foreign investment. Hong Kong and Huizhou can pursue higher-level and deeper collaborations in different areas.

Ms Chan added that to further enhance the support for Hong Kong people and enterprises to develop in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, the Promotion Centre of the GDET0 of the HKSAR Government commenced operation

in April 2023 to promote to them the enormous opportunities brought about by Greater Bay Area development through organising seminars, study missions, etc. The Promotion Centre also encourages Mainland talent and enterprises to make use of Hong Kong's unique advantages under "one country, two systems", and come to Hong Kong to explore more opportunities for development.

Over 300 guests, including government officials of the HKSAR and Huizhou, representatives of trade associations, industry leaders and representatives of start-ups, attended the Symposium. Participants had in-depth exchanges about business and trade, talent policies, as well as the business and investment environments of Hong Kong and Huizhou, with a view to exploring together greater opportunities under Greater Bay Area development

Ms Chan then visited the Huizhou Zhongkai Hong Kong-Macao Youth Entrepreneurship Base to learn about the operation of the Entrepreneurship Base and exchange views with Hong Kong young entrepreneurs who started their businesses in Huizhou. She encouraged Hong Kong young people to grasp the significant opportunities brought about by Greater Bay Area development so that they could also contribute their strengths towards Greater Bay Area development while fulfilling their dreams.

In the evening, Ms Chan attended a dinner hosted by the Huizhou Association of Enterprise with Foreign Investment to gather the views of Hong Kong business people in Huizhou on their operating experiences and development plans on the Mainland. Ms Chan also encouraged Hong Kong business people to continue to actively participate in the development of the Greater Bay Area, and to serve the country's needs by capitalising on Hong Kong's strengths.



