

## Director of Audit led delegation to attend 7th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Audit Conference 2023 (with photos)

The Director of Audit, Professor Nelson Lam, led a delegation of Audit Commission officers to Zhuhai to attend the 7th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Audit Conference 2023 held December 6 to 8 for an exchange of experiences in big data auditing with representatives of auditing departments from participating regions and cities.

Themed "A study on the implementation and development trend of big data auditing under the empowerment of technology", the conference was attended by more than 130 representatives from official auditing departments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party of China Zhuhai Municipal Committee and the Mayor of the Zhuhai Municipal Government, Mr Huang Zhihao; the Secretary of the Leading Party Members' Group and Director of the Audit Office of Guangdong Province, Mr Ma Xuebin; Professor Lam; and the Commissioner of Audit of the Macao Special Administrative Region, Mr Ho Veng-on, graced the opening ceremony with their speeches.

In his speech, Professor Lam mentioned that the Hong Kong Government has been actively promoting the development of a smart city and digital economy, so as to proactively integrate into the overall development of the country. The Audit Commission of Hong Kong has been striving to foster research-based and big data auditing. He hoped that through this conference, the Audit Commission of Hong Kong might have in-depth exchanges with counterparts in the auditing sector of Guangdong and Macao, with whom the Audit Commission might join hands to formulate promising plans for "powerful and technology-based auditing" and enable more in-depth, comprehensive and precise auditing work. With concerted efforts, the public auditing sector could actively exercise its "all-encompassing" surveillance power, so as to fully implement the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China. It would be the auditing sector's collective goal to follow the three instructions of President Xi on public auditing – "to function under the nation's directions as the arm moving the finger, to cover issues closely as the shadow following the body, and to make powerful statements as thunder piercing the ears".

During the conference, representatives of the auditing departments from the three areas shared their local experiences and practices in big data auditing and had in-depth exchanges of views and insights. The Audit Commission submitted a discussion paper on the application of big data technology in auditing in the context of Hong Kong, with the writing guided by the remarks of President Xi on big data work. The paper was awarded a special prize in the writing event of the 7th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Audit Conference 2023. In addition, a representative from the Audit Commission also took part in the 2023 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area big data

auditing skills competition with nature and environment protection as the topic of choice, and demonstrated the application of data visualisation technology in analysing the efficiency of marine water quality improvement. He won an outstanding award for his demonstration.

During the trip, the delegations of Hong Kong and Macao also visited the Xiangzhou District and the High-Tech Industrial Development Zone in Zhuhai, where local officials briefed them on the latest developments of the districts.

Professor Lam said that as the first Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Audit Conference that resumed after the epidemic, this year's conference had once again united the auditing profession of the three areas. It had served as an important and valuable platform for exchanges, from which the Audit Commission of Hong Kong had gained understandings on the latest developments in big data auditing. In line with policies of the Central Government, the Audit Commission of Hong Kong would continue its efforts to promote the innovative collaboration and integrated development of the auditing sector of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.



