

# Forging a National High-calibre Talent Hub Symposium advances regional collaboration to develop strategic talent fulcrums (with photos)

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) Government today (June 3) hosted the Forging a National High-calibre Talent Hub Symposium, which gathered about 150 representatives from Beijing, Shanghai, Guangdong Province, the nine Mainland cities and four major co-operation platforms of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and the Macao SAR, as well as 23 renowned universities on the Mainland and five of the world's top 100 universities in Hong Kong.

The symposium was themed "Regional Collaboration, Empowerment through Science and Education, Global Talent Attraction". Through keynote speeches and thematic panel discussions, participants exchanged views on promoting regional collaborative ties on talent work and the strategic development of a national high-calibre talent hub.

In delivering his welcome remarks, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, said that education, technology and talent form the critical foundation for developing new quality productive forces and enhancing high-quality development. The Committee on Education, Technology and Talents of the Hong Kong SAR Government is targeting the manpower demand of Hong Kong's strategic positioning of "eight centres" and co-ordinating the promotion of integrated development of education, technology and talent to build Hong Kong as an international hub for high-calibre talent.

Vice Minister of Human Resources and Social Security Mr Yu Jiadong stated in his video address that talent serves as a strategic pillar for advancing Chinese modernisation. Building a national high-calibre talent hub requires integration of education, technology and talent, while establishing an environment for talent development with global competitiveness needs reform and innovation of the talent system and mechanism from a global perspective, thereby creating new opportunities and impetus for achieving high-quality development.

The Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, Professor Richard Wong, and the Vice-President (Talent and International Strategy) of City University of Hong Kong, Professor Li Wen-jung, delivered keynote speeches at the symposium, discussing how higher education institutions in Hong Kong can nurture talent for integration with regional and industry development.

The symposium featured two thematic panel discussions. The first discussion, joined by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun; the Director of the Beijing Municipal Talent Work Bureau, Mr Zhang Ruobing; the

Director of the Shanghai Municipal Talent Work Bureau, Mr Pan Xiaogang; the Deputy Director of the Talent Work Leading Group Office of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Mr Man Xincheng; and the Secretary-General of the Talent Development Committee of the Macao SAR Government, Mr Chao Chong-hang, explored ways to synergise regional strengths in building the talent hub. The second discussion, with representatives from Tsinghua University, Peking University, Fudan University, Harbin Institute of Technology and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, examined the new talent cultivation models in innovative education.

Witnessed by Mr Sun, the Director of Hong Kong Talent Engage, Mr Anthony Lau, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Deputy Secretary of the Party Working Committee of Shenzhen Qianhai Cooperation Zone, Ms Liang Ke, and member of the Standing Committee and Director of the Talent Work Leading Group Office of the CPC Guangzhou Nansha District Committee, Mr Zhang Jiabing, respectively, deepening collaboration in talent recruitment, services, employment and development between Hong Kong and the two regions.

In his closing remarks, Mr Sun highlighted Hong Kong's various advantages in attracting global talent and the need to collaborate with different regions across the country through interdependence and mutual reinforcement, thereby accelerating the development of the national high-calibre talent hub. He expected that the symposium, together with the second Global Talent Summit · Hong Kong scheduled for early next year, would bring together valuable experiences from various regions in talent attraction, retention, nurturing and recruitment, to inject new impetus into high-quality development and achieve the vision of developing a national quality workforce.



