

SEE to visit Beijing

The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, will depart for Beijing this afternoon (March 19).

During his stay in Beijing, Mr Tse will visit the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to exchange views on various topics such as safeguarding food supply to Hong Kong, the facilitation arrangement for exporting Hong Kong-manufactured food products to the Mainland, as well as strengthening co-operation on food trade. He will also visit the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the PRC, and exchange views with officials on the sustainable development of agriculture and fisheries, restocking, multi-storey livestock farms and offshore fishing, with a view to enhancing communication and co-operation.

In addition, Mr Tse will meet with representatives from the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the PRC and the BRI International Green Development Coalition to exchange views on combating climate change. He will also meet with representatives from the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation, and the Carbon Neutral Industry Development Innovation Committee to discuss issues including green development, ocean governance, and carbon market.

The Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Food), Ms Irene Young; the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation, Mr Mickey Lai; the Commissioner for Climate Change, Mr Arthur Lee; the Controller of the Centre for Food Safety, Dr Christine Wong; and officers from the Environment and Ecology Bureau, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, and the Environmental Protection Department will also join the visit.

Mr Tse will return to Hong Kong on the afternoon of March 21. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Miss Diane Wong, will be the Acting Secretary for Environment and Ecology.