

# STL visits Chengdu to promote Hong Kong strengths in logistics (with photos)

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Ms Mable Chan, today (June 4) led a delegation of the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council to kick-start a three-day visit to Chengdu and Chongqing with a view to promoting Hong Kong's strengths in logistics, fostering industry exchanges and exploring collaboration opportunities in logistics and shipping.

Upon arrival in Chengdu, the delegation first visited the international cargo terminal at Chengdu Tianfu International Airport to inspect its operations including the express cargo centre, which commenced operation late last year, to understand its procedures in handling goods of cross-border e-commerce platforms.

The delegation later met with the Director of the Port and Logistics Office of the People's Government of Sichuan Province, Mr Xie Wei, to proactively explore the potential in logistics collaborations with Sichuan Province. The delegates were also briefed by representatives of the Sichuan Port and Shipping Investment Group on its work on five major fronts in constructing "logistics and trade ports", "hub ports", "industrial ports", "digital intelligence ports" as well as "financial ports". In the evening, the delegation had a meeting with the Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the Sichuan Provincial People's Government, Ms Zhang Tao, to exchange views on how to facilitate exchanges and collaborations between Hong Kong and Sichuan in logistics and transport.

"Sichuan plays a leading role in the development of the western region of our country. Hong Kong has been attaching great importance to its economic and trade ties with Sichuan. I believe there is further room for more complementarity and collaboration in shipping and logistics between Hong Kong and Sichuan," Ms Chan said.

She added that a Hong Kong port operator launched the Chengdu-Shenzhen-Hong Kong scheduled rail-sea service last week, which enables goods from Chengdu to reach Hong Kong via Shenzhen in as short as three days using a sea-rail intermodal transshipment mode. She believes that Hong Kong and Sichuan can create an efficient and quality new logistics corridor through strengthening logistics co-operation to facilitate the export of Sichuan's goods to overseas markets.

The delegation departed for Chongqing in the evening and will continue the visit tomorrow (June 5).

