

STL welcomes collaboration with International Chamber of Shipping to co-host second Global Maritime Trade Summit in Hong Kong (with photos)

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Ms Mable Chan, met with the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), Mr Guy Platten, and his designated successor, Mr Thomas Kazakos, today (May 12) to solidify plans for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and the ICS to co-host the second Global Maritime Trade Summit (the Summit) during Hong Kong Maritime Week in November this year.

"The HKSAR Government treasures our close partnership with the ICS and the global maritime industry. Being a staunch advocate of free trade with zero tariffs and a level-playing field for businesses, we hope that our co-hosting of the upcoming Summit with the ICS will reinforce our shared vision of a connected, efficient, and resilient maritime ecosystem for the common interest of the global maritime community. The Transport and Logistics Bureau will spare no effort to leverage on Hong Kong's status as an international maritime centre to ensure the event's success," said Ms Chan.

"Geopolitical tensions are on the rise and fragmentation is disrupting global trade patterns. This creates significant challenges for our sector and for economies. The ability to hold this forum again in Hong Kong, one of the world's key trade hubs, with both industry leaders and policymakers, creates an ideal opportunity to develop a clearer understanding of the benefits and opportunities of global trade. We look forward to working with the HKSAR Government in making this second Summit a valuable addition to advance global understanding," said Mr Platten.

The inaugural Summit held in the Hong Kong Maritime Week in November 2024 was attended by ministers of foreign governments, leaders of international organisations and industry luminaries from around the world. The two-day Summit set a high benchmark for fostering international dialogue on critical issues facing global trade and shipping and exploring innovative solution to address pressing challenges facing the industry. The Transport and Logistics Bureau will work closely with the ICS in the coming months to bring the second Summit into fruition. Further details will be announced in due course.

