

Commissioner for Belt and Road to lead delegation to Indonesia and Malaysia

â€¢ The Commissioner for Belt and Road, Mr Nicholas Ho, will lead a delegation to visit Indonesia and Malaysia from today (June 22) to June 26 to promote Hong Kong's professional services to explore more opportunities for development and collaboration.

Indonesia and Malaysia, two of Hong Kong's major trading and investment partners, are undergoing rapid infrastructure development, while Hong Kong has a pool of experienced professionals in related areas such as engineering, architecture and design, surveying, legal services and finance. The visit will focus on promoting the advantages of Hong Kong's professional services related to infrastructure development, with a view to exploring further collaboration opportunities with Indonesia and Malaysia and fostering mutually beneficial partnerships.

In addition to meeting with government officials, business leaders and representatives of professional organisations and enterprises, the delegation will also attend presentations of signature projects in Indonesia and Malaysia to explore business collaboration. The Belt and Road Office will organise business luncheons in both countries to promote Hong Kong's business advantages, highlighting its pivotal role as a "super value-adder".

The delegation comprises representatives from professional and commercial sectors, including small and medium-sized enterprises. They will visit Indonesia from June 23 to 24, and Malaysia from June 25 to 26.

FS to visit Tianjin and Beijing tomorrow

â€¢ The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, will depart in tomorrow (June 23) afternoon for visits to Tianjin and Beijing.

During his visit to Tianjin from June 23 to 25, Mr Chan will lead a delegation from the innovation and technology (I&T) sector to attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2025. The delegation includes senior executives from the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, Cyberport and the Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited, as well as leaders of startups under their umbrella specialising in fields such as artificial intelligence, biomedicine technologies, green and new energy technologies and aerospace technologies. While attending the Annual Meeting,

Mr Chan will participate in several thematic sessions, where he will deliver speeches and engage in discussions. The delegation will also take part in a number of I&T exchange sessions and business matching activities.

The Annual Meeting of the New Champions, also known as Summer Davos, gathers leaders from governments, businesses, think tanks and the academia, as well as representatives from international organisations. The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is "Entrepreneurship for a New Era". Around 1 700 participants from over 90 countries and regions will join the meeting. Discussions will focus on how entrepreneurship and innovation can drive economic growth in rapidly changing geopolitical and economic landscapes.

While in Tianjin, Mr Chan will also meet with officials from relevant Central Authorities, leaders of Tianjin, as well as political and business leaders from other regions. He will brief them on Hong Kong's latest developments, as well as its new advantages and opportunities.

During his visit to Beijing from June 25 to 26, Mr Chan will attend the 10th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and meet with other Governors. Mr Chan will also meet with officials from relevant Central Authorities.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, will also depart for Beijing today. He will attend some activities of the AIIB's Board of Governors Annual Meeting.

Mr Chan will return to Hong Kong in the evening of June 26. During his absence, the Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Michael Wong, will be Acting Financial Secretary. During Mr Hui's absence, the Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Joseph Chan, will be Acting Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

Security Bureau holds Flag Raising Ceremony by Disciplined Services and Youth Groups for Commemorating 5th Anniversary of Promulgation and Implementation of Hong Kong National Security Law (with photos/video)

To mark the 5th anniversary of the promulgation and implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law (HKNSL), the Security Bureau (SB) today (June 22) led disciplined services, youth groups of the disciplined services

and auxiliary services and, for the first time, collaborated with youth uniformed groups subvented by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) to hold a flag-raising ceremony at the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy. The event aimed to enhance public understanding of the HKNSL and deepen awareness of safeguarding national security.

The flag-raising ceremony was officiated by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki. The Police Band, disciplined services ceremonial guard, and youth uniformed groups marched in with Chinese-style foot drill. The Fire Services Department's flag party conducted the flag-raising ceremony during the playing and singing of the national anthem, accompanied by a fly-past by a helicopter of the Government Flying Service (GFS). The ceremony concluded with a performance by the Police Band.

Addressing the ceremony, Mr Chan said that the promulgation and implementation of the HKNSL have laid a solid legal foundation for safeguarding national sovereignty, security, and development interests. The HKNSL is a solid shield protecting Hong Kong, safeguarding the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems", and protecting the fundamental well-being of Hong Kong people. Mr Chan praised the disciplined services for their unwavering commitment to implementing the holistic approach to national security and dedication to ensuring national security and social stability. He also encouraged young people to be the future pillars of the country and expressed hope that the whole community would continue to work together to protect national security.

Following the flag-raising ceremony, Mr Chan officiated the award presentation for the SB and disciplined and auxiliary services' literature and art creation competition commemorating the 5th anniversary of the HKNSL. The competition encouraged colleagues to create artistic works conveying how the HKNSL fortifies the safeguarding of national security and protecting social stability.

Participating teams in the flag-raising ceremony came from the Hong Kong Police Force, the Immigration Department, the Customs and Excise Department, the Correctional Services Department, the Fire Services Department, the GFS, and youth uniformed groups under various disciplined services, the Civil Aid Service and the Auxiliary Medical Service, including the Customs Youth Leader Corps, the Fire and Ambulance Services Teen Connect, the Immigration Department Youth Leaders Corps, the Junior Police Call, the Rehabilitation Pioneer Leaders, the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps, the Civil Aid Service Cadet Corps, and the Auxiliary Medical Service Cadet Corps. Youth uniformed groups subvented by the HYAB also participated, including the Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards, the Hong Kong Adventure Corps, the Hong Kong Army Cadets Association, The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, the Hong Kong Red Cross Youth, the Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol, the Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps, the Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Brigade Youth Command, the Scout Association of Hong Kong, The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong, and The Girls' Brigade, Hong Kong.

The flag-raising ceremony was broadcast live on the Douyin account of the SB, and relevant footage will be broadcast on RTHK 31 at 9.30 am on June 30.



Red flag hoisted at Pui O Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 22) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Pui O Beach in Islands District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Play areas transformed via kids' input

Over 170 outdoor playgrounds managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have been included in the Transformation of Public Play Spaces plan to boost their appeal. With inputs from kids, 11 projects have been completed and now open to the public.

Representatives of the LCSD and the Architectural Services Department highlighted their experiences with renovating such playgrounds with news.gov.hk. Plus, one playground design consultant discussed the win-win outcome of incorporating children's ideas into the playground facilities.

The story is available at www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature today (June 22) in text and video format.