

# Registration to activities at Maritime Carnival in celebration of National Day begins today

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Marine Department (MD) will organise a Maritime Carnival at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) at Central Pier No. 8 on October 6 (Sunday). Through a series of family-friendly activities and display panels, the carnival aims to enrich public's understanding about the development of the maritime industry as well as to promote patriotic education.

The carnival will be held from 10.30am to 7pm and highlights will include two demonstrations of marine refuse and oil cleaning at 11.30am and 4pm, as well as shipboard visits to the MD's newly launched vessels, patrol launch "MARINE 1" and hydrographic survey vessel "HYDRO 2". The vessel visits will provide members of the public with a rare opportunity to view the equipment of the operation vessels up close. In addition, a ship-handling simulator will also be set up at the HKMM to provide citizens with an immersive opportunity to navigate a virtual boat journey through Hong Kong waters.

Persons interested in participating in either the shipboard visits to the MD's vessels or trying out the ship-handling simulator can register at the respective website starting from today (September 24) till 11.59pm on September 29 (Sunday). The registration form for shipboard visits can be found at the website [forms.gle/GAFcfk3Sdmynbw66](https://forms.gle/GAFcfk3Sdmynbw66), and for the ship-handling simulator at [forms.gle/X6gcLwfVFFs5syDw8](https://forms.gle/X6gcLwfVFFs5syDw8). Registration is free and on a first-come, first-served basis. Successful registrants will receive a confirmation email on or before October 4.

Other interesting activities of the carnival include demonstrations of an unmanned underwater system challenge, marine movie screenings, a tattoo sticker experience, maritime-themed talks, game booths and guided tours of the HKMM.

All activities of the Maritime Carnival are free of charge. For more information about the carnival, please visit the website: [www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/event-details/celebrating-the-75th-anniversary-of-the-founding-of-the-peoples-republic-of-china-maritime-carnival](http://www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/event-details/celebrating-the-75th-anniversary-of-the-founding-of-the-peoples-republic-of-china-maritime-carnival). For enquiries, please contact the HKMM at 3713 2500 during office hours.

Should there be adverse weather, for example, the Standby Signal No.1 or Red Rainstorm Signal to be issued by the Hong Kong Observatory at 8am on the event day, or the relevant signal is still in force at 8am on the event day, the Maritime Carnival will be rescheduled to October 13 for safety reasons. Visitors should regularly check the HKMM's website [www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/](http://www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/) for the latest information.

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## **STL to visit Beijing and Tianjin**

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, will leave for a visit to Beijing and Tianjin this evening (September 24).

Mr Lam will attend the Global Sustainable Transport Forum (2024) hosted by the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China in Beijing tomorrow (September 25), where he will speak at a thematic session. During his visit in Beijing, Mr Lam will also meet with officials of the Ministry of Transport.

Mr Lam will then visit Tianjin to attend the 11th China Air Finance Development (DFTP) Summit and deliver a speech at the opening ceremony on September 26.

He will return to Hong Kong on the evening of September 26. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Liu Chun-san, will be the Acting Secretary for Transport and Logistics.

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## **FS continues to visit Madrid, Spain (with photos/video)**

â€‹The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, continued his visit to Madrid, Spain, yesterday (September 23, Madrid time).

Mr Chan visited the Plenary of the City Council of Madrid yesterday and met with its President, Mr Francisco de Borja Fanjul Fernández-Pita. They exchanged views on strengthening co-operation between the two places. Mr Chan presented the latest developments in Hong Kong across various sectors and noted that, with staunch support from the Central Government, the "One Country, Two Systems" arrangement will continue to be implemented in Hong Kong in the long run. He emphasised that Hong Kong will maintain an international, open and friendly business environment practising the common law. Mr Chan expressed hope for enhancing mutually beneficial co-operation in areas such as finance, innovation and technology (I&T), culture, and education. He also welcomed Spanish enterprises to invest in Hong Kong and leverage it to explore the vast markets of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, broader Mainland China, and Asia.

In the afternoon, Mr Chan called on the Chinese Ambassador to Spain, Mr Yao Jing. Mr Chan briefed Ambassador Yao the latest situation in Hong Kong, as well as its development direction and strategies. They had in-depth

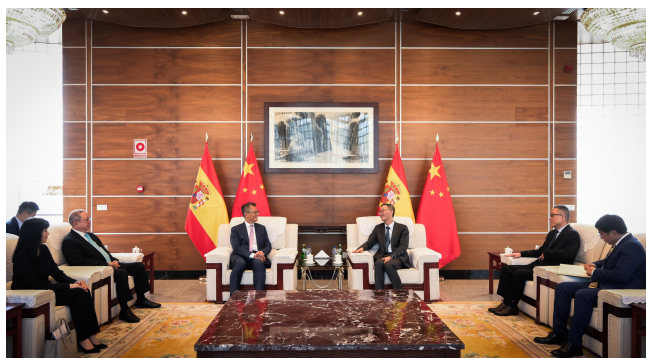
exchanges on topics including economic and trade co-operation between China and Spain, and promoting collaboration in business and I&T between Hong Kong and Spain.

Mr Chan then met with Mr José Moisés Martín Carretero, the Director General of the Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación (CDTI). The CDTI provides funding support for projects aligned with Spain's I&T development strategy, and promotes technological co-operation between Spain and other countries and regions. Mr Chan highlighted the progress Hong Kong has made in recent years by investing substantially in I&T, and presented the support provided by Hong Kong's full-spectrum financial services to I&T enterprises and projects at various development stages. They also exchanged ideas on strengthening co-operation on technology projects and the matching of funds with projects.

In the morning, Mr Chan led the delegation of technology startups to visit Wayra, one of Spain's innovation accelerators and venture capital funds, where he met with its investment team leaders. Through its global network, Wayra helps startups connect with technology and capital worldwide and provides guidance to expand their markets. During the meeting, Wayra's technology and investment teams introduced the organisation's operations and development strategies, and both sides discussed ways to promote mutual co-operation. Mr Chan expressed hope that the visit would facilitate better connections between the I&T ecosystems of both places and create more practical collaboration opportunities for their startups.

The Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), Dr Peter Lam; the Executive Director of the HKTDC, Ms Margaret Fong; the Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, Mr Albert Wong; the Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport, Mr Eric Chan, and the Special Representative for Hong Kong Economic and Trade Affairs to the European Union, Miss Shirley Yung, participated in all or parts of the visit above.

Mr Chan will continue his visit in Madrid today (September 24, Madrid time), including attending a themed business luncheon organised by the HKTDC to promote Hong Kong's advantages to local political, business, financial, and innovation communities.



## Missing man in Sham Shui Po located

A man who went missing in Sham Shui Po has been located.

Tam Kwok-on, aged 53, went missing after he left his residence in Shek Kip Mei Estate on September 21 evening. His family made a report to Police on September 22.



The man was located on Waterloo Road, Kowloon City this morning (September 24). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

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## Flag-raising ceremony cancelled

Â Â Â Â Owing to the thunderstorm warning, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (September 24) will be cancelled.

Â Â Â Â If the thunderstorm warning is cancelled and weather conditions permit by then, the flag-raising ceremony may be resumed without further notice.