

Financial Secretary visits Singapore

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, visited Singapore from March 28 to 30. Delivering a keynote speech at the *China Conference: Southeast Asia 2023* organised by the South China Morning Post, he highlighted HK's contribution to the development of Asia, particularly in advancing green finance, green technology and financial innovation, amid boundless opportunities brought by China and ASEAN. He met with the Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore, Mr K Shanmugam, before the conference. He also called on Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Lawrence Wong, to exchange views on global market development and macroeconomic situation, while updating Deputy Chief of Commission and Minister of the Chinese Embassy in Singapore, Mr Zhang Xumin, on HK's latest situation. In a seminar jointly organised by the National University of Singapore's Business School and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, he briefed students and alumni on the cooperation opportunities between HK and Singapore in post-pandemic recovery and growth of the region. He also met with the management of some world-leading Web3 and virtual asset platforms to discuss market opportunities. His fruitful trip in Singapore also covered meetings with major chambers of commerce, greentech and fintech start-ups, as well as young HK entrepreneurs and executives to understand their work and living in Singapore.



The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, spoke at the *China Conference: Southeast Asia 2023*.



Mr Chan with the Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lawrence Wong (right).



Mr Chan with the Deputy Chief of Commission and Minister of the Chinese Embassy in Singapore, Mr Zhang Xumin (right).



Mr Chan (fifth left) in a breakfast meeting with Web3 and virtual asset platforms



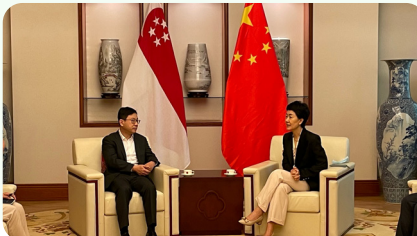
Mr Chan (first left) meeting with Internet technology companies to learn about their businesses and opportunities in the region.

Secretary for Labour and Welfare visits Singapore

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, visited Singapore from January 4 to 8. He visited SkillsFuture Singapore to learn its programmes to support lifelong learning, training and upskilling of employees. He also met with the "Tripartite Workgroup on Representation for Platform Workers" co-chaired by the Singapore Government, the National Trades Union Congress and the Singapore National Employers Federation to learn its framework to improve welfare of platform workers in a gig economy. He also called on the Minister for Manpower of Singapore, Dr Tan See Leng, and the Minister for Social and Family Development of Singapore, Mr Masagos Zulkifli, exchanging views on how to cope with an ageing population and build a caring and inclusive city. He met with Chinese Ambassador to Singapore Ms Sun Haiyan to update her on HK's latest labour market and economic situation. In a tea session with university students in Singapore, he shared details of the newly implemented talent admission schemes.



Mr Sun shared HK's latest talent admission schemes with university students in Singapore.



Mr Sun with the Chinese Ambassador to Singapore, Ms Sun Haiyan (right).



Meeting with SkillsFuture's team.



The Secretary for Labour and Welfare Mr Chris Sun with Minister for Manpower of Singapore, Dr Tan See Leng (right).



Mr Sun with the Minister for Social and Family Development of Singapore, Mr Masagos Zulkifli (right).



Mr Sun with the Senior Vice President (Health and Life Sciences) of Nanyang Technological University, Professor Joseph Sung to discuss HK's initiatives to attract enterprises, investment and talents.

Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs visits Singapore



Miss Mak with Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry & Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Ms Low Yen Ling (right).



Group photo with the Chief Executive Director of the People's Association, Mr Jimmy Toh (first row, third right).



Miss Mak (sixth right) pictured with Youth Development Commission's Vice-Chairman Mr Kenneth Leung (fourth left) and a group of HK youth ambassadors during their visit to the Our Tampines Hub complex.

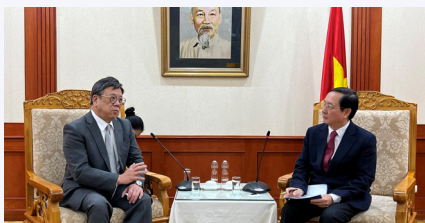


Group photo with the Chief Executive Officer of National Youth Council, Mr David Chua (first row, third left).

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development visits Vietnam



The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Mr Algernon Yau with the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of Vietnam, Mr Tran Quoc Khanh (right).



Mr Yau with the Minister of Science and Technology of Vietnam, Mr Huynh Thanh Dat (right).



Mr Yau with the Minister of Planning and Investment of Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Chi Dung (left).

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, visited Hanoi, Vietnam, from January 7 to 10 to forge closer economic and trade ties between HK and Vietnam, and update the Vietnamese business sector on HK's new initiatives to attract enterprises and investments. Mr Yau met with the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of Vietnam, Mr Tran Quoc Khanh, Minister of Planning and Investment of Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Chi Dung, and the Minister of Science and Technology of Vietnam, Mr Huynh Thanh Dat, to exchange views on issues of mutual interest and explore collaboration opportunities. He also made a courtesy call to Chinese Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr Xiong Bo, and visited Hung Yen Industrial Park to keep abreast of Vietnam's latest industrial development. A highlight of his trip was a keynote speech to more than 300 guests from the government and business sector at the Vietnam-Hong Kong-Greater Bay Area partnership business forum and networking luncheon co-organised by Singapore ETO, HK-Vietnam Chamber of Commerce, Chinese General Chamber of Commerce HK, Guangdong-HK-Macau Bay Area Entrepreneurs Union and Foreign Investment Agency of Vietnam. He shared his insights on HK's latest trade and economic developments, especially the new measures to attract enterprises and investments, as well as HK's unique advantages under "one country, two systems". A HK business delegation comprising members from a number of chambers of commerce of HK also joined the event to forge deeper HK-Vietnam ties.

Mr Yau shared his insights in a keynote speech with more than 300 guests at a business forum and networking luncheon in Hanoi, Vietnam.

