

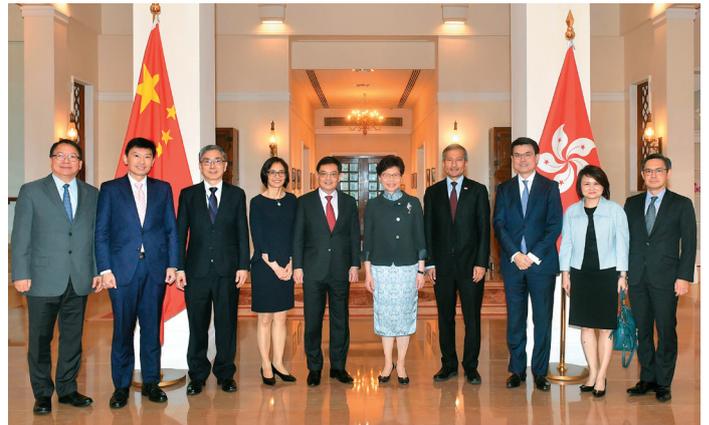
## Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister visits Hong Kong

Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Heng Swee Keat, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister-in-charge of the Smart Nation initiative, Mr Vivian Balakrishnan, and Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education, Mr Chee Hong Tat, visited Hong Kong on May 28-29. During his visit, Mr Heng met with the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, to explore ways to strengthen co-operation.

In the meeting, Mrs Lam said that the people-to-people exchanges and trade ties between Hong Kong and Singapore had always been close and that the two places shared similar backgrounds and developments. Pointing out that Hong Kong was committed to developing innovation and technology and had devoted substantial resources and rolled out a number of specific measures, Mrs Lam expressed the hope to explore more collaboration in areas such as biotech, fintech and start-ups with research centres, education institutes and enterprises in Singapore.



*The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam (right), meets with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance of Singapore, Mr Heng Swee Keat (left), at Government House on May 29.*



*Mrs Lam (fifth right), accompanied by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau (third right), and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau (third left), met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance of Singapore, Mr Heng Swee Keat (fifth left), at Government House on May 29. Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan (fourth right), and the Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education, Mr Chee Hong Tat (second left), also attended the meeting.*

## Secretary for Environment visits Singapore

The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, visited Singapore from May 21 to 24, 2019. Mr Wong has held bilateral meetings with Singapore's Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Masagos Zulkifli, as well as the Minister for National Development, Mr Lawrence Wong, to discuss matters of mutual concern.

Besides attending a signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Environment Agency (NEA) of Singapore and the Environment Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government on professional staff development, Mr Wong visited a number of environmental facilities in Singapore, including the Floating Solar Systems at Tengah Reservoir, the first new-build Net-Zero Energy Building in Singapore as well Semakau Landfill to get a better understanding of the country's solid waste management policies.

On his last day of visit, Mr Wong called at the Singapore LNG Corporation, the Building and Construction Authority Academy, and the Housing and Development Board (HDB), where he was briefed on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Singapore, promotion of green buildings and the application of renewable energy, respectively.

During his visit, Mr Wong met with officials from the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, the NEA, the Land Transport Authority and the Government Technology Agency of Singapore. He also took the opportunity to meet with Hong Kong people studying and working in Singapore.

## BILATERAL EXCHANGES



The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing (right), holds a bilateral meeting with the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Masagos Zulkifli (left), in Singapore.



Mr Wong (back row, left) and Mr Zulkifli (back row, right) witness the signing of a MOU on professional staff development by the Chief Executive Officer of the National Environment Agency, Mr Tan Meng-wei (front row, right), and the Permanent Secretary for the Environment/Director of Environmental Protection of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, Ms Maisie Cheng (front row, left) in Singapore.



Mr Wong (left) pictured with the Minister for National Development of Singapore, Mr Lawrence Wong (right).



Mr Wong (left) learns more about electric vehicles development in Singapore at a company providing electric car sharing services.



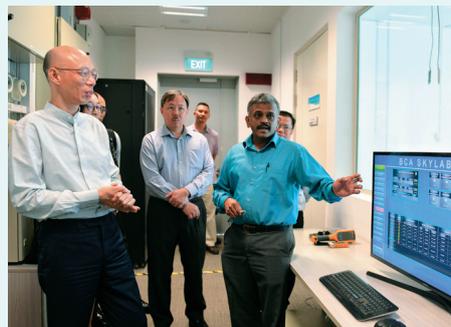
Mr Wong (centre) visits the Floating Solar Systems at Tengah Reservoir in Singapore.



Mr Wong (left) calls at Marina Barrage to tour the Green Roof and the Sustainable Singapore Gallery.



Mr Wong (right) calls at the Singapore LNG Corporation.



Mr Wong (first left) is briefed by officials at the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Academy in Singapore.



Mr Wong (left) is briefed on HDB's sustainable initiatives.



Mr Wong meets with young Hong Kong people studying and working in Singapore to learn about their daily life.



## Secretary for Food and Health visits Singapore

The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, attended the International Council of Nurses Congress in Singapore from June 27 to 29. Themed "Beyond Healthcare to Health", the Congress held discussions focusing on the causes and prevention of ill health as well as public health, highlighting the critical and leading roles that nurses played in addressing issues such as innovations in health and new models of nursing care.

Professor Chan attended the opening ceremony on June 27 and gave a presentation on tobacco control, health promotion and prevention strategies on June 28. She shared with Congress participants details of the Hong Kong Government's efforts in achieving the targets set in the "Towards 2025: Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent and Control Non-communicable Diseases in Hong Kong", while explaining the efforts of the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office of the Department of Health made in tobacco control.

Professor Chan also took the opportunity to meet with participants from the College of Nursing Hong Kong at the Congress and held fruitful exchanges with them at a reception.



*The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan gives a presentation on Hong Kong's tobacco control strategies at a discussion session of the International Council of Nurses Congress in Singapore.*



*Professor Chan (first left) on stage with other speakers.*



*Professor Chan (first left) speaks at the event's press conference.*



*Professor Chan (front row, fourth left) pictured with Congress participants from Hong Kong after her presentation on tobacco control strategies at a discussion session.*



*Professor Chan addresses a reception organised by the College of Nursing Hong Kong.*



*Professor Chan pictured with event participants from the College of Nursing Hong Kong at a reception.*

## Director-General of Investment Promotion visits India

The Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips, conducted his duty visit to Kolkata, Pune and Mumbai in India from May 6 to 10 as part of Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK)'s continued efforts to promote Hong Kong's business attractions, including its crucial role played in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.

During his visit, Mr Phillips met with leaders of various sectors including multi-sector conglomerates, industrial manufacturers, energy company, a port authority, technology and creative companies and chambers of commerce. He also spoke at a seminar in Kolkata hosted in collaboration with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and at another in Mumbai co-organised with the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, to update local executives on Hong Kong's favourable business environment. In Pune, he spoke at a startup networking event on Hong Kong's startup ecosystem and promoted InvestHK's StartmeupHK Festival.