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FHKI High-level Delegation Visited Beijing to Meet with Central Government Ministerial Leaders

Led by Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI) Chairman Jimmy Kwok, a high-level delegation met with Secretary of the Secretariat of the Communist Party of China cum Head of the United Front Work Department You Quan, Director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office Zhang Xiaoming, and officials from the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, and the Ministry of Commerce in Beijing between 16 and 18 May. Issues discussed included opportunities and assistance required by Hong Kong enterprises in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area and areas along the “Belt and Road”, facilitating the development of Hong Kong industries, development in innovation and technology etc.

The delegation met with Director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office Zhang Xiaoming on 16 May to reflect the current situation of Hong Kong companies in upgrading, transformation and domestic operation. They also exchanged views on the country’s long-term strategies including the development of the Bay Area, “Belt and Road” Initiative, innovation and technology etc. “We appreciate the instruction given by President of the PRC to support the development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong. We reflected Hong Kong enterprises’ expectation for the future development of the Bay Area and very much agree that Hong Kong should utilise its production and management experience as well as free and internationalised market, to actively collaborate with places with industrialisation capabilities such as Guangzhou and Shenzhen, and to turn scientific research achievements into products. FHKI will continue to assist Hong Kong businesses in upgrading and transformation, developing innovation and technology, and actively seizing opportunities and overcoming challenges,” Mr Kwok said.

With the Bay Area development framework on the horizon, Mr Zhang believed that Hong Kong people will find it more convenient to work and live in the Mainland. He hoped that FHKI will continue leading the industry to support the country’s development and embrace the tremendous business opportunities brought by the abovementioned long-term strategies. He also wished that the industrial sector will continue supporting the Government’s administration in accordance with the law, be concerned about youth development and encouraging young people to join the industrial, innovation and technology and creative sectors.



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The delegation met with Secretary of the Secretariat of the Communist Party of China cum Head of the United Front Work Department You Quan on 17 May. Mr You mentioned that the Bay Area development will bring about invaluable opportunities, which will also align with the “Belt and Road” Initiative for tapping into overseas markets. It is crucial for the Bay Area to achieve economic integration and the industry has to proactively upgrade and transform their operations and enhance their competitiveness in a bid to seize the vast opportunities in the Mainland and overseas.

Mr Kwok replied, “Hong Kong enterprises are eager to take part in the Bay Area development and the “Belt and Road” Initiative. We are looking forward to achieving complementarity of edge with cities in the Bay Area for faster access to markets. We are grateful in particular for the support from the Central and Hong Kong Governments. Their recognition of Hong Kong’s solid research and development foundation and approval of flow of science and technology funding into Hong Kong have undoubtedly boosted the confidence of Hong Kong’s research and development and business sector.”

Mr Kwok also agreed with Mr You that political stability is a vital cornerstone for unleashing the city’s advantages. “Hong Kong has always been leveraging on the Mainland while engaging ourselves globally. FHKI will continue supporting the Government’s administration in accordance with the law under the principle of “One Country, Two Systems” and is looking forward to enhancing the connectivity after the commissioning of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge,” he added.

The delegation also called on the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and the Ministry of Commerce to exchange views on issues concerning Hong Kong enterprises during the three-day visit.

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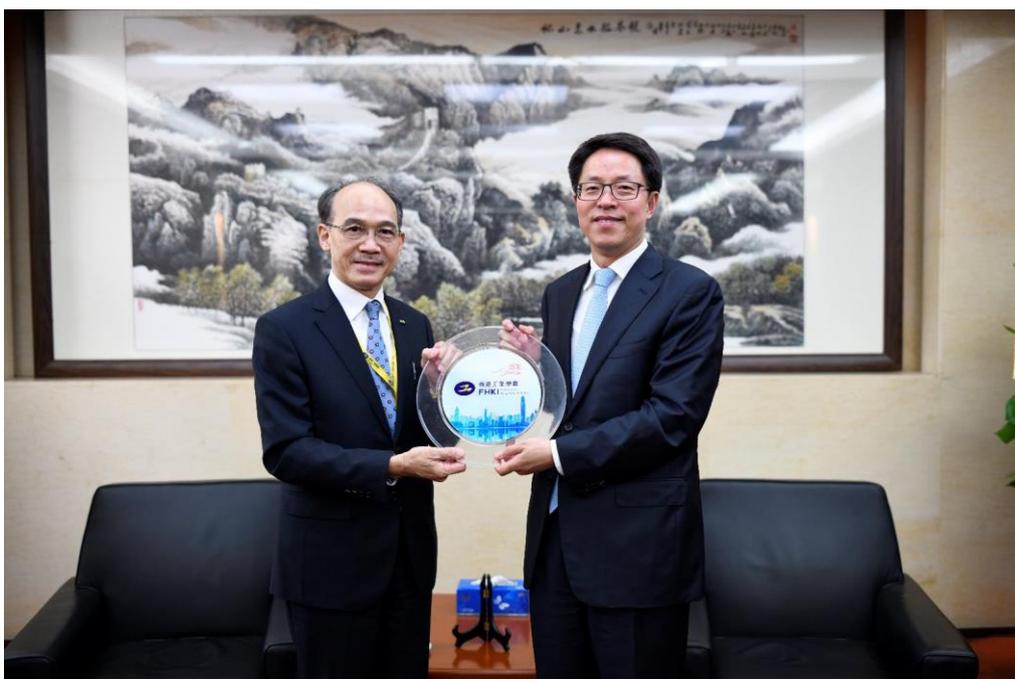
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Photo Captions:

1. FHKI high-level delegation met with Director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office Zhang Xiaoming (front row, fifth from right).



2. FHKI Chairman Jimmy Kwok (left) with Director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office Zhang Xiaoming (right).



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- Secretary of the Secretariat of the Communist Party of China cum Head of the United Front Work Department You Quan (front row centre) received the FHKI high-level delegation.



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