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### The FHKI delegation calls on Central Government ministerial leaders

Led by the Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI) Chairman Prof Daniel M Cheng, a 30-member FHKI high-level delegation today (Wednesday) met with state leader Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Qi Xuchun, and government officials of the United Front Work Department, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and the Ministry of Environmental Protection. Issues discussed are related to promoting the sustainable development of Hong Kong industries, concerns from Hong Kong enterprises operating on the Mainland as well as the Hong Kong-Mainland relationship, etc.

In the morning, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC Qi Xuchun, accompanied by Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR Yin Xiaojing, received the delegation. He briefed them the highlights of the annual meetings of the National People's Congress and CPPCC (the two annual meetings) held in March. He also talked on how Hong Kong should proactively drive forward reindustrialisation and smart production under the *13<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan*, as well as how to explore new opportunities along the Belt and Road. Prof Cheng, in response, introduced the FHKI's work in the promotion of creative industries and services and supports given to the transformation and upgrading of traditional industries.

Mr Qi explained that innovation is the country's key development philosophy and advancement of industries needs support from innovation and building of brands. He appreciated the FHKI's continued efforts in promoting economic and social development of Hong Kong and hoped that it would continue its support toward Hong Kong's healthy development and the governance of the SAR Government and its Chief Executive according to Law, while ensuring a proper understanding of the implementation of "One Country, Two Systems" in Hong Kong.

Prof Cheng reflected to him the difficulties faced by Hong Kong enterprises operating in the Pearl River Delta, especially on the challenge of labour shortage. He also hoped that the relevant authorities on the Mainland would take thorough consultation before launching any labour-related policies. Mr Qi expressed his understanding to enterprises' concerns and promised to relay to the Central Government on the importance of allowing sufficient time for consultation.

In the afternoon, the delegation called on the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office Vice-Minister Zhou Bo. Prof Cheng mentioned that the co-location check-point arrangement appertaining to the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link is a heated issue in Hong Kong recently and the FHKI is supportive to the implementation of co-location check-point arrangement.



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Mr Zhou said the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link will lose its relevance and effectiveness without the implementation of the co-location of check-point clearing procedures. He said that the Central Government are currently working closely with the SAR Government to formulate a lawful, fair and reasonable solution. Prof Cheng welcomed this and hoped that the solution would include clear and precise rules so as to ease the concerns and worries of some Hong Kong residents, and to facilitate efficient customs control for passengers travelling to and from Hong Kong and the Mainland, thus strengthening the links between both places.

Prof Cheng also stated that the FHKI strongly condemns the recent irrational and violent incidents, as well as some individual remarks on “Hong Kong independence”. He said, “Hong Kong is an inseparable part of China. Since long we are strongly backed by our motherland with which we have indispensable ties. Most citizens in Hong Kong are rational and pragmatic and stand firm to oppose such radical and illegal actions. We sincerely hope the Central Government will provide more support to facilitate communications and exchanges between social organisations and business communities of Hong Kong and the Mainland to ensure a co-operative ambience for mutually beneficial interests.”

The delegation also called on the Ministry of Environmental Protection and exchanged views with them regarding the Mainland Government’s environmental protection standards set for enterprises, development of environmental industry and co-operation between the Hong Kong and the Mainland in this field.

Tomorrow, the delegation will meet with the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and return to Hong Kong in the evening. Other members of the delegation include FHKI Honorary President cum Legislative Council representative Hon Andrew Leung; FHKI Honorary Presidents Stanley Lau and Cliff Sun; FHKI Deputy Chairmen Willy Lin, Jimmy Kwok and Eric Yim; Director-General Arthur Ho; General Committee members, and members of the Mainland Affairs Committee and Pearl River Delta Council.



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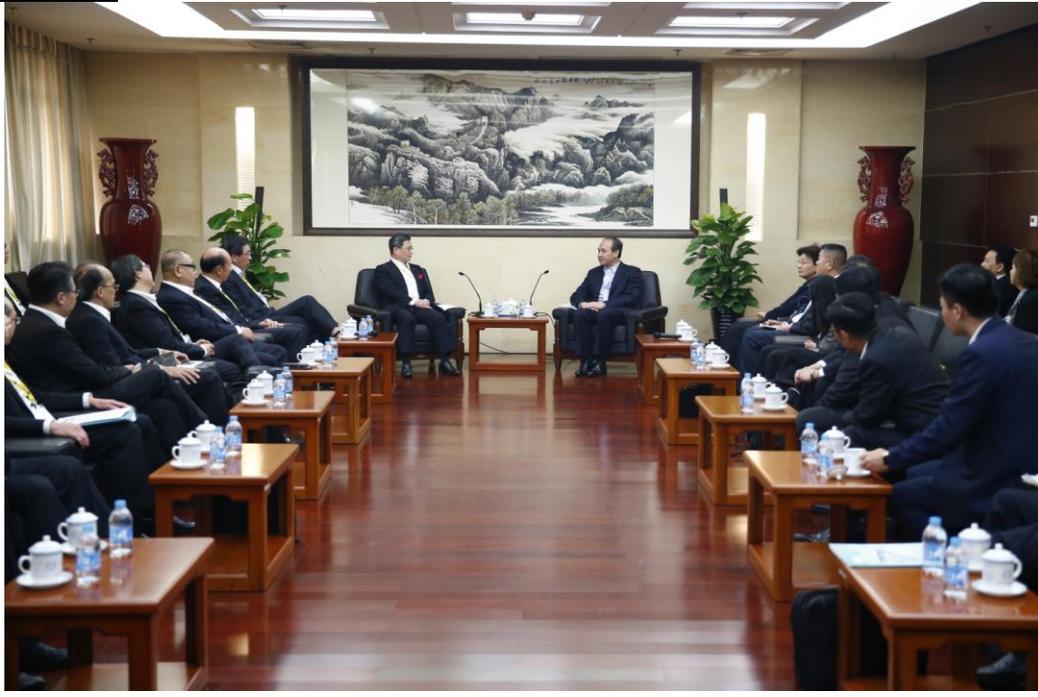
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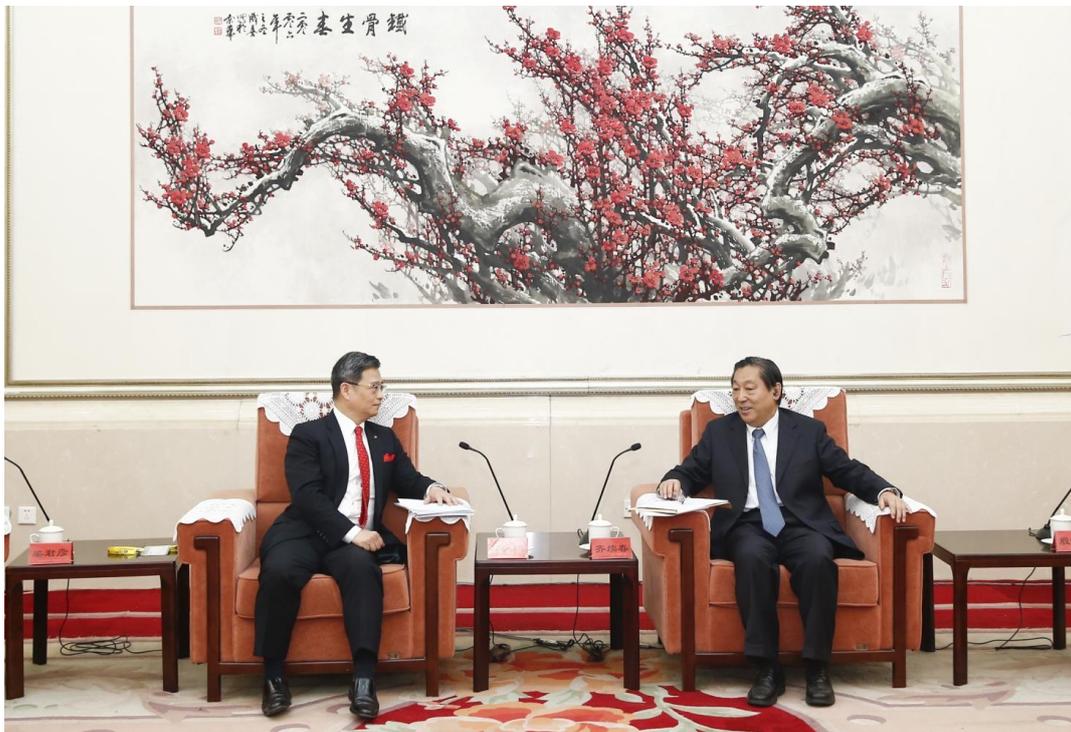
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**Photo caption:**



1. FHKI high-level delegation meets with Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council Zhou Bo.



2. FHKI Chairman Prof Daniel M Cheng with the CPPCC Vice-chairman Qi Xuchun.



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3. The CPPCC Vice-chairman Qi Xuchun, accompanied by Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR Yin Xiaojing, receives the FHKI high-level delegation.



4. FHKI high-level delegation poses for a photo with the Ministry of Environmental Protection.