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**PRD Annual Gala Dinner Promotes Guangdong-Hong Kong Trade and Industrial  
Co-operation  
Chief Executive C Y Leung Exchanges Views with over 80 VTC Students**

The Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI), Hong Kong Productivity Council and The Pearl River Delta (PRD) Council jointly hosted the PRD Annual Gala Dinner 2016 in Shenzhen today (Friday), gathering top government officials and business leaders to exchange views on the new development opportunities and the business environment in the PRD region.

Chief Executive of the HKSAR C Y Leung attended the Gala Dinner as the guest-of-honour. Other guests-of-honour included Ma Xingrui, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee cum Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee; Huang Yebin, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Guangdong Provincial People's Congress; Xu Qin, Mayor of Shenzhen Municipal Government; Liao Jingshan, Director General of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the Guangdong Provincial Government; Liu Yajun, Vice-Minister of Economic Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; and various senior government officials from both Guangdong and Hong Kong.

Speaking on the theme of this year's Gala Dinner "Drive Technological Development, Promote Shenzhen-Hong Kong Co-operation", FHKI Chairman Prof Daniel M Cheng said, "After years of development, co-operation between Shenzhen and Hong Kong has been transformed to a horizontal partnership backed by competitive industries from both places. Technologies like automation, Internet Plus and Big Data are vital for the advancement of innovation and technology. Shenzhen enjoys its competitive edge in these areas. Along with the development of *Made in China 2025* and the Belt and Road Initiative, an increasing number of Mainland companies are seeking to reach out to the vast overseas markets. To this end, Hong Kong plays a pivotal role in aligning their technological development with the international community. Shenzhen-Hong Kong co-operation should therefore leverage the advantages of both places in areas such as technology and modern services, so as to build a high-standard international innovation model zone and foster the economic growth of China, including Shenzhen and Hong Kong."

At the Gala Dinner, the FHKI signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences to set up a standing mechanism as an interactive platform to exchange up-to-date information on technological advancement and to put recommendations to the Government on development of scientific research and its commercialisation. Coupled with the FHKI's strong business network across industries and the Academy's excellence in research, both parties will seek to work on further co-operation opportunities between Shenzhen and Hong Kong



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enterprises on the technological front in order to promote the commercialisation of high-tech research results.

This is the second year that the Gala Dinner has organised a tour for students from the Vocational Training Council (VTC) to visit modern factories with advanced equipment in the PRD region. In the morning session, over 80 students from the VTC toured around TK Group (Holdings) Limited's factory in Shenzhen, getting to know the operation of modern factories, automation and how smart technologies help enhance efficiency in production. The Chief Executive of the HKSAR also met with the students before the Gala Dinner to exchange views and insights on issues pertinent to Hong Kong's industrial and technological development, as well as the employment prospects for young people.



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1. Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government C Y Leung (centre), Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee cum Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee Ma Xingrui (left), FHKI Chairman Prof Daniel M Cheng (right) and other guests officiate at the opening ceremony of the Gala Dinner.



2. FHKI Chairman Prof Daniel M Cheng (centre), HKPC Chairman Willy Lin (right) and the PRD Council Chairman Jimmy Kwok (left) give a joint speech.





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- FHKI Deputy Chairman Jimmy Kwok (left) and Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences Associate Director Xu Jianguo (right) sign the MOU, which is witnessed by FHKI leadership and senior government officials from Guangdong and Hong Kong.



- FHKI leadership leads a delegation of over 80 students from the VTC to visit TK Group (Holdings) Limited's factory in Shenzhen.



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