



Press release on visit to Guangdong by HKSARG
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The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Donald Tsang, at the invitation of the Vice Chairman of the State Development Planning Commission, Mr Zhang Guobao, will lead a delegation of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSARG) to visit various infrastructure projects in major cities of Guangdong Province from March 24 to 27.

The HKSARG delegates comprise the Secretary for Economic Services, Ms Sandra Lee; the Secretary for Planning and Lands, Mr John Tsang; the Deputy Secretary for Transport, Mr Paul Tang; the Deputy Secretary for Security, Mr Michael Wong; the Director of Planning, Mr Bosco Fung; the Head of Hong Kong Guangdong Cooperation Coordination Unit, Ms Kitty Choi; the Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong (designate), Mr Peter Leung; and the Principal Government Engineer/Railway Development Office of Highways Department, Mr Chai Sung-veng.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Antony Leung, will join part of the visit on March 25.

Following the visit by the Vice Chairman of the State Development Planning Commission, Mr Zhang Guobao, to Hong Kong in late February, the visit is another round of exchanges between two governments under the framework of the Mainland/HKSAR Conference on the Coordination of Major Infrastructure Projects.

A spokesman for the Chief Secretary for Administration said the visit was aimed at enhancing the understanding of the geographical distribution and development of major infrastructure in major cities of Guangdong Province. The visit enables the HKSARG to have better understanding of the planning of major infrastructure in Pearl River Delta region and provides useful information to the planning work of Hong Kong in future. Officials from two places can make use of this opportunity to exchange views and ideas on a coming meeting in the middle of this year.


Accompanied by the leaders of the State Development Planning Commission, Mr Tsang and his delegation will visit major infrastructure in Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Nansha and Zhuhai.

Items on the itinerary include the control points at Huanggang and Lo Wu, the subway system and major infrastructure in Shenzhen, the site of Shenzhen Western Corridor (Shenzhen section), the railway station and Baiyun International Airport in Guangzhou, Nansha development zone, the port and airport in Zhuhai as well as the container terminals in Shekou, Chiwan, Yantian and Huangpu.

The HKSARG will meet with senior officials of the Guangdong Province on March 25.

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