
立法會秘書處

Legislative Council Secretariat

新聞稿 Press Release

Delegation of the Legislative Council to visit Prague, Zagreb,
Rijeka and Budapest

The delegation of the Legislative Council will depart for Central Europe tonight (September 13) to begin its 11-day visit to Prague of the Czech Republic, Zagreb and Rijeka of the Republic of Croatia, and Budapest of the Republic of Hungary.

The purpose of the visit is to obtain first-hand information on the political and constitutional development in these emerging democracies as well as their electoral systems, so as to draw experience from how they managed the changes during the democratization process. The delegation will also take this opportunity to gain a better understanding of the operation of the legislatures concerned, including their committee structure, the way different parties in the legislature work together, the support provided to individual Members of Parliaments (MPs) by their Parliamentary Service, how the Parliamentary Service is managed and financed, and the challenges faced by MPs.

During its stay in the three countries, the delegation will meet and exchange views with various parties, including Members and staff of the Parliaments, members of political parties, government officials, non-governmental organizations, academics specializing in the study of democratization in these countries, as well as those who have participated in the democratic movements.

The programme of the visit is as follows:

Prague, the Czech Republic

(14 - 15 September 2009)

14 September 2009 (Monday)

- ✧ Arrive at Prague - Airport Prague Ruzyne International
- ✧ Hotel check-in
- ✧ Meeting with Ing. Miloslav Vlček, Chairman of Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic
- ✧ Meeting with experts of Parliament Institute
- ✧ Guided tour of the Building of the Chamber of Deputies, including introduction of the history of Parliament and legislative process

15 September 2009 (Tuesday)

- ✧ Lunch hosted by
 - ◆ Mr Marek Benda, Chairman of the Committee on the Constitutional and Legal Affairs
 - ◆ Mr Jan Hamáček, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic
- ✧ Meeting with Bishop Václav Malý, Archdiocese of Prague
- ✧ Meeting with Ms Helena Bambasová, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✧ Meeting with Dr Michal Kopeček, Chief of the Department for Post 1989 Development, Institute for Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Zagreb and Rijeka, the Republic of Croatia
(16 - 18 September 2009)

16 September 2009 (Wednesday)

- ✧ Arrive at Zagreb - Pleso Airport
- ✧ Hotel check-in
- ✧ Meeting with Mr sc. Davor Vidiš, Head of Department for Neighbouring Countries and South-east Europe of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration
- ✧ Meeting with Ms Sandra Pernar, Executive Director of GONG (a non-governmental organization)
- ✧ Meeting with Mr Andrija Karafilipović, Head of Croatian Friendship Society with China (a non-governmental organization)

17 September 2009 (Thursday)

- ✧ Joint meeting with:
 - ◆ Dr sc. Milorad Pupovac, Chairman of Committee on Interparliamentary Co-operation
 - ◆ Mr sc. Marija Pejčinović Burić, Member of Committee on Foreign Policyand members of the two Committees of the Croatian Parliament
- ✧ Meeting with Mr sc. Neven Mimica, Deputy Speaker of the Croatian Parliament and Chairman of Committee on European Integration of the Croatian Parliament, and members of the Committee
- ✧ Meeting with members of Committee on the Constitution, Standing Orders and Political System of the Croatian Parliament
- ✧ Meeting with Dr sc. Goran Marić, Chairman of Committee on Finance and Central Budget of the Croatian Parliament, and

members of the Committee

- ✧ Working lunch hosted by Dr sc. Ivo Josipović, Head of the Croatian Interparliamentary Friendship Group with China of the Croatian Parliament, and members of the Group
- ✧ Meeting with Mr Joisp Sesar, Secretary General of the Croatian Parliament, and Heads of Departments
- ✧ Tour of Parliament Building
- ✧ Meeting with officials of various political parties / Heads of caucuses of Parliament

18 September 2009 (Friday)

- ✧ Meeting with Ms Dorotea Pešić-Bukovac, President of the City Council of City of Rijeka and Mr Miroslav Matešić, Deputy Mayor of City of Rijeka
- ✧ Meeting with Mr Ingo Kamenar and Mr Željko Plazonić, Deputy Presidents of County Council of Primorsko-goranska County
- ✧ Meeting with Dr sc. Bojan Hlača, Head of Port of Rijeka Authority, and associates
- ✧ Meeting with Dr sc. Pero Lučin, Rector of the University of Rijeka, and associates
- ✧ Meeting with Mr Maurizio Tremul, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Unione Italiana, and associates

Budapest, the Republic of Hungary
(19 - 22 September 2009)

19 September 2009 (Saturday)

- ✧ Arrive at Budapest Ferihegy International Airport

✧ Hotel check-in

20 September 2009 (Sunday)

✧ No visit programme

21 September 2009 (Monday)

- ✧ Call on Dr András Huszty, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister for the Development of Hungarian-Chinese Economic Relations
- ✧ Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement
- ✧ Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✧ Dinner hosted by Mr László Varju, Chairman of the National Assembly's Hungary-China Inter-parliamentary Union Friendship Group, State Secretary of the Ministry of National Development and Economy

22 September 2009 (Tuesday)

- ✧ Courtesy call on Mr László Mandur, Vice Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly
- ✧ Meeting with Mr Emil Bakos, General Director for Economics of the Hungarian National Assembly
- ✧ Meeting Mr István Papp, Deputy Secretary General of the Hungarian National Assembly
- ✧ Lunch hosted by Mr Zoltán Balog, Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights, Minorities, Civil and Religion Affairs of the Hungarian National Assembly
- ✧ Tour of Parliament

- ✧ Meeting with Mr György Kerényi, Chief Adviser to the Speaker on questions of minorities
- ✧ Meeting with Ms Judit Csiha, Chairwoman of the Constitutional, Judicial and Standing Orders Committee of the Hungarian National Assembly
- ✧ Depart for Budapest Ferihegy International Airport
- ✧ Flights from Budapest to Hong Kong

The delegation is led by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (Leader) and Hon Fred LI Wah-ming (Deputy Leader). Other Members are Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, Hon IP Kwok-him and Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun.

Ends/Sunday, September 13, 2009

NNNN