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### 新聞稿 Press Release

The Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene began its duty visit to Japan

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The Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene will begin its four-day duty visit in Tokyo and Sapporo, Japan today (8 September).

The purpose of the visit is for Members to gain a better insight into the experience and operation of Japan's columbarium facilities and fisheries industry. The delegation will also exchange views with officials involved in safeguarding food safety.

During its stay in Tokyo, the delegation will meet with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare to understand Japan's policy on columbarium development in meeting public demand for columbarium facilities. Meanwhile, the delegation will discuss with officials on the country's food safety surveillance system and countermeasures against food poisoning. The delegation will also visit a private multi-storey columbarium and a park-type cemetery run by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

The delegation will depart for Sapporo on September 9. During its stay in Sapporo, the delegation will meet with the Hokkaido Fisheries Coordination Office, Fisheries Agency to learn about its supporting mechanism for the fisheries industry. The delegation will also visit a variety of fisheries associations and the Sapporo Central Wholesale Markets to learn about the set up and operation of these establishments.

The itinerary of the visit is as follows -

<b>8 September 2010 (Wednesday)</b>	
10:00 am	Visit to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
2:00 pm	Visit to the Tama Cemetery
4:30 pm	Visit to the Tokyo Goby
<b>9 September 2010 (Thursday)</b>	
9:30 am	Departure from Tokyo for Sapporo
11:05 am	Arrival in Sapporo
1:30 pm	Visit to the Hokkaido Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations
2:40 pm	Visit to the Gyoren Sogo Food Processing Factory
4:00 pm	Visit to the Sato Suisan Salmon Factory
<b>10 September 2010 (Friday)</b>	
9:30 am	Visit to the Hokkaido Fisheries Coordination Office, Fisheries Agency
1:30 pm	Visit to the Otaru shi Fisheries Cooperative Association
<b>11 September 2010 (Saturday)</b>	
5:00 am	Visit to the Sapporo Central Wholesale Markets
4:40 pm	Depart from Sapporo for Hong Kong
8:50 pm	Arrival in Hong Kong

The delegation is led by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, Chairman of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene. Other

Members include Hon WONG Yung-kan, Hon TAM Yiu-chung, Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau (Panel members), Hon CHAN Kam-lam, Hon LAU Kong-wah, Hon LI Fung-ying and Hon CHAN Hak-kan (non-Panel Members).

Ends/Wednesday, September 8, 2010