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## Legislative Council Secretariat

### 新聞稿 Press Release

LegCo Public Accounts Committee began its first overseas duty visit to London of the United Kingdom

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The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The delegation of the Legislative Council Public Accounts Committee departed for London of the United Kingdom (UK) today (20 March) to begin its first six-day overseas duty visit.

The purpose of the visit is for members to study and obtain first-hand information on the mechanism, operation and working practices of the Committee of Public Accounts of the House of Commons of the UK Parliament (the Commons PAC), as well as the public audit system in the UK in relation to the Commons PAC. The delegation will also take this opportunity to obtain a better understanding of the budget procedures in the UK and the efforts made by the UK Government to enhance the corporate governance of statutory bodies and non-governmental organisations which receive government subvention.

During its stay in London, the delegation will meet and exchange views with various Members and staff of the UK Parliament and representatives of related organisations, including members of the Commons PAC and the All Party Parliamentary China Group, as well as representatives of the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales, the Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Efficiency Reform Group of

the Cabinet Office.

The itinerary of the visit is as follows:

20 March 2011 (Sunday)

1:05 am Departure from Hong Kong for London

6:20 am Arrival in London

21 March 2011 (Monday)

9:30 am Briefing by Mrs Agnes Allcock, JP, Director-General, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (London) (HKETO)

11:00 am Courtesy Call on His Excellency Liu Xiaoming, Chinese Ambassador to the United Kingdom (UK)

12:00 noon Luncheon hosted by Mrs Allcock, Director-General, HKETO

4:00 pm Observing House of Commons Public Accounts Committee hearing in relation to the 2012 Olympics

22 March 2011 (Tuesday)

9:10 am Tour of the Houses of Parliament

10:45 am Meeting with the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee

3:00 pm Meeting with All Party Parliamentary China Group

4:00 pm Briefing on Budget Procedures by David Ash, Deputy Head (Finance), Scrutiny Unit, Department of Chamber and Committee Services in the House of Commons

23 March 2011 (Wednesday)

9:30 am Meeting with Julie Carney, Deputy Director (Future of Local Audit), Department for Communities and Local Government

11:30 am Observing the Oral Question Time - Northern Ireland in the House of Commons

12:00 noon Observing the Prime Minister's Question Time in the House of Commons

12:30 pm Observing the delivery of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget Statement in the House of Commons

3:30 pm Meeting with the Audit Commission of the Local Authorities in England and Wales

24 March 2011 (Thursday)

9:30 am Meeting with the National Audit Office

11:45 am Lunch hosted by Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee

2:00 pm Meeting with the Her Majesty's Treasury and the Efficiency Reform Group of the Cabinet Office

10:05 pm Departure from London for Hong Kong

25 March 2011 (Friday)

5:45 pm Arrival in Hong Kong

The delegation is led by Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee). Other members include Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po (Deputy Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee), Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan and Hon Starry LEE Wai-king. In response to the Public Accounts Committee's invitation, Mr Benjamin TANG (Director of Audit), accompanies the delegation to provide professional assistance and technical advice to facilitate the Committee's study.

Ends/Sunday, 20 March 2011

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