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LegCo Public Accounts Committee began its duty visit to London of the United Kingdom (with photos)

The delegation of the Legislative Council Public Accounts Committee (LegCo PAC) began its duty visit in London, United Kingdom (UK). Members of the delegation met with the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons of the UK Parliament (the Commons PAC) and the All Party Parliamentary China Group of the UK Parliament. The delegation also paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Liu Xiaoming, Chinese Ambassador to the UK.

The delegation attended a meeting with the Commons PAC yesterday (22 March). Rt Hon Margaret Hodge, Chair of the Commons PAC, and other members of the Committee discussed with the delegation the Committee's work of examining the reports produced by the Comptroller and Auditor General on his value for money (VFM) studies, as well as the Committee's working practices and procedures. The delegation also shared with the Commons PAC its work of studying the Director of Audit's VFM reports in the LegCo in Hong Kong.

The delegation was glad to meet with its counterpart in the UK House of Commons and to see the Commons PAC at work. Members of the delegation considered the exchange of views very informative and the experience of the Commons PAC a useful reference for them in enhancing the operation and practices of the LegCo PAC in Hong Kong. They were also grateful to the Chair and members of the Commons PAC for sparing the time to meet with them when the Committee was busy with its work.

In the afternoon, the delegation met with Mr Mark Hendrick, Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary China Group of the UK Parliament, and other members of the Group to discuss the political and economic developments in Hong Kong. The delegation was pleased to note the UK Parliament's continued interest in Hong Kong. They also received a briefing on the budget procedures by Mr David Ash, Deputy Head (Finance), Scrutiny Unit, Department of Chamber and Committee Services in the House of Commons.

The delegation met with Mrs Agnes Allcock, Director-General, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London on Monday (21 March) and received a briefing on the latest political and economic development in UK. The delegation also paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Liu Xiaoming, Chinese Ambassador to the UK.

The delegation, led by Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong (Chairman of the PAC), continues its duty visit in London today. Other members of the delegation include Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po (Deputy Chairman of the PAC), Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan and Hon Starry LEE Wai-king. In response to the PAC'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/Wednesday, 23 March 2011

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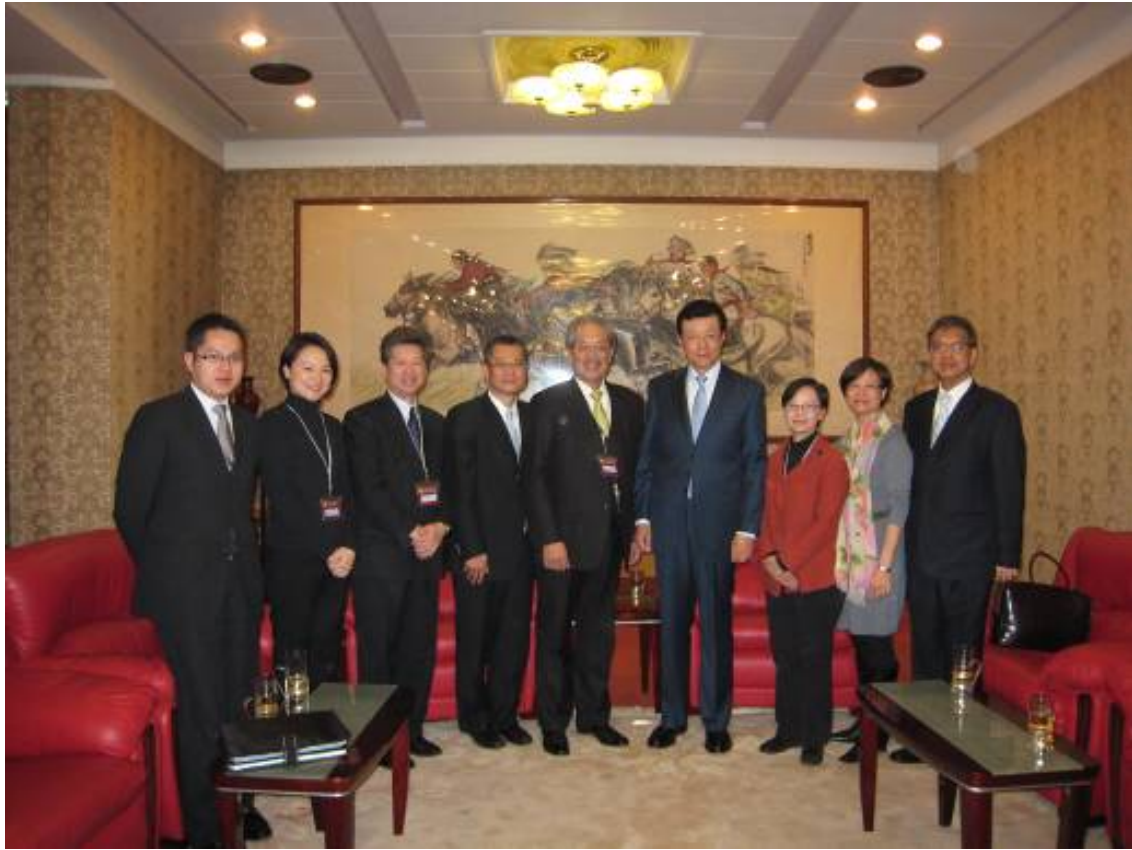
Delegation leader Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong presents a souvenir to Mark Hendrick, Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary China Group, United Kingdom Parliament.



The delegation receives a briefing on the budget procedures by David Ash, Deputy Head (Finance), Scrutiny Unit, Department of Chamber and Committee Services, House of Commons, United Kingdom Parliament.



Group photo of the delegation and David Ash, Deputy Head (Finance), Scrutiny Unit, Department of Chamber and Committee Services, House of Commons, United Kingdom Parliament.



Group photo of the delegation and His Excellency Liu Xiaoming (fourth from the right), Chinese Ambassador to the United Kingdom.



The delegation receives a briefing on the latest political and economic development in United Kingdom by Mrs Agnes Allcock, Director-General, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London.