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

The delegation of the Legislative Council Public Accounts Committee (LegCo PAC) completed its duty visit in London, United Kingdom (UK) and returned to Hong Kong today (25 March). Delegation leader and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong described the visit as very successful and rewarding in enabling members to gain a better understanding of the mechanism, operation and working practices of the Committee of Public Accounts of the House of Commons of the UK Parliament (the Commons PAC).

"The experience of the Commons PAC in examining the value for money (VFM) reports produced by the Comptroller and Auditor General and its working practices and procedures are certainly valuable and provide very useful reference for the LegCo PAC in Hong Kong. The delegation is also glad that the visit has further enhanced the relationship and friendship between the two committees," Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong said.

On the last day (24 March) of the visit, the delegation visited the National Audit Office (NAO) and received briefings on various issues, including the NAO's role and responsibilities in supporting the Commons PAC and other select committees of the UK Parliament, and the programming and planning of value for money studies carried out by the NAO.

The delegation also visited the Her Majesty's Treasury (HM Treasury) and met with Sir Nicholas Macpherson, Permanent Secretary of the Treasury. Officials of the HM Treasury briefed the delegation

on the latest developments in assurance and financial reporting policy, and the HM Treasury's role in working with the Commons PAC. Mr Rob Wall of the Cabinet Office introduced the UK Government's work in overseeing and providing guidelines on the corporate governance of statutory bodies and non-governmental organisations which receive government subvention. Delegation members found the briefings very useful and informative.

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Mr Mark Garrety, Audit Principal of the National Audit Office (third from left), briefs the delegation on the role and responsibilities of the National Audit Office in supporting the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons, United Kingdom Parliament.



The delegation receives a briefing from Mr Keith Hawkeswell (first from right) on the National Audit Office's study on preparations for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Group Photo of the delegation with Sir Nicholas Macpherson, Permanent Secretary of the Treasury, United Kingdom (middle).



Mr Larry Pinkney of the Treasury (first from right) briefs the delegation on the United Kingdom Government's assurance and financial reporting policy.



Group photo of the delegation outside the Treasury, United Kingdom.