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LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene begins its duty visit to Japan

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene departed for Tokyo, Japan today (25 September) to begin its six-day duty visit in response to an invitation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

The purpose of the visit is to enable members to better understand the up-to-date situation in Japan following its earthquake in March this year. During the visit, the delegation will study, among others, the food safety measures taken by the relevant authorities in Japan in response to the Daiichi nuclear power plant incident, the surveillance and testing of food in particular on the radiation levels for export from Japan, as well as the impact of the Daiichi nuclear power plant incident on food exporters in Japan.

During its stay in Japan, the delegation will visit Tokyo, Kumamoto and Miyazaki. The delegation will meet with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Food Safety Commission and the Kumamoto Prefectural Government officials. The delegation will also visit the National Diet of Japan, the Wholesale Market Sanitation Inspection Station at Tsukiji, the Inspection Station for Agricultural Product Exports in Kumamoto and the Safety Inspection Station for Beef in Miyazaki.

The itinerary of the visit is as follows:

25 September 2011 (Sunday)	
Evening	Arrive at Tokyo
26 September 2011 (Monday)	
10:20 am	Briefing by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
11:20 am	Meeting with Mr Joe NAKANO, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
Afternoon	Meeting with the representatives of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare
3 pm	Visit the National Diet of Japan
27 September 2011 (Tuesday)	
8:30 am	Visit the Tsukiji Market
9 am	Visit the Wholesale Market Sanitation Inspection Station (Tsukiji)
10:45 am	Meeting with the representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
1:45 pm	Meeting with the representatives of the Food Safety Commission of the Cabinet Office

Late afternoon	Depart for Kumamoto
28 September 2011 (Wednesday)	
10 am	Meeting with the Kumamoto Prefectural Government officials
1:30 pm	Visit the Inspection Station for Agricultural Product Exports
Late afternoon	Depart for Miyazaki
29 September 2011 (Thursday)	
Morning	Visit to the Safety Inspection Station for Beef
Afternoon	Visit a Cattle Farm in Miyazaki
Late afternoon	Depart for Fukuoka
30 September 2011 (Friday)	
Morning	Depart for Hong Kong

The delegation comprises three members: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, Chairman of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, Hon Fred LI Wah-ming and Hon WONG Yuk-man, members of the Panel.

Ends/Sunday, 25 September 2011