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LegCo delegation continues visit in Bremen, Germany (with photos)

The delegation of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") continued the parliamentary visit in Bremen, a federal state of Germany yesterday (5 March).

Delegation members started the day by attending a meeting with Mr Christian GUTSCHMIDT, the Head of the Foreign Trade and International Economic Relations Office to the Senator for Economic Affairs, Labour and Ports. Mr GUTSCHMIDT delivered a presentation on Bremen as a business centre. Members were encouraged to learn that the local business community considered Hong Kong the best place in Asia for expanding business.

After a tour of the Bremen City Hall, delegation members met with Mr Jan BEMBENNEK, the Desk Officer for Mobility Management to the Senator for the Environment, Construction and Transport. Taking the Travel Development Plan as an example, Mr BEMBENNEK introduced the instruments facilitating civic participation at the parliamentary and district levels.

Delegation members then attended a meeting with Ms Heike BLANCK, the representative of the Youth Advisory Councils, and Mr Sebastian ELLINGHAUS, the Deputy Head of the Regional Centre for Civic Education. As the right to vote started at age 16 in Bremen, the speakers shared

their experience with delegation members in formulating the methods to engage young people in public and political affairs.

In the afternoon, delegation members met with Mr Frank PIETRZOK, Parliamentary Manager of Social Democratic Party of the Bremen Parliament. The delegation had an in-depth discussion with Mr PIETRZOK on the dynamics between different political parties in the Parliament.

Delegation members then met with Mr Christian WEBER, the President of the Bremen Parliament. Mr WEBER gave members a briefing on the political landscape of the Parliament.

In the evening, delegation members joined a dinner with representatives of the State Chancellery. The dinner was also attended by two academics, namely Professor Lothar PROBST, the political scientist at the University of Bremen, and Professor Dominic SACHSENMAIER, the Professor of Modern Asian History at the Jacobs University. Delegation members took the opportunity to gain a better understanding on the development of party politics in Germany and the latest development of Sino-German relations.

The delegation will visit the Bremen Statistical Office today (6 March) and then depart for Hong Kong to conclude the six-day parliamentary visit in Germany.

Ends/Friday, 6 March 2015

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The Legislative Council delegation visits the Bremen City Hall. Delegation members include (from left) Hon TANG Ka-piu, Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (Delegation Leader), Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Delegation Deputy Leader), Hon Kenneth LEUNG, Hon IP Kin-yuen, Hon Dennis KWOK and Hon LEE Cheuk-yan.



Members of the Legislative Council delegation meet with Mr Christian GUTSCHMIDT (fourth right), the Head of the Foreign Trade and International Economic Relations Office to the Senator for Economic Affairs, Labour and Ports.



Members of the Legislative Council delegation meet with Mr Jan BEMBENNEK (fifth right), the Desk Officer for Mobility Management to the Senator for the Environment, Construction and Transport.



Members of the Legislative Council delegation meet with Mr Christian WEBER (third left), the President of the Bremen Parliament.



Members of the Legislative Council delegation meet with Mr Christian WEBER (back, third left), the President of the Bremen Parliament.