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## **Legislative Council Secretariat**

### 新聞稿 Press Release

The delegation of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") departed for Northern Europe today (14 September) to conduct an eight-day parliamentary visit in Finland, Norway and Denmark.

The purpose of the visit is to strengthen the ties with the various legislatures to be visited, foster mutual understanding and keep them informed of the latest developments in Hong Kong. The delegation will also take this opportunity to obtain information on the political landscape of these legislatures and to draw on their experiences in political development, including the development of electoral system and unicameral system with a coalition government formed by parliamentary The visit will also enable the delegation to alliances. gain a better understanding of the structure and the operation of these legislatures, the way different in а legislature work together, challenges faced by these legislatures.

Apart from meeting with the Members and staff of these legislatures during its stay in Northern Europe, the delegation will also meet with representatives of various Government authorities, political parties, school, academic and business associations. In addition, delegation members will exchange views with representatives from the design and food processing industries of Denmark.

The itinerary of the visit is at below:

14 September 2014 (Sunday)

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◆ Arrival at Finland

15-16 September 2014 (Monday-Tuesday) (Finland)

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- ◆ Visit to the Pelimanni Primary School
- lack Visit to the Eduskunta, the Parliament of Finland
- lacktriangle Briefing by the administration of the Eduskunta
- ◆ Visit to the Department for the Americas and Asia of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Visit to Tekes, Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation
- ◆ Meeting with the Constitutional Law Committee of the Eduskunta
- ◆ Meeting with the Committee for the Future of the Eduskunta
- ◆ Meeting with the Vice-Speaker of the Eduskunta
- ◆ Lunch meeting with the Finland-Hong Kong Trade Association
- Departure for Norway

17-18 September 2014 (Wednesday-Thursday) (Norway)

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- lacktriangle Visit to the Storting, the Parliament of Norway
- ◆ Meeting with Members of various political parties of the Storting
- ◆ Visit to the Parliamentary Ombudsman's Office

- Meeting with the Ministry of Finance
- ◆ Dinner with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- lacktriangle Briefing by the Storting Secretariat
- Meeting with the Standing Committee on Local Government and Public Administration and the Standing Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs of the Storting
- ◆ Meeting with the President of the Storting
- ◆ Meeting with the academic of the University of Oslo
- ◆ Departure for Denmark

#### 19-20 September 2014 (Friday-Saturday) (Denmark)

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- lacktriangle Visit to the Folketing, the Parliament of Denmark
- ◆ Visit to State of Green
- ◆ Meeting with the First Deputy Speaker of the Presidium of the Folketing
- ◆ Meeting with the Committee Secretary in the Committee Secretariat of the Folketing
- ◆ Meeting with the International Adviser in the International Secretariat of the Folketing
- ◆ Visit to Danish Design Center
- ◆ Visit to Peter Beier Chokolade (chocolate manufacturer)
- ◆ Departure for Hong Kong

#### 21 September 2014 (Sunday)

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◆ Arrival at Hong Kong

The delegation is led by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (Leader) and Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan (Deputy Leader). Other members include Hon James TO Kun-sun, Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, Hon IP Kwok-him, Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun,

Hon Charles Peter MOK, Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan and Hon IP Kin-yuen.

Ends/Sunday, 14 September 2014 NNNN