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## Legislative Council Secretariat

### 新聞稿 Press Release

LegCo Delegation continues its visit to Parliament of Finland (with photos)

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The delegation of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") continued its visit in Finland yesterday (16 September). Delegation members attended several meetings with Members of the Eduskunta, the Parliament of Finland, and observed a Budget Plenary Session at the Eduskunta.

In the morning, delegation members attended a meeting with Mr Johannes KOSKINEN, Chairman of the Constitutional Law Committee of the Eduskunta and learnt about the political landscape in Finland, in particular the relationship between Finland and Åland, an autonomous, demilitarized, monolingually Swedish-speaking region of Finland with a population of about 28 000.

The delegation then met with Ms Päivi LIPPONEN, Chairman of the Committee for the Future of the Eduskunta, and received an introduction of the powers and functions of the Committee.

Afterwards, the delegation met with Mr Pekka RAVI, Vice-Speaker of the Eduskunta, to gain a better understanding about the Finnish legislature, in particular its rules of procedure.

The delegation also met with Professor Anne HOLLI from the University of Helsinki to receive a briefing on

the development of the electoral system of Finland, gender equality in the Eduskunta, as well as the future of party politics and coalition government.

After the meetings, Members observed a debate of the Budget Plenary Session at the Eduskunta, where Members of the Eduskunta met to deliberate on the Finnish Government's budget.

The delegation also attended a lunch cum meeting with the Finland-Hong Kong Trade Association before its departure for Norway in the afternoon.

The delegation will begin its visit in Norway today (17 September) and will meet with Members of the Parliament of Norway.

Ends/Wednesday, 17 September 2014

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The delegation of the Legislative Council meets with Mr Johannes KOSKINEN (third left), Chairman of the Constitutional Law Committee of the Eduskunta, the Parliament of Finland, and learns about the political landscape in Finland.



The delegation of the Legislative Council meets with Ms Päivi LIPPONEN (second right), Chairman of the Committee for the Future of the Eduskunta, the Parliament of Finland, to better understand the powers and functions of the Committee.



The delegation of the Legislative Council presents a souvenir to Mr Pekka RAVI (fifth right), Vice-Speaker of the Eduskunta, the Parliament of Finland.



Members of the LegCo delegation visit the Chamber of the Eduskunta, the Parliament of Finland, and observe a debate of the Budget Plenary Session at the Eduskunta.



The delegation of the Legislative Council presents souvenirs to representatives of the Finland-Hong Kong Trade Association.