

SCED to visit the US

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Gregory So, will leave Hong Kong in the afternoon of June 9 (Sunday) for a five-day duty visit to three cities in the United States (US) to promote co-operation and exchange between Hong Kong and the US.

Mr So will first join the duty visit by the Chief Executive, Mr C Y Leung, to New York. He will attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), including a "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" symposium, and join meetings of the Chief Executive with political and business leaders as well as Hong Kong people working and studying there.

While in New York, he will also attend the opening reception of Hong Kong Movie Week of the New York Asian Film Festival, and speak at a press conference to promote the Hong Kong movie industry.

On June 12 (New York time), Mr So will depart for San Francisco, where he will meet with the City Mayor, local businessmen and entrepreneurs. He will also speak at a reception to promote Hong Kong's development of arts and culture.

On June 13 (San Francisco time), Mr So will visit a biotechnology start-up in San Francisco and an information technology company in Silicon Valley. He will also speak at a business luncheon in Silicon Valley on Hong Kong's future as an intellectual property trading and management centre.

Mr So will arrive in Los Angeles in the evening of the same day for the last leg of his US tour. While in Los Angeles, he will attend a gathering with former Hong Kong residents living there. He will also address the opening session of a "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" symposium organised by the HKTDC, host lunch for leaders of the cultural and creative industries and visit arts education institutes. Before concluding the trip, Mr So will officiate at the opening of a promotional event of the Hong Kong Tourism Board, "Hong Kong Live at The Grove".

Mr So will be back in Hong Kong on June 16.

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