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The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Gregory So, will depart France on June 6 (France time) for a duty visit to Toronto in Canada and Chicago in the United States.

Mr So will accompany the Chief Executive, Mr C Y Leung, on his duty visit to Toronto and Chicago starting on June 8 (Toronto time). He will attend the "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council in Toronto and Chicago and join meetings of the Chief Executive with political and business leaders.

Ahead of the Chief Executive's arrival in Toronto, Mr So will attend the national board meeting of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association on June 7 (Toronto time) and exchange views with its board members on issues relating to economic and trade relations between the two places. On the same day, he will meet with Chinese business associations of Hong Kong origin in Toronto to listen to their views on operating businesses and working in Toronto. On June 8 (Toronto time), he will deliver a speech at a luncheon jointly organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Hong Kong Tourism Board to promote Hong Kong as a tourist destination. Mr So will address a tech symposium in Chicago on June 10 (Chicago time).

Meanwhile, Mr So will continue with his visit to France on June 5 (France time). Upon arrival in Burgundy, he will visit a local company specialising in innovative closed-circuit television solutions. He will also meet with Burgundy regional government officials and the local business community to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Mr So left Hong Kong on May 31 for a duty visit to Berlin in Germany and Paris and Burgundy in France before his trip to Toronto and Chicago. He will return to Hong Kong on June 12. The Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Godfrey Leung, will be the Acting Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development during Mr So's absence.

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