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Chief Executive's ASEAN visit yields fruitful results



Visit to Saysettha Development Zone, a state-level co-operation project between China and Laos.

The Chief Executive John Lee led a high-level government and business delegation to . Aiming to highlight Hong Kong's strengths and introduce latest developments to local political and business communities, the ASEAN tour was a fruitful one, with a total of 55 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) and agreements concluded in three countries, significantly enhancing collaboration in various areas including customs, innovation and technology, financial services, aviation, logistics, education, tourism, investment promotion, trade and economic partnership. Apart from calling on local government leaders and attending business luncheons and dinners, he also visited key Belt and Road infrastructural developments and a secondary school in Laos, and a Hong Kong garment manufacturer in Vietnam.



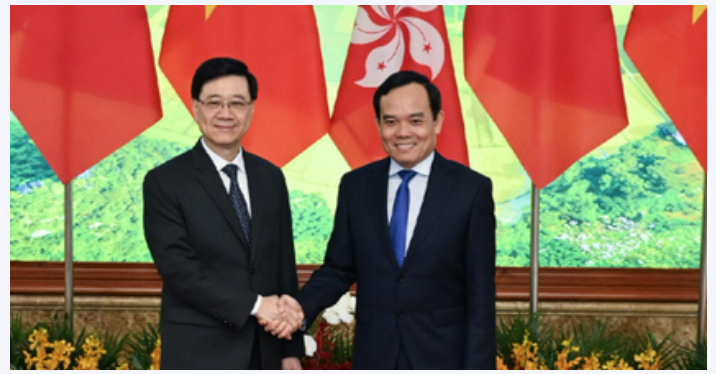
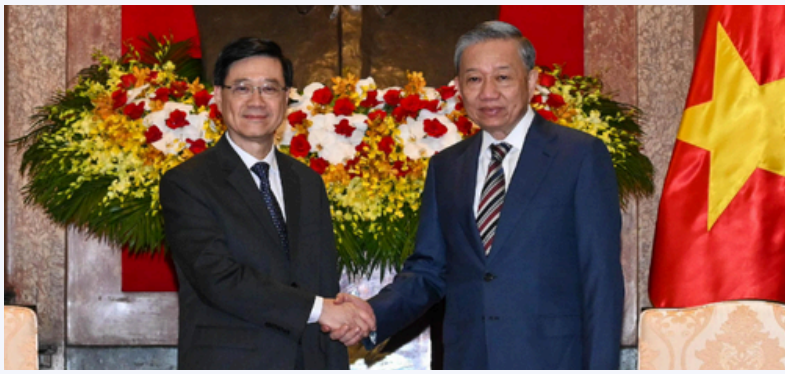
Meetings with Lao Prime Minister Mr Sonexay Siphandone (left photo) and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Saleumxay Kommasith (right photo) respectively.



Visit to Vientiane Secondary School, a leading public school in Laos.



Some 30 business leaders joined the ASEAN tour.



Meetings with President of Vietnam Mr To Lam (upper left photo), Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Tran Luu Quang (upper right photo), and Deputy Secretary of the Ho Chi Minh City Party Committee Mr Nguyen Ho Hai (left photo) respectively.



Visit to Tessellation Binh Duong, a garment manufacturer headquartered in Hong Kong (upper photo), and participating in a tree-planting ceremony (lower photo).



Meeting with Chairman of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City Mr Phan Van Mai.

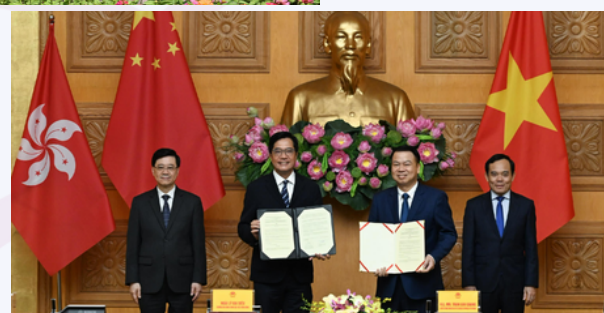


A business luncheon in Ho Chi Minh City.

Media stand-up briefing in Ho Chi Minh City to summarise the outcome of the visit.



Signing of MoU between InvestHK and Hong Kong Business Association Vietnam.



Signing of MoU between Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and Vietnam's Ministry of Finance.

Five key results of ASEAN visit

1 Strengthening government-to-government relations and communications.

2 Reaching consensus on different areas of development and co-operation.

3 Consolidating and expanding business networks, injecting new impetus to open up new horizons and opportunities.

4 Enhancing a shared strong will to jointly promote the Belt & Road Initiative.

5 Re-affirming the three countries' strong and continuous support for Hong Kong's accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).