## **Events**

## 2024 Asia Forum in Vietnam

Our Director Mr Owin Fung delivered a speech at the welcome dinner of 2024 Asia Forum in Hanoi, Vietnam on June 26. He highlighted that Hong Kong's economy remains solid and growing, supported by improvements in merchandise exports, recovery of inbound tourism, and inflow of strategic enterprises and talents. On future opportunities, he called on continued and joint promotion of international free trade, regional green transition and transformation, and digital economy. The Asia Forum is an annual flagship event of the Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide, a unique network of 48 Hong Kong business associations in 37 countries and regions with close to 11,000 business executives and professionals worldwide as members. The 2024 Asia Forum was co-organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Hong Kong Business Association Vietnam.













We hosted some 50 representatives from the shipping industry in our office on July 2 and briefed them on the Green Incentive Scheme launched by the Marine Department. The scheme underscored our commitment to incentivize Hong Kong-registered ships to attain high ratings in international decarbonisation standards to promote the branding of Hong Kong Shipping Registry as a green fleet in the international maritime arena. Under the scheme, ships of 5,000 gross tonnage or above which have attained rating A or B in the Carbon Intensity Indicator formulated by the International Maritime Organisation can receive HK\$20,000 per corresponding year, or a maximum total of HK\$60,000, from the year 2024 to 2026.