

To assignment editors:

7th Belt and Road Summit opens next week in hybrid format Government and business leaders gather to discuss future development and collaboration/investment opportunities

24 August 2022 – The seventh **Belt and Road Summit**, jointly organised by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), will take place on **31 August** and **1 September (Wednesday and Thursday)**. Activities on the first day will be held both physically at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and online, while the second day will be entirely online.

As part of celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, this year's Belt and Road Summit will run under the theme "**Heralding a New Chapter: Collaborate and Innovate**". The event will bring together **80** government officials and business elites from Belt and Road countries and regions, as well as project owners and operators, investors and service providers from all over the world, to explore opportunities under the Belt and Road Initiative.

HKSAR Chief Executive **John Lee** and HKTDC Chairman **Dr Peter K N Lam** will host the Opening Session, which will feature an online keynote address by World Trade Organization Deputy Director-General **Zhang Xiangchen**. Titled "Driving Growth through Partnership and Collaboration", the Policy Dialogue Session will analyse how economies under the Belt and Road Initiative can strengthen cooperation and boost economic growth through infrastructure development and trade.

In the **Business Plenaries** and **Thematic Breakout Sessions** of the two-day summit, government and business leaders will discuss future cooperation related to the Belt and Road Initiative, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, covering areas such as international dispute resolution, insurance services, green finance, digital technology, cross-border trade opportunities, as well as start-up and youth development.

In view of the success at previous events, the HKTDC will continue to host one-to-one business matching meetings and project pitching sessions. More than 260 investment projects are expected this year. The summit will also feature online and offline exhibitions which are divided into the "Global Investment Zone", "Hong Kong Zone" and "GBA Tech Zone", gathering more than 60 exhibitors in total.

We invite you or your representative to cover the seventh Belt and Road Summit. Details are as follows:

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| Date | 31 August 2022 (Wednesday) in hybrid format 1 September 2022 (Thursday) online |
| Venue of the first day | Hall 5FG, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre |

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| Media registration Counter | Next to the entrance of Hall 5G, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre |
| Websites | Belt and Road Summit: https://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/conference/blr/en |
| | Programme: https://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/conference/blr/en/programme |
| | Speaker list: https://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/conference/blr/en/speaker |

Remarks :

- Members of the media intending to join the summit in person can bring their name cards and press pass to the media registration counter to collect their media badges.
- Members of the media wishing to interview speakers via the online platform may fill in the form below and return to ayiu@yuantung.com.hk or tleung@yuantung.com.hk for registration. Without registration, members of the media will not be granted access to the Belt and Road Summit online platform. Email confirmation will be sent for successful registration.

***** Media Online Registration Form for Belt and Road Summit*****

| Email | Name | Company | Country/region | Phone number |
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- Members of the media wishing to interview speakers can email interview requests to ayiu@yuantung.com.hk or tleung@yuantung.com.hk on or before 29 August 2022.
- All video or audio recordings at the event may be used only in the context of media reporting.
- Photographers are reminded to bring telephoto lenses for use in the Photography Zone.
- A simultaneous translation will be provided throughout the summit, which is for reference only. In the event of discrepancies, the original language shall prevail.
- Safety is a top priority for the HKTDC and various measures will be implemented at the event to protect the health of all participants. All visitors must wear a mask before entering the venue. All visitors will be required to use the LeaveHomeSafe mobile app and show their COVID-19 vaccination record to gain access to the venue.

Speakers at the summit include (in alphabetical order according to family name):

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| Mohamed Ali Rashed Alabbar , Founder & Managing Director, Emaar Properties PJSC; Founder & Director, Noon.com | Rex Auyeung , Chairman, MTR Corporation Limited* |
| KC Chan , Chairman, WeLab Bank* | Ronnie Chan , Chair, Hang Lung Properties Limited* |
| Ding Yanzhang , Chairman, Power Construction Corporation of China | Pichet Durongkaverroj , Executive Director, Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited* |
| Rod Eddington , Chairman, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia | Heng Swee Keat , Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies, Singapore* |
| Huang Zhaohui , Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Management Committee, Executive Director of the Board, China International Capital Corporation Limited | Michael Kwok , Chair, East Asia Region, Arup Group* |
| Robert Miller , Chief Marketing Officer, Hyperloop | YK Pang , Deputy Managing Director & Chairman, Hong Kong of Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited* |
| Aswin Techajareonvikul , Chief Executive Officer and President, Berli Jucker Public Company Limited | Zhang Xiangchen , Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization |

* **Will attend the summit in person on the first day**

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