

Reminder

To assignment editor:

## Sixth Belt and Road Summit takes place online tomorrow *Driving growth through fostering regional and international trade*

**31 August 2021** – The sixth **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 be held online on **1 and 2 September (Wednesday and Thursday)**. Running on the theme “**Driving Growth Through Fostering Regional and International Trade**”, the summit will explore how the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) can be leveraged together with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) development and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) to forge multilateral collaboration and drive the post-pandemic economic recovery as well as investment and business cooperation in various sectors.

### **Comprehensive analysis of policy trends and investment opportunities**

The BRI facilitates global investment and trade, providing potential investment opportunities for investors and collaboration opportunities for different professional services sectors. HKSAR Chief Executive **Carrie Lam** and HKTDC Chairman **Dr Peter K N Lam** will host the opening session of the summit. The keynote address will be delivered by **Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum**.

At the Policy Dialogue session (on 1 September morning), chaired by HKSAR Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development **Edward Yau**, officials from Belt and Road countries and regions will analyse the latest economic policy trends. Panellists include **Dato Lim Jock Hoi**, Secretary-General of ASEAN; **Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah**, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II, Brunei Darussalam; **Pan Sorasak**, Minister of Commerce, the Kingdom of Cambodia; **Jerry Sambuaga**, Vice Minister of Trade, Indonesia; **Ramon Lopez**, Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry, the Philippines; **Tan See Leng**, Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry, Republic of Singapore; **Sansern Samalapa**, Vice Minister of Commerce, Thailand; and **Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi**, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, United Arab Emirates.

HKSAR Financial Secretary **Paul Chan** will address the day's **Business Plenary Session**, themed “**Belt and Road and RCEP: Enhancing Regional Business Connectivity**”, which will also feature business leaders from Hong Kong, Mainland China and RCEP markets. Speakers include **Victor Chu**, Chairman & CEO, First Eastern Investment Group; **Sean Chiao**, Asia Chairman and Global Business Line Chief Executive, Buildings and Places, AECOM; **Huang Zhaohui**, CEO and Chairman of Management Committee, China International Capital Corporation Limited; **Wang Cuijun**, Director, China Merchants Group Limited; **Suroj Lamsam**, CEO & President, LOXLEY Public Company Limited in Thailand; and **Michael Tan**, President & Chief Operating Officer, LT Group in the Philippines. The session will examine how the RCEP will inject new impetus into the region and how Belt and Road countries and regions can strengthen connectivity to seize the new opportunities.

### **Exploring Greater Bay Area opportunities**

This year's summit features the new **Greater Bay Area** series focusing on opportunities in the

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region. It includes a Business Plenary, a panel discussion, thematic breakout sessions and an exhibition. The Business Plenary (on 2 September), titled “**Connecting the Belt and Road & Greater Bay Area through Hong Kong**”, will be chaired by **Victor Fung**, Group Chairman, Fung Group, and feature **Dato’ Seri Cheah Cheng Hye**, Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Investment Officer, Value Partners Group Limited; **Jack So**, Chairman, Airport Authority Hong Kong; **Sun Yu**, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited; and **Wang Shi**, Honorary Chairman & Founder, Vanke Co., Ltd and Chairman, Shenzhen Foundation for International Exchange and Cooperation. The panellists will share their insights on how Hong Kong should leverage its advantages **to connect the Belt and Road and the GBA and seize relevant opportunities** under the new era of cross-boundary collaboration. A panel discussion and thematic breakout sessions will cover topics such as fundraising, financing, green finance, digital technology and start-ups.

## Online project pitching and business matching

The summit will once again feature the popular **Investment and Business Matching Session**, providing a platform for project owners, investors and services providers to connect and explore cooperation opportunities. The session includes **one-to-one business matching meetings**, to be arranged according to participants’ business and investment needs, and **project pitching sessions** which focus on four main areas: (1) energy, natural resources and public utilities, (2) innovation and technology, (3) urban development, and (4) transport and logistics infrastructure. The matching sessions are expected to involve more than 100 investment projects.

A larger-scale exhibition will again be held online, which has doubled in scale from the previous event to showcase more than 60 exhibitors. The **Global Investment Zone** and **Hong Kong Zone** will once again feature Hong Kong’s world-class professional services that can support success along the Belt and Road, as well as numerous investment projects and other opportunities worldwide. The new **GBA Tech Zone** will showcase the latest technology and related opportunities in the Greater Bay Area.

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

## The Sixth Belt and Road Summit

Date	1-2 September 2021 (Wednesday and Thursday)
Time	The Opening Session will begin at 8:40am. Belt and Road Summit programme: <a href="https://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/en/programme/programme">https://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/en/programme/programme</a> Belt and Road Summit speaker list: <a href="https://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/en/speaker/speakers">https://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/en/speaker/speakers</a>
Venue	Virtual platform

## Websites

Belt and Road Summit: [www.beltandroadsummit.hk](http://www.beltandroadsummit.hk)

HKTDC Belt and Road Portal: [www.beltandroad.hk](http://www.beltandroad.hk)

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2. All video or audio recordings at the event may be used only in the context of media reporting.

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