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The Chamber's trip to Haikou last month threw open doors to members seeking new business opportunities, while fostering cooperation and strengthening ties

總商會上月率團赴海口考察,協助會員探索新機遇,同時促進合作、加強聯繫

The Chamber's two-day mission to Hainan in early July shed plenty of light on the latest developments at Hainan Free Trade Port (FTP).

Haikou, Hainan's capital, is its political, economic, technological, cultural and transportation heart, with the city's 2.87 million residents accounting for 28% of the total population. Leveraging on Haikou's solid foundation of industrial development and geographic advantages, the State Council issued the General Plan for the Construction of Hainan Free Trade Port in June 2020. Since then, development of Hainan FTP has entered the full implementation phase. According to the plan, Hainan will establish an FTP policy system by 2025, with a focus on promoting free trade and investment. By 2035, Hainan is forecast to become a new, open economy hub in the Mainland, as well as a quality free trade port with international influence.

Ever since the Hainan FTP Policy was announced, Hong Kong's business community has been paying close attention to developments in the province, said China Committee Chairman Eric Fok, who led the mission alongside Petrina Tam, GBA Working Group Convenor, and General Committee member Edmund Yue. "The Chamber hopes to help our members explore new business opportunities and foster cooperation. An important goal of this mission was to learn about the high-quality development in Haikou and the Hainan FTP Park," he explained, adding that Hong Kong businesses could further integrate into national development via Haikou, which would also help strengthen Hainan-Hong Kong cooperation.

At an informative seminar hosted by Luo Zengbin, Secretary of Haikou and Standing Committee Member of CPC Hainan Provincial Committee, Chamber members learned about



Left: China Committee Chairman Eric Fok, Petrina Tam, GBA Working Group Convenor, General Committee member Edmund Yue, and members met with Luo Zengbin (centre), Standing Committee Member of CPC Hainan Provincial Committee and Secretary of Haikou City, and Chen Weidong (2nd from right), Director of CPC Haikou Municipal Committee's United Front Work Department. 左:中國委員會主席霍啟山、大灣區工作小組召集人 譚唐毓麗、理事余國賢及會員代表團會見海南省委常 委、海口市委書記羅增斌(正中)及海口市委統戰部部 長陳衞東(右二)。

Visit to Hualuxe Haikou Bay. <u>考察團一行</u>到訪華彩海口灣。



Haikou's four key industries, namely tourism, modern services, high-tech and high-efficiency agriculture. Luo said 366 Hong Kong companies launched operations in the city last year, followed by another 140 in the first half of 2023. He expressed hope that enterprises would learn about the latest developments in Haikou, expand their business and investment in Hainan and, in turn, encourage more enterprises to set up there.

The delegation called on Miao Yanhong, Director of CPC Hainan Provincial Committee's United Front Work Department, who update members about the development of the Hainan FTP. At the meeting, representatives from the Department of Justice, Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, as well as the Department of Commerce explained the advantages of Hainan's tax, legal, housing and financial policies. Members also met with Guo Yanhong, Standing Committee Member of CPC Haikou Municipal Committee and Chairman of CPPCC Haikou Municipal Committee, and Chen Weidong, Director of CPC Haikou Municipal Committee's United Front Work Department, to discuss economic and trade cooperation.

To attract more Hong Kong companies, Haikou's authorities are working to create a better environment for investment and entrepreneurship. At the Haikou Exhibition Centre, the group learned about the preferential policies and support measures offered to Hong Kong businesses, including the provision of free office space.

In Hainan, members visited several free trade zones, including Jiangdong

New Area, to learn about planning, industrial advantages, business facilities and the development of the Hainan-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Development Pilot Zone. They also toured Fullsing Town Internet Innovation Park. which is home to the offices of over 300 overseas companies, such as Dun & Bradstreet and PricewaterhouseCoopers. At Medicine Valley, members were given a rundown of the new biomedical industrial cluster in Haikou as well as the scientific research and innovation taking place. They also discussed how to set up a high-quality industrial complex for innovative services.

Also on the itinerary were visits to Qilou Old Street, Hualuxe Haikou Bay, Haikou Comprehensive Bonded Zone, Mission Hills, and Haikou International Duty Free City.



The delegation visited Jiangdong New Area Planning and Exhibition Center. 參觀江東新區展示中心。

總商會代表團於7月初前往海南進 行為期兩天的考察,深入了解海南 自貿港的最新發展。

海口為海南的省會城市,也是省內政 治、經濟、科技、文化中心和交通樞 紐,常住人口287萬,佔全省人口 28%。為發揮海口的堅實產業基礎和 地理優勢,國務院於2020年6月印 發《海南自由貿易港建設總體方 案》,標誌著海南自貿港建設進入全 面實施階段。根據《方案》制定的計 劃,海南將於2025年前建立自由貿 易港政策制度體系,促進貿易和投資 自由便利,並於2035年前成為內地 的開放經濟新高地,並建成具世界影 響力的高水準自貿港。 是次考察團由中國委員會主席霍啟山、 大灣區工作小組召集人譚唐毓麗及理事 余國賢率領。霍啟山表示,自海南自貿 港政策公布以來,香港商界一直密切關 注該省發展。他解釋:「總商會希望能 協助會員探索新商機,並促進兩地合 作。是次考察團的主要目標之一是了解 海口及海南自貿港園區的高質量發 展。」他補充,港企可通過海口進一步 融入國家發展大局,有助推動瓊港加強 合作。

考察團出席由海南省委常委、海口市 委書記羅增斌主持的座談會,認識到 海口將重點發展四大產業,包括旅遊 業、現代服務業、高新技術產業和高 效農業。羅增斌表示,海口於去年和



At the Internet Celebrity Incubation Demonstration Base in Fullsing Town Internet Innovation Park, delegates went behind the scenes of a livestreaming event. 團員參觀位於海口復興城產業園的網紅孵化示範基地,一睹直播 間的幕後運作。



Members had useful discussions with Miao Yanhong, Standing Committee Member and Director of United Front Work Department, CPC Hainan Provincial Committee. 會員與海南省委常委、統戰部 部長苗延紅交流意見。





Qilou Old Street. 騎樓老街文化街區。

Members learned about products developed by Fuxing Medical Devices, Haikou Comprehensive Bonded Zone and visited Medicine Valley. 代表團參觀海口綜合保稅區,了解復星醫療 器械研發的產品,亦參觀了藥谷工業園。 今年上半年分別新增 366 家和 140 家 港企,他希望商界了解海口的最新發 展,擴大在海南的業務和投資規模, 從而吸引更多企業在當地設立業務。

考察團亦與海南省委統戰部部長苗延 紅會面,她向會員介紹海南自貿港的 發展。會上,司法廳、住建廳和商務 廳代表分別講解海南省在稅收、司法、 住房及金融方面的政策優勢。團員亦 拜訪海口市委常委、海口市政協主席 郭燕紅及海口市委統戰部部長陳衛 東,討論兩地經貿合作。

為吸引更多港企進駐,海口市政府正 積極改善投資和創業環境。考察團參 觀了海口會展工場,該項目為港企提 供多項優惠政策和配套措施,包括免 費辦公場所。

訪問期間,團員參觀了多個自貿港園 區,包括在江東新區聽取該區的規劃、 產業優勢和商業設施,以及瓊港經濟 合作發展海口示範區的發展。他們還 到訪復興城互聯網信息產業園,目前 已有 300 多家外資企業在園區設立辦 事處,包括鄧白氏和普華永道等。在 藥谷工業園,會員了解到海口的生物 醫藥創新型產業集群和創新科研工 作,並探討如何建設優質產業創新服 務綜合體。

考察團此行還參觀了騎樓老街文化街 區、華彩海口灣、海口綜合保稅區、 觀瀾湖旅遊度假區及海口國際免稅城。

