SED visits Sha Tin District

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, this afternoon (October 8) visited Sha Tin District, where he called at a primary school in Yiu On Estate, Ma On Shan, and met with members of the Sha Tin District Council.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Sha Tin), Miss Amy Chan, Mr Yeung first visited PLK Chong Kee Ting Primary School. He was briefed by school managers, the school head and teachers on the school's characteristics, including life-wide learning, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and art education.

While touring the school campus, he took the opportunity to learn more about students' learning outcomes, such as their innovative inventions, Chinese opera and unicycling performances. He also chatted with parents and students, and took part in video shooting for the Fun to Move@JC Project. The school is one of the participants of the project.

Mr Yeung said that home-school co-operation is conducive to students' whole-person development. The Education Commission set up the Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education last December for the purpose of reviewing the existing approach in promoting home-school co-operation and parent education, and formulating the direction and strategy for further developments.

He added that the Government would seek to put in place as early as possible the measures with extensive support of stakeholders, with a view to giving a boost to home-school co-operation and helping children grow up happily and healthily.

Mr Yeung then met with the Chairman of the Sha Tin District Council, Mr Ho Hau-cheung, and members to exchange views on education and other district matters.

Hong Kong resident employer jailed for employing illegal worker

A Hong Kong resident employer who employed an illegal worker was jailed at Shatin Magistrates' Courts on October 5.

Immigration Department (ImmD) investigators earlier received a referral from the Hong Kong Police Force to further investigate an illegal employment case. Enforcement officers arrested a male Vietnamese worker, aged 36, conveying goods in San Po Kong. A Hong Kong resident employer of the illegal worker was also arrested.

The illegal worker was jailed by Shatin Magistrates' Courts earlier. The Hong Kong resident employer was charged at Shatin Magistrates' Courts on October 5 with being an employer of a person who is not lawfully employable as he did not take all practicable steps to ascertain whether the applicant was lawfully employable prior to employment. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to seven weeks' imprisonment.

The ImmD spokesman reiterated that it is a serious offence to employ people who are not lawfully employable. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for three years and a fine of \$350,000. The High Court has laid down sentencing guidelines that the employer of an illegal worker should be given an immediate custodial sentence. According to the court sentencing, employers must take all practicable steps to determine whether a person is lawfully employable prior to employment. Apart from inspecting a prospective employee's identity card, the employer has the explicit duty to make enquiries regarding the person and ensure that the answers would not cast any reasonable doubt concerning the lawful employability of the person. The court will not accept failure to do so as a defence in proceedings. It is also an offence if an employer fails to inspect the job seeker's valid travel document if the job seeker does not have a Hong Kong permanent identity card. The maximum penalty for failing to inspect such a document is imprisonment for one year and a fine of \$150,000.

<u>SHA congratulates Ng Mui-wui on</u> winning gold medal in Asian Para Games

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, today (October 8) extended his congratulations to Hong Kong table tennis athlete Ng Mui-wui on winning a gold medal at the Indonesia 2018 Asian Para Games. She has won a gold medal in Women's TT11 Singles.

Mr Lau said, "Ng Mui-wui has performed brilliantly and demonstrated perseverance as well as sportsmanship. Her excellent achievements are well deserved. I want to express my gratitude for the support given to the athletes by their families and coaches because such support helps athletes to perform at their best."

<u>Appeal for information on missing man</u> <u>in Aberdeen (with photo)</u>

Police today (October 8) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Aberdeen.

Kwong Lin-kei, aged 53, went missing after he was last seen in a shopping centre in Wah Fu Estate on October 6 morning. His family made a report to Police on the next day (October 7).

He is about 1.62 metres tall, 50 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a pointed face with yellow complexion, short curly black hair. He was last seen wearing a blue short-sleeved shirt, black trousers, black and red sandals and carrying a black rucksack.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Hong Kong Island on 2860 1040 or 9886 0034 or email to rmpu-hki@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



<u>"Guangdong Music Under the Tree" to be</u> <u>held at Main Plaza of Sha Tin Park</u>

The annual concert "Guangdong Music Under the Tree", which used to be held in Kowloon Walled City Park, will be held at Main Plaza of Sha Tin Park this month for the first time.

Master of Chaozhou music Lau Fok-kwong will lead the Hong Kong Chiuchow Music Ensemble, while master of Cantonese music To Wing will lead a group of veteran Cantonese music musicians, in performing popular compositions of Chaozhou and Cantonese music.

Admission to the concerts is free. Details of the concerts are as follows:

October 20 (Saturday) 2.30pm

Chaozhou Music: Chaozhou gongs and drums da luogu, "Morning Sun in Springtime"; Chaozhou gongs and drums xiao luogu, "Lions Playing with a Ball", "Butterflies among Flowers"; Xianshi ensemble music "Yearning for Spring" and "Fish Hawks Dabbling in the Water"; Chaozhou operatic songs "Pleading by Justice Bao" and "The Love Story of Chen San and Wuniang" (excerpt), and more.

October 21 (Sunday) 2.30pm

Cantonese Music: "Rain Lashing on the Plantain", "Pacing Horses in the Countryside in Spring", "Autumn Moon over a Placid Lake", "Meditations in the Boudoir", "Stepping High", "Butterflies among the Flowers", "Birds Returning to the Woods", "A Hungry Horse Shaking Its Bells", "United We Go", "Lovers' Sorrow", "Pacing Horses", "Thunder in a Drought", "In Celebration of Good Times", "I Have This Feeling" and more.

For programme enquiries, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs-625.html.