

[CE visits Ying Wa Primary School \(with photos/video\)](#)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited Ying Wa Primary School in Sham Shui Po this afternoon (October 12) to learn more about the participation by students in extra-curricular activities and exchange with the teaching staff on the teaching and learning environment of the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) school.

Accompanied by the Supervisor of the school, Mr Tsang Chiu-kwan and the Headmistress, Ms Maria Lam, Mrs Lam toured the campus and watched the participation by students in different extra-curricular activities, including swimming, athletics, table tennis, volleyball and dancing, as well as English speaking, science and visual arts. She also watched the performance by the orchestra, the choir and the Chinese drum team in the school hall. Mrs Lam was pleased to note that the school attaches great importance on life-wide learning of students and arranges for them a wide range of extra-curricular activities which the students thoroughly enjoy. She also lauded the students for their excellent performance in various areas.

"The current-term Government regards the expenditure on education as the most meaningful investment in our future. Therefore I have, as in the previous year, allocated considerable new resources to and put forward a number of new initiatives on education in my recent second Policy Address to give further support for schools to enhance the quality of education. These include the provision of additional resources to strengthen the administrative support for schools, implementation of the all-graduate teaching force policy and provision of permanent teaching posts and grant for integrated education.

"In particular, I consider that the development of our young people should be holistic and should not be limited to academic achievement. I have therefore proposed to provide, starting from the 2019/20 school year, a new recurrent Life-wide Learning Grant with an annual provision of \$900 million to public sector and DSS schools to encourage them to extend learning beyond the classrooms and, through extra-curricular activities, field studies and community service, enhance students' interest in learning, broaden their horizons and help them develop positive values. I look forward to working with the education sector to create a diverse and enjoyable learning environment for students to grow up in a comprehensive and balanced manner," Mrs Lam said.

