

CS visits Central and Western District

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, visited Central and Western District this afternoon (August 17) to keep abreast of the latest developments in the district.

Accompanied by District Officer (Central and Western), Mrs Susanne Wong, and the Chairman of the Central and Western District Council, Mr Yip Wing-shing, Mr Cheung first visited the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Western District Elderly Community Centre and was briefed on the "Public Furniture" and "District Drawings" programmes and various new initiatives organised for the elderly in the district, including promoting healthy ageing through development of recreational and sports facilities by using electronic technology and through cross-sectoral collaboration. The Centre also considers ways for the Government and the District Council to pilot the programmes more extensively within the district.

He said that to proactively promote gerontechnology, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has earmarked \$1 billion for setting up a fund to subsidise elderly service units to trial use and procure or rent technology products so as to improve the quality of the life of elderly persons and reduce the burden and pressure on carers and care workers.

Mr Cheung then inspected the Central and Western District Promenade – Western Wholesale Food Market Section. He received a briefing on the development of Central and Western District's harbourfront and the next step of exploring more opportunities for interaction and collaboration with facilities in the vicinity such as the Western Wholesale Food Market so that more facilities and activities could be provided for non-government organisations and residents of the district.

Mr Cheung was pleased to note that the harbourfront promenade had been connected by a number of projects, offering quality leisure space for the public.

He then visited a Government, Institution or Community site in the district and was briefed on the suggestions for its use in the future.

To conclude the visit, Mr Cheung met Central and Western District Council members to listen to their views on various development issues and matters of concern to the community.