

DEP hosts exchange meeting for delegation from China National Environmental Monitoring Centre of Ministry of Ecology and Environment (with photos)

The Director of Environmental Protection, Dr Samuel Chui, hosted a technical exchange meeting for a delegation from the China National Environmental Monitoring Centre of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment this morning (July 17). The two sides discussed the Cooperation Arrangement on Technical Exchange on Environmental Monitoring signed last year to promote co-operation in areas such as the monitoring of environmental water quality, environmental air quality, ecology and new pollutants.

At the exchange meeting, Environmental Protection Department (EPD) officers and the delegation members had an in-depth discussion and technical exchange on environmental monitoring of surface water quality and new pollutants in the two places, covering monitoring standards and requirements, monitoring data network, related technology applications and the latest developments.

Dr Chui said, "The exchange meeting will strengthen the co-operation between the two places in areas such as environmental monitoring and assessment of surface waters, air, ecology, new pollutants, etc, monitoring standards and related technical requirements as well as applications of relevant smart technologies with a view to enhancing the capabilities of environmental monitoring and assessment in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and working together to better protect and enhance the environmental quality in the GBA."

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the Smart Command and Control Centre of the EPD and the Real-time Online River Water Quality Monitoring Station at Shing Mun River, Sha Tin, to understand about the application of advanced technology and smart enforcement in water quality monitoring and environmental protection in Hong Kong.

Moreover, the delegation visited the Smart Water Science Centre of the EPD yesterday (July 16) and shared experiences and exchanged views with the EPD officers on the application of water quality models and smart technologies in water quality management. They will visit the EPD's air quality monitoring facilities (including the Central Air Quality Monitoring Station and the Cape D'Aguilar Super Air Monitoring Station) tomorrow (July 18). They will visit the Mai Po Nature Reserve as arranged by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on July 19.

