

EEB signs Cooperation Arrangement on Technical Exchange on Environmental Monitoring with China National Environmental Monitoring Centre of Ministry of Ecology and Environment (with photos)

The Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (October 27) signed the Cooperation Arrangement on Technical Exchange on Environmental Monitoring with the China National Environmental Monitoring Centre of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment to strengthen co-operation in areas including monitoring of environmental water quality, environmental air quality, ecology and new pollutants.

Witnessed by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, and the Vice Minister, member of the Leading Party Members Group of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China, Ms Guo Fang, the Cooperation Arrangement was signed by the Director of Environmental Protection, Dr Samuel Chui, and the Director of the China National Environmental Monitoring Centre, Dr Zhang Dawei. Areas of co-operation include exploring Hong Kong's participation in network construction of national environmental quality standards for surface water; regular exchange of monitoring data in relation to the environmental quality of surface water and air in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA); enhancement of the ability to monitor surface water, air, ecology and new pollutants, as well as the exploration of joint research study on environmental monitoring technology.

Dr Chui said that the implementation of the Cooperation Arrangement will help strengthen co-operation and technology exchanges between the two places on environmental monitoring and assessment, monitoring standards, and related requirements and specifications of relevant technologies for monitoring of surface water, air, ecology, new pollutants, etc. It will be beneficial to the enhancement of the capacity in environmental monitoring and assessment, with a view to supporting the concerted efforts of all parties in better protecting and enhancing the environment quality in the GBA.

In addition, during their stay in Hong Kong, representatives of the China National Environmental Monitoring Centre visited the air monitoring facilities (including Tseung Kwan O Monitoring Station and Central Monitoring Station) of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) as well as the Smart Water Science Centre. They also visited the air quality research facility of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and shared

experiences and exchanged views with EPD officers.

