

EMSD delegation concludes Shenzhen and Guangzhou visit on innovation and technology development (with photos)

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) and representatives from the electrical and mechanical (E&M) trade today (July 19) concluded their four-day visit to Shenzhen and Guangzhou to keep abreast of the latest developments in innovation and technology (I&T).

The delegation, formed by over 20 representatives from the E&M trade and young engineers from the EMSD, visited in the past four days enterprises and key bases of I&T development located in Shenzhen and Guangzhou, including the Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone in Guangzhou Science City and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation Entrepreneurship Base. They also attended seminars, during which they exchanged views with academics from Jinan University and Sun Yat-sen University to gain a deeper understanding of the development plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area), such as the building of a global technology and innovation hub as one of the key co-operation areas.

During the visit, the EMSD representatives drew reference from the experiences of Shenzhen and Guangzhou in taking forward the commercialisation of various I&T items, with a view to more effectively identifying suitable technologies to apply in the development of smart city in Hong Kong. Also, the EMSD took the opportunity to promote its newly launched online I&T collaboration platform, "E&M InnoPortal", to cities in the Mainland in order to expand the room for collaboration between the E&M trade in Hong Kong and the I&T enterprises in the Greater Bay Area. As for the training of talent, the delegation visited the Guangzhou Industry and Trade Technician College and an E&M enterprise which co-operated with the college in nurturing talents, and exchanged views with the college on various issues such as ways to strengthen the professional standards of E&M technical personnel in Hong Kong and Guangzhou.

Leading the delegation, the Deputy Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Mr Tai Tak-him, said that the diverse activities during the visit enabled the E&M industry representatives and engineers gain a better understanding of the latest I&T developments in Shenzhen, Guangzhou and even the Greater Bay Area, which could foster E&M collaboration between Hong Kong and the Mainland in areas such as technological innovation and the training of talent, which could in turn open up more development opportunities.

