

Fifth meeting of Joint Task Force on the Development of the HK-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park in the Loop held (with photo)

The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang, and the Vice Mayor of Shenzhen Municipality, Mr Ai Xuefeng, co-chaired the fifth meeting of the Joint Task Force on the Development of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park (the Park) in the Loop at Hong Kong Science Park today (July 31).

At the meeting, the two sides discussed the work progress of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park Limited (HSITPL), works progress of supporting infrastructure in the Lok Ma Chau Loop, the arrangement of the bioremediation for sediment treatment in Shenzhen River of Main Works Package 1, as well as exchanged views on the development of the innovation and technology parks of both sides. Representatives from the Shenzhen Government also introduced the development concept of the Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Zone. Both sides agreed to continue keeping close contact to achieve co-ordinated development.

Last year, HSITPL commenced the Master Planning Study and Business Model and Business Planning Study , which are expected to be completed soon. HSITPL also commenced two new consultancy studies in mid-2019, namely the technical feasibility study and the economic impact analysis study of Batch 1 development. HSITPL will formulate the Park's project development and operation plans with reference to the findings of the studies.

As for supporting infrastructure works, the Advance Works of the Loop are well under way. The contract for the consultancy on detailed design and site investigation of Main Works Package 1, which commenced last September, is in good progress. Site investigation of the Loop also commenced this June. The target of making the first batch of land parcels available by 2021 or earlier for the Loop remains unchanged.

Regarding the co-operation arrangements of bioremediation for sediment treatment in Shenzhen River of Main Works Package 1, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and the Shenzhen River Regulation Office of the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government will, drawing from the experience in the regulation of Shenzhen River works jointly conducted by the two cities, discuss and take forward the bioremediation for sediment treatment of the Shenzhen River.

Other officials of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government attending the meeting today included the Permanent Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Ms Annie Choi; the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, Ms Rebecca Pun; and representatives from the Development Bureau,

the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, the Education Bureau, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, the Innovation and Technology Commission, and the CEDD.

