

First Mainland Study Tour for EOs jointly organised by HKSAR Government and Wuhan University commences today (with photos)

The first Mainland Study Tour for Executive Officers (EOs) organised by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government in partnership with Wuhan University had its opening ceremony in Wuhan today (October 31). About 40 EOs of different ranks from more than 20 bureaux and departments will commence their visits and exchanges as well as classroom learning for five days and four nights to know more about the country's latest developments and important directions of governance and policies in the new era.

The Permanent Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Clement Leung, and the Director of General Grades, Mr Hermes Chan, led the class to Wuhan for the study visit by the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link this morning. Speaking at the opening ceremony at Wuhan University, Mr Leung said that the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) is committed to enhancing the training for civil servants at all ranks, and the EOs, being the professional managers of the HKSAR Government, are responsible for managing government resources and systems on various fronts, and play a key role in the implementation of policy initiatives, delivery of public services, co-ordination of major events, provision of administrative support and ensuring departmental operations.

Mr Leung pointed out that the Government attaches great importance to the training and career development of the E0 grade, and encouraged the participants to grasp this valuable learning opportunity and actively complement Hong Kong's integration into the overall development of the country by making use of what they would learn upon returning to their respective positions, and to contribute to the country and society.

The study tour is jointly organised by the CSB and Wuhan University with the staunch support of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council. It covers topics such as green development in the new era, national governance empowered by digital technology, as well as regional co-ordinated development. Through on-site visits, research, thematic visits and exchange sessions at units in the areas of home affairs, biotechnology, innovation and technology and logistics in Wuhan, the participants will gain an in-depth understanding of the latest local developments and share and exchange experiences with staff of related organisations. The participants will also undertake classroom learning at the campus of Wuhan University to learn about the country and the development plan for the Wuhan metropolitan area. The CSB plans to continue to launch the study tour next year.

Mr Leung will return to Hong Kong tomorrow (November 1) while members of the study tour will return to Hong Kong on Saturday (November 4).

