

FS visits Central and Western District (with photos)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, this afternoon (April 3) visited Central and Western District, where he met with start-ups in the district and toured community facilities.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the Central and Western District Council (C&WDC), Mr David Yip, and the District Officer (Central and Western), Mrs Susanne Wong, Mr Chan first visited a co-working space in the district and exchanged views with young entrepreneurs operating social enterprises to understand their operations and experiences in achieving social objectives through cross-sector collaboration.

Mr Chan then walked along the Central and Western District Promenade. He said the Government is committed to making Hong Kong a more ideal place for living, including adopting a forward-looking approach in pursuing harbourfront enhancement and vigorously seeking to open up continuous and accessible harbourfront promenades, so as to make the harbourfront more vibrant. Harbourfront enhancement projects funded by a \$500 million allocation in early 2017 have been rolled out one by one. A further \$6 billion was earmarked in this year's Budget for developing new harbourfront promenades and open space as well as improving harbourfront facilities. It is the Government's plan to extend the length of the harbourfront promenades from the current 20-odd kilometres to 34 kilometres in about 10 years, and provide 35 hectares of open space on both sides of the Victoria Harbour.

Mr Chan also chatted with members of a district youth network at the Promenade. He welcomed suggestions from young people on how to improve district facilities, and said that the Government aims at developing a diversified economy to create more opportunities for young people.

Before concluding the visit, Mr Chan met with members of the C&WDC to exchange views on various livelihood and development issues of the district.



