

FS visits Shenzhen (with photos)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, visited Shenzhen today (August 7) to get updates on the latest developments in financial technologies (FinTech) and innovation and technology (I&T) in the city.

Upon arrival, Mr Chan called on the Vice Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government, Mr Wang Lixin, and exchanged views on further co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

Mr Chan said that Shenzhen and Hong Kong have all along been close partners. He expressed the hope that both sides can leverage on the opportunities arising from the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to strengthen co-operation in FinTech, I&T and creative industries.

He then visited the headquarters of Tencent to understand more about the newest FinTech services in the Mainland. He also attended an activity organised by the Tencent Financial Academy and exchanged views with Hong Kong youths participating in an internship programme in Shenzhen.

He remarked that the Greater Bay Area covers not only Shenzhen, which houses many leading I&T enterprises, but also a large number of cities transforming towards an advanced manufacturing economy. As Hong Kong is the most cosmopolitan city in the region and offers the best professional services, its enterprises and those in the Mainland may join forces in tapping new markets and developing the Greater Bay Area into an international innovation and technology hub where talent, research and development institutes and enterprises can cluster.

Mr Chan also visited an intelligent logistics provider and a FinTech company founded by Hong Kong people to learn from their top management about the latest applications in big data analytics and information and communications technology.

Tomorrow (August 8), Mr Chan will continue his visit in Shenzhen and call on two large-scale technology companies before returning to Hong Kong in the afternoon.



