

[FS visits Tuen Mun District \(with photos\)](#)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, visited Tuen Mun District this afternoon (July 5), where he met with members of the Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) and also called at a secondary school and a youth service centre.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Tuen Mun), Ms Aubrey Fung, Mr Chan first visited the Church of Christ in China Tam Lee Lai Fun Memorial Secondary School and chatted with teachers and students. The School has been actively promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education to develop students' potential. The students briefed Mr Chan on their innovative work and award-winning designs.

Mr Chan said that the Government is committed to fostering the development of innovation and technology (I&T) industry as well as creative industries, so as to diversify the economy and provide more opportunities for young people. He said that in this year's Budget more than \$50 billion has been allocated to support the development of the I&T sector, and to nurture more creative talent for Hong Kong.

Later, Mr Chan visited the Free Methodist Church Tuen Mun Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre. The centre provides comprehensive activities for youths to facilitate their all-round development. It also provides a platform for them to showcase their talent in arts and culture. Mr Chan added that in this year's Budget, additional resources have been allocated to promote the development of culture and arts. For example, \$20 billion has been set aside for the expansion and renovation of large performance venues, with a view to upgrading Hong Kong's cultural hardware.

Mr Chan also met with members of the TMDC to learn more about the latest developments in the district and exchange views on matters of mutual interest.