

## FSD and China Mobile Hong Kong sign MOU to promote smart firefighting (with photos)

The Fire Services Department (FSD) and the China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited (CMHK) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today (November 12) to jointly promote smart firefighting, aiming to enhance the emergency management level of Hong Kong and provide better safeguards for citizens.

The FSD and the CMHK will explore the feasibility of applying innovative technologies in fire service work across various technical fields, including the use of technologies such as artificial intelligence, thermal imaging and the Internet of Things; developing innovative applications of the low-altitude economy in rescue operations; and applying advanced indoor locating technologies in firefighting operations. This collaboration can significantly strengthen the FSD's rescue service quality and operational efficiency, as well as enhancing the safety of frontline personnel.

Witnessed by the Director of Fire Services, Mr Andy Yeung, and the Executive Consultant of the CMHK, Mr Sean Lee, the MOU was signed by the Assistant Director (Corporate Strategy) of the FSD, Mr Wong Ka-wing, and the Managing Director of the Corporate Market Division of the CMHK, Mr Johnson Zhang.

Mr Yeung said that the FSD has always shouldered the responsibility of protecting the lives and property of citizens, as well as preventing and fighting fires. The mission relies not only on a professional firefighting team and excellent equipment but also on technological capability. He said that the FSD will fully utilise the CMHK's technological advantages in the areas of 5G, big data, the Internet of Things and artificial intelligence to leverage intelligentisation and informatisation in firefighting.

Mr Lee said that the CMHK has been carrying out various exchanges, collaborations and exploratory practices regarding application scenarios such as fire rescue and fire warnings with the FSD since last year. Both parties joined hands again this year to launch exploration and pilot schemes on projects such as backpack base stations and emergency communications, with a view to further enhancing co-operation of both parties in fire technologies.

