

Hong Kong signs MOU with Kazakhstan on education co-operation (with photos)

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (August 17) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan to enhance education collaboration between the two places.

The MOU was signed by the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, and the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr Sayasat Nurbek.

"The MOU marks an important milestone in the partnership between Hong Kong and Kazakhstan in the field of education. We have signed 10 MOUs with countries along the Belt and Road to date. It demonstrates the Government's efforts in strengthening educational ties and exchanges with the Belt and Road countries and commitment to developing Hong Kong into a regional education hub. I am confident that the MOU will further strengthen education interflow and collaboration between the two places," Dr Choi said.

The MOU provides for a framework to facilitate strategic education collaboration between Hong Kong and Kazakhstan and covers mutually beneficial initiatives, including the exchange of expertise and experience; exchange of educational literature, teaching aids and demonstration materials; as well as exchanges of scholars, teachers, experts, students and other education personnel.

After the signing of the MOU, Dr Choi met Kazakh students studying in the University Grants Committee-funded universities to learn about their school life in Hong Kong and encouraged them to stay in Hong Kong for career development after graduation. She said that the Government will continue to implement measures to attract outstanding non-local students to pursue their studies in Hong Kong.

The EDB has been offering the Belt and Road Scholarship since the 2016/17 academic year to encourage outstanding students from designated Belt and Road countries/regions to pursue undergraduate studies in Hong Kong. The scholarship scheme has since expanded to cover students from all Belt and Road countries/regions as well as those pursuing research postgraduate studies. Following the signing of the MOU, up to 10 scholarships will be offered annually to students from Kazakhstan from the 2024/25 academic year onwards.

