

LegCo Panel on Development examines planning and development of New Territories Northwest (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Development visited New Territories Northwest today (January 9) to learn about the planning and latest development of the San Tin Technopole and the Kwu Tung North (KTN) New Development Area (NDA) that are located within the Northern Metropolis (NM).

Accompanied by the Under Secretary for Development, Mr David Lam and the Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Ms Lillian Cheong, Members first visited Lok Ma Chau Police Station to overlook the development on both the Hong Kong and Shenzhen sides and of the San Tin Technopole. Members learnt that the San Tin Technopole, located at the heart of the NM, is in close proximity to Shenzhen's innovation and technology zone in Huanggang and Futian. The San Tin Technopole is positioned to be a hub for innovation and technology development that creates synergy with Shenzhen.

Members then visited the site office of the KTN NDA. They received a briefing by the Government on the KTN NDA project and understood how the concept of co-existence of development and conservation applies in Long Valley Nature Park. Members also learnt that the KTN NDA, situated to the east of the San Tin Technopole, is the first NDA project in the NM that has entered the construction stage, with the main focus on housing development. Population intake of the first batch of private housing development in the KTN NDA started from the end of 2022 while the bulk of population intake of public housing development is expected in 2026.

Members also noted that a public housing development project at KTN Area 24 is being implemented by the Hong Kong Housing Society and the KTN Multi-welfare Services Complex commenced operation in the third quarter of last year.

Members later arrived at the Tak Yuet Lau Police Post in Lok Ma Chau to inspect both the Hong Kong and Shenzhen sides and the Shenzhen River Regulation Project.

A total of 16 members and non-members of the Panel on Development joined the visit.

