

# LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs concludes duty visit to Mainland cities of Greater Bay Area (with photos)

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The delegation of the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs and the delegation of the Environment and Ecology Bureau concluded the three-day duty visit to Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) today (August 9) and returned to Hong Kong in the evening.

In the morning, the delegations continued the visit in Shenzhen. The delegations first visited the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station to understand the operation of the nuclear power station and the development of nuclear power technology. The Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station is the country's first large-scale commercial nuclear power plant in which advanced technology and equipment have been introduced. It provides Hong Kong with a safe and stable power supply and sets the model for energy co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong. Members noted the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station has developed a stringent training programme and comprehensive training facilities to ensure operational safety.

In the afternoon, the delegations visited Nanshan Energy Ecological Park located in the Qianhai Free Trade Zone, to learn more about Shenzhen's experiences of planning, constructing and operating waste incineration facilities in tackling the situation of "the city being surrounded by rubbish". The Park processes 2 300 tonnes of domestic waste per day. Adjacent residential developments and a new mixed commercial and residential area to be developed, the Park shows that advanced and efficient modern incineration facilities can coexist with commercial and residential areas nearby. Members also understood that all domestic waste in Shenzhen are processed through incineration.

In summing up the three-day duty visit, the leader of the delegation, Ms Elizabeth Quat, described the visit as successful. "Through understanding the application of new energy transport, hydrogen energy and renewable energy technologies in the three Mainland cities of the GBA, as well as meeting and exchanging experiences with Mainland Government officials and representatives of various enterprises, it will help our discussions with the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to deepen cross-border collaboration in environmental issues with the GBA cities. It will also help promote the development of green transport in Hong Kong," Ms Quat said.

The Panel on Environmental Affairs' delegation is led by the Chairman of the Panel, Ms Elizabeth Quat. Other participating Members include Panel members Mr Frankie Yick, Dr Lo Wai-kwok, and Mr Chan Pui-leung; as well as

non-Panel member Mr Andrew Lam. The Environment and Ecology Bureau's delegation is led by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan.

