

LegCo Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports concludes duty visit to Hangzhou (with photo)

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

The delegation of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports concluded its duty visit to Hangzhou and Dongyang today (August 3) and returned to Hong Kong in the evening.

On the last day of visit, the delegation visited the New Yuanmingyuan in Hengdian World Studios in Dongyang to learn about the cultural attraction that blends Chinese and Western cultures and architecture. The New Yuanmingyuan was built at a 1:1 scale to replicate the Old Summer Palace in Beijing, and is divided into Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Parks, as well as other attractions.

In summing up the four-day duty visit, the delegation leader Mr Vincent Cheng described the visit as fruitful and inspiring. "Through visiting Hangzhou's and Dongyang's sports and cultural infrastructure, as well as exchanging views with the officials of the provincial and municipal governments, members have gained valuable insights from their experience in hosting major sports events and promoting the development of the sports and cultural industries. This will facilitate our discussion with the Government on the strategies for promoting sports in the community, developing elite athletes and making Hong Kong a venue for major international sports events. This also helps promote Hong Kong as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange," Mr Cheng said.

Mr Cheng expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the arrangements made by various departments of the governments of Zhejiang Province, Hangzhou City and Dongyang City, making the duty visit a huge success.

The delegation, consisting of 16 LegCo Members, visited Hangzhou and Dongyang from July 31 to August 3. The delegation was led by the Chairman of the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports cum leader Mr Vincent Cheng, Deputy Chairman of the Panel cum deputy leader Ms JoePHY Chan and Panel member cum deputy leader Mr Kenneth Fok. The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, also participated in part of the duty visit.

