

LegCo Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Development of Northern Metropolis visits Shenzhen to examine development of eco-tourism (with photos)

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The Legislative Council (LegCo) Subcommittee on Matters Relating to the Development of the Northern Metropolis conducted a duty visit to Chung Ying Street in Sha Tau Kok, Dameisha and Xiaomeisha Seashore Parks, and Yantian Harbour Night Market in Shenzhen today (May 9) to understand the development of eco-tourism in Shenzhen and leverage its relevant development experience to foster recreation and tourism development in the Northern Metropolis. Members who participated in the visit returned to Hong Kong in the evening.

Members first visited the Zhong-Ying Street Historical Museum in Sha Tau Kok. The Museum was established in 1998 and was listed as the Guangdong Province Patriotic Education Base in 2004. It has an exhibition showcasing the development of Chung Ying Street over the past century to visitors, and an observation deck allowing visitors to enjoy the scenery of the New Territories of Hong Kong and Mirs Bay.

Members went to the Urban Forest Parlour and Wutong Pavilion located in Yantian District of Shenzhen in the afternoon. The Urban Forest Parlour spans an expansive 11 hectares, offering vast green lawns for visitors to enjoy camping and picnicking. The Wutong Pavilion, a new landmark opened to the public in early 2024, provides relaxation facilities such as tea houses for visitors. Members learnt that these two tourism projects contribute to the local recreation and tourism development by utilising natural resources.

Members then proceeded to Yunhai Park which opened in May 2023. It features a white ship-shaped landmark building called Yunhai Station. The Station was built by the Shenzhen Municipal Government as part of the ecological development initiative. Members learnt that the unique location of Yunhai Station, adjacent to a modern ferry pier and primeval forest, allows visitors to experience the diverse facets of Shenzhen.

Members also visited the Dameisha and Xiaomeisha Seashore Parks to learn about the several renovation projects have been taking place in Dameisha and Xiaomeisha in recent years. These include the construction of the city hall of Xiaomeisha, which combines different travel experiences of visitors. Members also visited the Yuehai Library, which is one of the 10 smart libraries in Yantian District. With the theme of marine science, it utilises a range of intelligent technologies to elevate the management and service quality of the library.

Members visited the Yantian Harbour Night Market in the evening to understand its environment, installations and ancillary transport facilities, and the experience in hosting cross-border food festivals in recent years. During the visit, Members discussed with representatives from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government regarding collaboration on tourism development between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, including to explore the feasibility of developing a cultural tourism zone in Sha Tau Kok. Members visited attractions that integrate conservation, tourism, and cultural elements today, hoping to use them as a reference for the development of the Blue and Green Recreation, Tourism and Conservation Circle in the Northern Metropolis. They also believe that the proximity of Sha Tau Kok to Yantian District in Shenzhen provides an opportunity for cultural and tourism collaboration between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

A total of 13 members and non-members of the Subcommittee attended the visit. At the invitation of the Subcommittee, representatives of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau and the Development Bureau also participated in the visit.

