

S for IT visits Kwai Tsing District

The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang, visited a technology company specialising in radio frequency identification (RFID) technologies and the HealthTech Centre of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Kwai Chung) in Kwai Tsing District today (October 5). He also met with members of the Kwai Tsing District Council (K&TDC).

Mr Yang was accompanied by the Chairman of the K&TDC, Mr Law King-shing, and the District Officer (Kwai Tsing), Mr Kenneth Cheng, on the district visit. Mr Yang first visited an RFID label and hangtag manufacturing company to gain a better understanding of its operation model with a Hong Kong-based research and development (R&D) team and Mainland production bases. The company has established an R&D team and automated production lines in Hong Kong, while factories equipped with large-sized machinery are set up in other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities and Southeast Asia. Mr Yang said that the Government is committed to promoting re-industrialisation and developing high-end manufacturing industries which leverage new technologies and smart production while requiring less land. The high value-added processes will be kept in Hong Kong.

At a meeting with representatives of the Radio Frequency Identification General Chamber of Commerce, Mr Yang learned more about their collaboration with the Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre and local enterprises in driving RFID technology application. For instance, the RFID technologies are deployed in enhancing construction site safety through installation of sensors and chips on site vehicles and safety helmets for detection of workers as well as tracking of building components delivery and construction waste disposal in the building process of public housing.

Mr Yang then visited the HealthTech Centre of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Kwai Chung) under the Vocational Training Council, which offers training solutions for students pursuing health services studies. Equipped with advanced and professional technology-centric facilities, the Centre provides vocational and professional education to students and enables them to master the latest medical and healthcare technologies, including simulation training on the operation of automated external defibrillators with the aid of mixed reality devices. The Centre also collaborates with community organisations and elderly centres to engage elderly residents to try out interactive virtual reality games. Students can conduct health assessment for the elderly, thereby promoting the adoption of health technologies.

Before concluding the district visit, Mr Yang met with District Council members to exchange views on issues related to technology application and district affairs.