

Satellite payload items selected by Security Bureau and disciplined services on display at Hong Kong Space Museum from tomorrow (with photo)

The Security Bureau (SB), together with the disciplined services and auxiliary forces under it, will hold a six-day exhibition at the Hong Kong Space Museum foyer starting tomorrow (November 6). The exhibition will showcase the cultural and creative items which were carefully selected to be carried by the country's Shijian-19 satellite during its recent space mission, with a view to enhancing the sense of national pride among members of the public and deepening their understanding of the disciplined and auxiliary services.

The Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, earlier officiated at the unboxing ceremony held at the Central Government Offices, during which he presented the items and space payload certificates to the heads of the respective services. Mr Tang said it was an honour to be invited to participate in the national space programme involving the country's first reusable and returnable test satellite, which successfully accomplished its return mission. This marks a significant breakthrough in key technologies in aerospace, demonstrating the nation's remarkable progress in the area of space exploration. The payloads also symbolised the spirit of the disciplined services in embracing the pursuit of dreams and innovation while dedicating themselves to safeguarding Hong Kong.

The cultural and creative items and promotional materials selected by the SB include a national security-themed comic, which is a testimony to the importance the SB has attached to safeguarding national security. As one of the main characters of the comic, Security Bear was also given special equipment to join the journey to space, further promoting national security education and helping children understand the importance of national security from a young age in a fun way. Given the promotion of the Sha Tau Kok Frontier Closed Area tourism is also a key initiative of the SB, and a series of promotional items featuring the cultural characteristics of Sha Tau Kok were chosen for the space journey.

Other meaningful items were selected by the disciplined and auxiliary services, including the mascots of different services, such as Little Grape from the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and Mini Bean from the Junior Police Call; a teddy bear from Customs Yes of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED); Captain Gor from the Rehabilitation Pioneer Leaders of the Correctional Services Department (CSD); AMSER from the Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS), as well as other items such as samples of a passport and identity card of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, a publication of the Fire Services Department (FSD), an album, a flag and framed items.

The Shijian-19 satellite was launched on September 27 and returned safely on October 11. The payload items of the disciplined and auxiliary services came from the HKPF, the C&ED, the Immigration Department, the CSD, the FSD, the Government Flying Service, the AMS, the Civil Aid Service and the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.

