SCED visits Eastern District

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, visited Eastern District today (June 14) to get a better grasp of the district's latest developments. He also met with members of the Eastern District Council (EDC) and toured the Hong Kong Film Archive, a self-service library station and a social service organisation.

Mr Yau first met with EDC members to exchange views on developments and issues of concern in the district, including matters relating to tourism, creative industries, telecommunications and postal services.

Mr Yau then visited the Hong Kong Film Archive and toured an exhibition and facilities at the Resource Centre. Mr Yau was briefed by the Head of the Hong Kong Film Archive on the work of its Conservation Unit. He said he was pleased to note that the Archive has restored dozens of films and made significant contributions to the safekeeping and restoration of film-related materials.

Mr Yau said the Hong Kong Film Archive has maintained a large collection of precious materials of the Hong Kong film industry to showcase the industry's amazing achievements. The film industry is among the eight major creative industries in Hong Kong. The Government will continue to promote the long-term development of the local film industry through the Film Development Fund and relevant measures.

Mr Yau then proceeded to visit the self-service library station located at the Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area. The facility is the city's first self-service library station and was launched in December last year to provide round-the-clock library services such as borrowing and return of library materials.

Before concluding his visit, Mr Yau visited the headquarters of Youth Outreach in Sai Wan Ho. He took the opportunity to talk to young people there to learn more about their daily lives. The organisation is dedicated to providing crisis intervention services for marginalised youth. It also provides overnight outreach, employment and social enterprise services.