

SCMA visits Southern District (with photos)

The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, visited Southern District this morning (September 26), touring a special school and a community service centre and meeting with members of the Southern District Council (SDC).

Mr Nip started by visiting a government-aided special school in the district. He toured the school's facilities, including the occupational therapy room and the speech therapy room, and exchanged views with teachers and students to learn about the teaching situation in the school. The school renders comprehensive education, rehabilitation and hostel service to children aged 6 or above who have physical disabilities and are suffering from learning disabilities. In addition to offering mainstream Primary One to senior secondary curricula, the school also customises curricula and teaching materials for students with severe learning disorders.

Mr Nip said he was pleased to learn that students in the school had overcome their physical impairment with perseverance and participated in a number of sports and art competitions. He encouraged them to keep up with the efforts and stay positive in coping with the challenges in life.

He was also concerned about the impact of Super Typhoon Mangkhut on the school campus, and said he was glad to learn that the school had resumed classes smoothly, thanks to the timely precautionary measures taken and prompt recovery work carried out after the typhoon.

Mr Nip then visited a community centre dedicated to serving residents in Southern District. During exchanges with the representatives and members of the centre, he was briefed on the activities organised by the centre and its development plan. The centre provides diversified social welfare services and community facilities to children, youths and the elderly in the district. It also promotes community participation by residents and local organisations with a view to forging a spirit of mutual support.

Together with the elderly members of the centre, Mr Nip took part in a micro-movie filming activity and shot some footage with the elderly. He said he was impressed by the elderly people's tireless efforts and passion in learning. He encouraged them to keep up with their energetic spirit, maintain their curiosity and stay positive with a view to enhancing their physical and mental health.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Southern), Mrs Dorothy Ma, Mr Nip met with the Chairman of the SDC, Mr Chu Ching-hong, and members of the SDC to exchange views on district and community affairs.

