

## SCMA visits Wan Chai (with photos)

The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, visited Wan Chai District this afternoon (November 22), touring an activity centre for retirees and a centre serving Muslims in the district. He also met with members of the Wan Chai District Council (WCDC).

Mr Nip first toured HUBBA Lab, an activity centre set up by a non-government organisation to serve would-be retirees and retirees. The centre organises a wide range of training courses, volunteer activities and outbound life experience tours with a view to helping participants keep on broadening their horizons, preserve self-confidence and maintain a good social life.

Accompanied by the person-in-charge of the centre, Mr Nip visited different training classes and chatted with participants to learn about their retirement life and experience gained from joining the centre's activities.

Mr Nip then visited the Ammar Mosque and Osman Ramju Sadick Islamic Centre, the major worship place and activity venue for Muslims living on Hong Kong Island. The centre houses not only a prayer hall, but also a cafeteria, a library and other facilities. It is also the headquarters of the Islamic Union of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Islamic Youth Association.

He said he was pleased to learn that the Islamic Union of Hong Kong has been rendering services to Muslims and non-Muslims in Hong Kong, such as organising courses on Islam, Arabic language classes, youth study groups, excursions and visits to elderly centres.

"Hong Kong is a multicultural and inclusive society in which people enjoy equal opportunities regardless of their religion or race. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has all along been committed to fostering the culture and values of inclusiveness and mutual respect and promoting equal opportunities for people of different groups through promotion and education, administrative measures and statutory regulations," Mr Nip said.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Wan Chai), Mr Rick Chan, Mr Nip met with the Chairman of the WCDC, Mr Stephen Ng, and members of the WCDC to exchange views on district and community affairs.

