

SCS visits Central and Western District (with photos)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, today (December 6) visited Central and Western District, where he exchanged views with District Council (DC) members and young people, followed by a tour of a signature project to understand the efforts made by colleagues from different departments using innovative thinking to overcome technical difficulties.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the Central and Western District Council, Mr Yip Wing-shing, and the District Officer (Central and Western), Mrs Susanne Wong, Mr Law met with DC members and exchanged views on issues that concern them.

Mr Law then visited a co-working space in Sai Wan to meet with some members of the Central and Western District Youth Development Network, consisting of university students and young people who work in different fields such as design, training, education and administrative work. Mr Law told them that the Government has attached great importance to addressing the concerns of young people on education, careers and home ownership, as well as encouraging their participation in politics and public policy discussion, so as to provide them with hope and opportunities for upward mobility.

Mr Law later proceeded to view the Central and Western District Promenade – Western Wholesale Food Market Section under the Signature Project Scheme launched in April this year, where he received a briefing on its construction and management by colleagues of the Architectural Services Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. He said he was pleased to learn that with the concerted efforts of various government departments and different local stakeholders including the DC, market retailers, non-government organisations and resident representatives, the project not only provided a platform for local organisations to host diverse activities and services at the promenade such as music, parent-child and art workshops, but also quality open space for the public.

Mr Law said, "This signature project shows how colleagues of different departments managed to think out of the box by introducing new designs and overcoming technical difficulties, making use of the promenade area to support an innovative project in the community. The Government will continue to enhance training in innovation for civil servants, so that they can better address the needs of the community when implementing projects."

