

SCS visits Government Flying Service (with photos)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, visited the Government Flying Service (GFS) today (August 18) to meet with its management and staff of various grades to learn more about their work and matters of concern.

Mr Nip and the Permanent Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, first took a helicopter ride at the GFS' helipad in Wan Chai. Accompanied by the Chief Pilot (Operations) of the GFS, Captain James Sze, they experienced the work of aircrew in flight and watched a simulated coastal rescue. Mr Nip said he was pleased to learn that frontline aircrew conduct these simulated drills and training regularly in order to enhance emergency response capabilities and efficiency.

At Chek Lap Kok Headquarters, Mr Nip toured the Hangar and the Air Command and Control Centre, where he was briefed about the GFS' aircraft fleet and related equipment as well as maintenance activities. He also received a briefing on how colleagues deployed aircraft and manpower in accordance with various operational needs and emergency responses.

Mr Nip then met with the Controller of the GFS, Captain West Wu, and the directorate staff to get an update on the work of various divisions and the challenges ahead. He also met with staff representatives of various grades and exchanged views on matters that concern them.

Mr Nip said he was pleased to know that since the outbreak of COVID-19, the GFS has been maintaining strong awareness of epidemic prevention. So far, over 90 per cent of colleagues of the department had received the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, which help build a protective barrier in society. Meanwhile, he encouraged colleagues to work with dedication and continue to provide quality and efficient aviation support for the public as well as government departments.



