

## SCS visits Innovation and Technology Commission (with photo)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, visited the Innovation and Technology Commission today (July 20) to learn more about the work of the department and meet with staff of various grades to exchange views on matters of concern.

Accompanied by the Permanent Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Thomas Chow, Mr Law met with the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, Ms Annie Choi, and the directorate staff to get an update on the department's work in promoting the development of innovation and technology.

Mr Law then toured the Standards and Calibration Laboratory, which serves as the custodian of Hong Kong's reference standards of physical measurements. It also provides comprehensive calibration services to ensure that measurements made in Hong Kong are traceable to the International System of Units.

He also toured the Hong Kong Accreditation Service to learn more about its work, which includes improving the standard of local conformity assessment services and providing a wide range of accreditation services to support the development of the industry.

Mr Law later visited the Product Standards Information Bureau to learn about how colleagues assist local enterprises to comply with related requirements in their manufacturing, exports and provision of services so as to enhance quality and competitiveness.

He said he was pleased to note that metrology, accredited conformity assessment service and standards together support the production of safe, fit-for-use and high-quality goods and services throughout the global supply chain. This not only protects public health and safety, but also drives innovation and technology development.

Before concluding his visit, Mr Law met with staff representatives of various grades at a tea gathering to exchange views on matters that concerned them. He commended colleagues for their professionalism, and encouraged them to continue to contribute to innovation and technology development.

