

SCS visits Kowloon City District (with photo)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, today (July 24) visited Kowloon City District, where he toured a vocational training centre and a social enterprise. He also met with members of the Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) to learn more about the district's development and needs.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the KCDC, Mr Pun Kwok-wah, and the District Officer (Kowloon City), Mr Franco Kwok, Mr Law met with KCDC members and exchanged views on issues of concern.

During the visit, Mr Law went to LST RehaCare, a social enterprise of the Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon, to learn how it provides affordable rehabilitation products to those in need and part-time employment opportunities for young people, women and retirees.

Mr Law also visited the Caritas Lok Mo Integrated Vocational Training Centre and was briefed on the diverse vocational training programmes and support services on employment provided to persons with disabilities to help them become self-reliant and integrate into society.

"I am pleased that in today's district visit, I have been able to gain a better understanding of the support services provided by the non-government organisation to persons with disabilities to help prepare them to unleash their potential in workplaces," he said.

"This morning, I met with some post-secondary school students with disabilities participating in this year's government summer internship scheme to understand their learning experience. The Civil Service Bureau will also arrange for students of the Shine Skills Centre of the Vocational Training Council to work in various bureaux and departments as interns later this year.

"The internship scheme aims to allow these students to gain work experience and provide an opportunity for colleagues in the civil service to better understand the talents and potential of persons with disabilities.

"Two Secondary Five students participating in the 'Be a Government Official for a Day' programme today joined me to meet the students with disabilities and visit Kowloon City District. Both of them are therefore able to understand that young people with disabilities are also striving for their goals just like themselves. All young people can become pillars of society and I hope they can work hard for their future."

