

## SCST commences visit to Paris (with photos)

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, began his visit to Paris, France, yesterday (July 25, Paris time). Starting his visit at the Olympic Village, Mr Yeung met with members of the Hong Kong, China Delegation to learn more about their preparations and visited facilities in the village, encouraging them to give their all in the upcoming competitions. He also had lunch at the Olympic Village canteen. This morning (July 26, Paris time), Mr Yeung went to the International Broadcast Centre to gain an understanding of the facilities and media services for broadcasting the Olympics.

Mr Yeung said that the Olympics is a major world-level sporting event, and it is already a laudable achievement for Hong Kong athletes to have qualified to participate. He expressed his hope that the athletes will showcase their full potential and achieve good results in the competitions. This year, the Government has purchased the broadcasting rights for the Olympics, allowing all members of the public to watch the amazing performances of the Hong Kong, China Delegation for free and enjoy the moments as the country's athletes strive for medals. Moreover, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has set up Olympics Focal Sites in 18 districts to generate enthusiasm for the games.

Mr Yeung also attended a reception for sports ministers and the Olympic Games opening ceremony today to have exchanges and establish ties with sports ministers and senior officials responsible for promoting sports development from around the world, with a view to fostering collaborations in the future. Mr Yeung will watch competitions featuring Hong Kong athletes at the venues starting tomorrow (July 27, Paris time).



