

# SCST meets Vice Chairperson of Shanghai Municipal Committee of CPPCC (with photos)

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (June 20) met with Vice Chairperson of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jin Xingming and his delegation. Mr Yeung introduced to the delegation Hong Kong's latest developments in arts, culture and creative industries. They also explored opportunities for co-operation and exchanges between Hong Kong and Shanghai in relevant sectors.

Mr Yeung said, "The National 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in developing into an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges. We are proactively integrating into the national development by strengthening the co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in the arts, culture and creative industries, and fostering the fine Chinese culture to go global. Shanghai has rich cultural and creative resources, and its unique cultural charm makes Shanghai an important partner of Hong Kong in promoting Chinese culture."

Hong Kong and Shanghai have maintained close exchanges and co-operation in the arts, culture and creative industries. Shanghai is the focal city in the inaugural Chinese Culture Festival held this year, and Shanghai Culture Week will be organised during the Festival. On creative industries, Hong Kong has also established a strategic partnership with Shanghai Fashion Week to further deepen the co-operation between the fashion industries of the two places.

Mr Yeung said that through the Government's efforts to promote exchanges and co-operation with the arts and culture sectors in different places, he hopes to bring excellent programmes from different places to Hong Kong, and also facilitate the local arts and culture sectors to explore opportunities, thereby deepening cultural exchanges and promoting people-to-people bonds.

