

SCST visits Jiangmen and Zhuhai (with photos)

â€‹The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (August 17) met with the Mayor of the Zhuhai Municipal People's Government, Mr Huang Zhihao, and the Director of the Zhuhai Municipal Bureau of Culture, Radio, Television, Tourism and Sports, Mr Yan Weimin, in Zhuhai to exchange views and explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration. The Permanent Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Joe Wong, and the Commissioner for Tourism, Ms Vivian Sum, as well as representatives from the Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Travel Industry Authority also joined Mr Yeung for the visit.

Mr Yeung visited the Zhuhai Grand Theatre to check on its facilities which accommodate a variety of large-scale integrated performances, as well as learning about its operation and development. Facilities of the Zhuhai Grand Theatre include a main theatre and a multipurpose small theatre. The design of the Zhuhai Grand Theatre, with the large and small theatres built in the form of two shells, was inspired by the concept that a pearl is formed inside a shell which could be found in the ocean. The theatre is an architectural landmark of Zhuhai and many Hong Kong performing arts groups have performed there.

Mr Yeung started his itinerary in Jiangmen yesterday (August 16). He met with Vice Mayor of the Jiangmen Municipal People's Government Mr Lin Jiansheng and the Director of the Jiangmen Municipal Bureau of Culture, Radio, Television, Tourism and Sports, Mr Kuang Jikang, to discuss the direction for co-operation on culture and tourism development. He also visited the Jiangmen Wuyi Museum of Overseas Chinese. Located in Jiangmen, hometown of many Chinese now living abroad, the museum showcases the contributions of overseas Chinese to the development of the world.

Mr Yeung said, "The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau has been adhering to the principle of 'shaping tourism with cultural activities and promoting culture through tourism' to achieve the goal of developing Hong Kong into an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange under the National 14th Five-Year Plan. With the country's support, Hong Kong, Jiangmen and Zhuhai could actively leverage the rich cultural and tourism resources, facilitate the collaboration in culture and tourism within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, showcasing the rich heritage of Chinese culture to the world, contributing to creating unique experiences in Chinese culture and tourism, and telling good stories of China."

Mr Yeung will return to Hong Kong this afternoon.

