

# SED attends activity in Beijing in celebration of 75th anniversary of founding of People's Republic of China (with photos)

â€‹The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, today (September 30) attended an activity in Beijing in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. She also called on the Ministry of Education to exchange views on education issues.

Dr Choi attended the National Day reception at the Great Hall of the People. She said that the country is forging ahead with Chinese-style modernisation in full force, and continuously deepening reform and opening up, striving to build a strong nation and achieve national rejuvenation. The Education Bureau (EDB) will continue to map out the education development plan from a holistic perspective and take long-term needs into account to build Hong Kong into an international education hub, cultivate and attract outstanding talent, enhance Hong Kong's development momentum, promote high-quality development, and contribute to the building of a leading country in education and technology.

In addition, Dr Choi met officials of the Ministry of Education to exchange views on education issues of mutual concern. She also visited the Institute of Applied Linguistics and met its Director, Mr Liu Pengjian, to discuss promotion of the Test of Proficiency in Putonghua conducted by the State Language Commission in Hong Kong. She said that the EDB launched the Sponsorship Scheme for Teachers Taking the National Putonghua Proficiency Test in June this year to encourage teachers to raise their Putonghua proficiency level. Qualified serving and prospective teachers of primary and secondary schools are fully sponsored by the Language Fund to take the test once. She said she looks forward to more teachers taking the test.

Dr Choi will conclude her visit and return to Hong Kong tomorrow (October 1).

