

SED begins visit to Shanghai with LegCo Panel on Education (with photos)

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, today (August 12) began a visit to Shanghai, together with the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Education delegation comprising 14 LegCo Members, to learn about the innovation and technology (I&T) development of local higher education institutions and special education there.

They visited the Grand neoBay Sci-tech Innovation Park of Shanghai Jiao Tong University to learn about result transformation projects of higher education institutions and the experience of teachers and students of such institutions in starting up businesses. They also toured the Student Innovation Center of the University to understand how it nurtures students' capabilities to put their innovative and business ideas into practice, and ignites students' potential to innovate and start a business through teaching, I&T competitions and institution-industry collaboration, among others.

Subsequently, they visited the Minhang Special School for Mentally Retarded Children to learn about its self-developed special education lesson plans, activities and research. The School offers nine years of free education and has extended this to pre-primary education and vocational education in recent years, providing comprehensive education for intellectually and physically disabled students.

Dr Choi and the delegation also met representatives of East China Normal University, Ms Mei Bing, to exchange views on patriotic education and digital transformation in education in primary and secondary schools. Dr Choi said that the Education Bureau (EDB) has been adopting a multipronged and co-ordinated approach to support and encourage primary and secondary schools to deliver national education and national security education. The EDB will continue to work proactively in alignment with the national requirements on patriotic education, promote patriotic values, and strengthen students' identification with the country and Chinese culture.

She said that, in line with the national strategy on digital education, the EDB has been striving to promote digital transformation in education by enhancing the information technology environment in primary and secondary schools to facilitate learning and teaching effectiveness. In addition, higher education institutions in Shanghai and Hong Kong have been conducting professional exchanges through different means. Co-operation covers talent cultivation, student admissions and employment, and scientific research. She said that she looked forward to the higher education institutions in both places continuing to further promote scientific research co-operation and student exchanges.

Dr Choi and the delegation will continue their visit to Shanghai

tomorrow (August 13).

