

SED expresses deep sorrow over passing of Mr Michael Suen

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, today (October 23) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of former Secretary for Education, Mr Michael Suen, and extended her heartfelt condolences to his family.

Mr Suen was appointed as the Secretary for Education in 2007, a post he held until June 2012.

Dr Choi said, "Mr Suen provided dedicated services to Hong Kong people and the Government for decades, making tremendous contributions and earning respect from various sectors of the community. During his tenure as the Secretary for Education, he formulated and implemented a number of important education policies, including promotion of the development of higher education institutions and broadening of multiple study pathways, implementation of the New Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education (namely the '334' academic structure), the fine-tuning of medium of instruction for secondary schools and implementation of small class teaching in primary schools, benefiting students and making far-reaching impacts.

"Mr Suen spared no effort and was dedicated in everything. He often communicated with frontline education personnel in person and resolved problems with wisdom. He was a role model for colleagues.

"The Education Bureau is deeply saddened by his passing. We will fondly remember him."