

SED visits Central and Western District

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, visited Central and Western District this afternoon (July 17) to learn more about summer holiday activities for parents and children. He also exchanged views with young people and members of Central and Western District Council.

Accompanied by the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Central and Western District Council, Mr Yip Wing-shing and Mr Chan Hok-fung, and the District Officer (Central and Western), Mrs Susanne Wong, Mr Yeung first went to Sheung Wan to join a local tour of the intangible cultural heritage in Central and Western District.

The tour was co-organised by the Conservancy Association Centre for Heritage and Central and Western District Office. With parent-child interaction as one of its characteristics, the tour allows parents and children, through visits to small local shops and picture-book activities, to learn more about aspects of local history and culture, such as paper crafts, printing and dried seafood.

Mr Yeung said he commended parents for arranging parent-child activities during the summer holiday, as well as allowing their children to take ample rest. Not only would it help the children foster a healthy lifestyle, it would also enhance parent-child relationships and provide the children with other learning experiences, he said.

He then went to the Kennedy Town Community Complex to listen to the views expressed by youths of the Central and Western District Youth Development Network, followed by a visit to the Central and Western District Office to exchange views with local district councilors.

Also accompanying Mr Yeung on the district visit were two Secondary Five students participating in the "Be a Government Official for a Day" programme, which gives them the opportunity to shadow a principal official for one day during the summer holiday. Starting this morning, they accompanied Mr Yeung on his daily business, including meeting with the outgoing Consul-General of Finland in Hong Kong, Mr Jari Sinkari, shooting a video for Teachers' Day, and exchanging views with representatives of the Hong Kong Kowloon City Industry and Commerce Association and school head groups.

After being shadowed by the two students for the day, Mr Yeung said he was impressed by their serious attitudes and care for the community. He encouraged them to continue to study hard and gain more experience, and said he believed they would serve the community well in whatever working positions they might hold in the future.