

## [SED visits Germany to learn about local developments in vocational and professional education and training \(with photos\)](#)

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, visited Frankfurt, Germany, on April 21 and 22 (Frankfurt time) to learn about the local developments in vocational and professional education and training (VPET).

On April 22 (Frankfurt time), Dr Choi visited the Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences, one of the largest universities of applied sciences (UAS) in Germany, and exchanged views with its President, Professor Dr Arnd Steinmetz, on VPET developments. She also learned about how the University ensures that its programmes keep pace with the times to meet the manpower needs of industries and gain recognition from enterprises.

She said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has been promoting VPET through the strategy of fostering industry-institution collaboration and diversified development under a multipronged approach. Related measures include proactively pressing ahead with the establishment of UAS. The HKSAR Government announced last month that the Hong Kong Metropolitan University has become the first UAS in Hong Kong. It has also granted a start-up fund of \$100 million to support UAS and prospective post-secondary institutions to form an alliance of UAS for joint promotion, including networking and collaboration with leading UAS overseas.

On the afternoon of the same day, Dr Choi met the Managing Director, Training and Further Education, Vocational Training Committee of the Frankfurt am Main Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr Brigitte Scheuerle, to know about how the chamber, as one of the largest chambers of commerce and industry in Germany, promotes VPET and relevant education work.

On April 21 (Frankfurt time), Dr Choi met Hong Kong youngsters working in Germany and learned about their life there. She also shared with them the latest developments in Hong Kong.

Dr Choi will return to Hong Kong on April 23 (Frankfurt time).

