

SED visits New York (with photos)

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, visited New York in the United States (US) on May 31 and June 1 (New York time). She toured a local school and exchanged views with education experts to learn about the latest education developments in the US. The Secretary-General of the University Grants Committee, Professor James Tang, joined the visit.

On May 31 (New York time), Dr Choi visited Teachers College Community School and met its principal, Ms Michelle Verdiner, to learn about the school's child-centred learning environment and how its participation in New York City's Algebra for All initiative helps prepare students to master algebraic concepts and skills by the end of eighth grade.

On the same day, Dr Choi met members of the Forum for World Education Committee to exchange views on the topics of sustainable education development as well as the challenges and opportunities to be anticipated. She also discussed issues related to primary and secondary mathematics education and mathematics teacher training with Associate Professor of the Department of Mathematics of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Dr Yvonne Lai, who is an expert in the field of mathematical knowledge for teaching.

Dr Choi said that the Education Bureau (EDB) has been further stepping up the promotion of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) education for all, for fun and for diversity in primary and secondary schools to build a solid foundation in science, technology and mathematics for students. The EDB also continues to renew and enrich the school curriculum, enhance teacher training in innovation and technology (I&T) as well as learning and teaching resources, and further nurture students with potential in STEAM fields to cultivate future I&T talent.

On June 1 (New York time), Dr Choi met Hong Kong youngsters to learn about their studies and career development in the US. She encouraged them to work hard at school and at work.

On the same day, Dr Choi met former Vice President of the Manhattan School of Music Professor Marjorie Merryman, Professor of Accounting of New York University Stern School of Business Professor Joshua Ronen, and Professor of Marketing of New York University Stern School of Business Professor Durairaj Maheswaran, to exchange views on the latest developments in building Hong Kong into an international education hub, and discuss the promotion of academic research and its impact in Hong Kong.

Dr Choi concluded her visit to the US and will arrive in Hong Kong today (June 3, Hong Kong time).

