

## SED visits Paris (with photos)

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, visited Paris September 12 and 13 (France time) and called on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the French National Research Agency.

On September 12 (France time), Dr Choi first visited UNESCO and met its Director of the Future of Learning and Innovation Team, Dr Sobhi Tawil, to discuss the latest trends in global education development. She said that Hong Kong strives to enhance the quality of education to provide better education for children, nurturing them to become virtuous, knowledgeable and responsible lifelong learners with global perspectives, positive values and attitudes, and love for the country and Hong Kong, who are ready for future challenges and opportunities. She looked forward to more collaborations with the international community including UNESCO for the betterment of children.

She then met members of the Directorate for Education and Skills of the OECD to discuss how best to improve the quality of teachers, teaching and learning, as well as the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that students need in the 21st century, as well as new knowledge on curriculum design, implementation and evaluation.

On September 13 (France time), Dr Choi paid a courtesy call on the Chinese Ambassador to France, Mr Lu Shaye, to introduce Hong Kong's latest education policies and initiatives.

On the same day, she visited the French National Research Agency and met its Scientific Operations Director, Mr Dominique Dunon-Bluteau. She said that the Joint Research Scheme rolled out by the Agency and the Hong Kong Research Grants Council in 2012 has awarded close to 40 projects so far. The research partnership between Hong Kong and France not only has fostered significant research projects, but also has strengthened the bonds between the French and Hong Kong academic and research communities. Both sides have agreed to further enhance collaboration to bring more impactful research results to the communities.

On September 14 (France time), Dr Choi will meet Hong Kong youth studying or working in France to learn about their studies and career development there. She will also share Hong Kong's latest developments with them.

Dr Choi will attend the closing ceremony of WorldSkills Lyon 2024 on September 15 (France time).

