

SED visits Tsuen Wan District

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (December 10) visited Tsuen Wan District to meet with members of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) and call at a secondary school.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Miss Jenny Yip, Mr Yeung first went to the TWDC to meet and exchange views with the Chairman, Mr Chung Wai-ping, and members on education and other district issues.

He then visited Yan Chai Hospital Lim Por Yen Secondary School, where he was briefed on the latest developments at the school and chatted with teachers and students to learn more about the learning outcomes of those students engaged in the school's innovation and invention programmes.

In the past three years, students of the school have netted 161 international innovation and invention awards, comprising 16 gold, 26 silver, 32 bronze and 87 special prizes.

Mr Yeung said he was pleased to learn that the school has encouraged students to learn outside the classroom by promoting diversified learning activities, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and various exchange programmes.

He said, "Starting from the 2019/20 school year, a new recurrent Life-wide Learning Grant with an annual provision of \$900 million will be provided to public sector schools and schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme to organise more out-of-classroom experiential learning activities in various curriculum areas such as humanities, STEM education, physical and aesthetic development, and moral and civic education.

"In addition, we will also set up the Student Activities Support Fund with a total amount of \$2.5 billion to support students with financial needs to participate in various life-wide learning activities beyond the classroom."

Mr Yeung hoped that these initiatives would be able to provide more diversified learning opportunities for students and broaden their horizons for whole-person development.