

SED visits Zhejiang (with photos)

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (October 29) visited two education institutions and an innovation and technology enterprise in Zhejiang to learn more about the diversified education and development pathways for young people in the province.

In the morning, Mr Yeung visited Hangzhou CIS, a project run by Chinese International School, and the Xixi Park of Alibaba Group. In the afternoon, he called at the China Academy of Art.

Established in 1999, Alibaba Group engages in e-commerce, digital media, entertainment and other innovative projects. All these provide young people with new opportunities for career development. During his visit to the Xixi Park of Alibaba Group, Mr Yeung took the opportunity to meet some young people from Hong Kong and learn more about their work in the enterprise.

Mr Yeung said that the Internet and other technological advancements had removed the geographical barriers that used to hinder young people's learning and development. In recent years, Hong Kong had put more emphasis on information technology and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education in the stage of basic education and at the same time increased its investment in higher education substantially to provide more research funding and nurture talents.

He encouraged the young people to continue with their efforts in exploring these areas and contribute to Hong Kong's development into an international innovation and technology hub in the future.

In these two days, Mr Yeung met with a number of senior officials, including the Vice Governor of Zhejiang Province, Mr Cheng Yuechong; the Director of the Zhejiang Provincial Department of Education, Mr Guo Huawei; the Secretary of the CPC Hangzhou Municipal Committee, Mr Zhou Jiangyong; the Secretary General of the CPC Hangzhou Municipal Committee, Mr Xu Ming; the Vice Mayor of the Hangzhou Municipal Government, Ms Chen Hongying; and the Director of the Hangzhou Municipal Education Bureau, Mr Shen Jianping. They exchanged views on education developments in Zhejiang Province and Hong Kong.

Tomorrow morning, Mr Yeung will visit the University of Nottingham Ningbo China and Ningbo Xiaoshi High School, followed by a meeting with senior officials of Ningbo. In the afternoon, he will join members of the Hong Kong education sector to participate in the Ningbo-Hong Kong Education Co-operation Forum 2018, where he will deliver a speech and witness the signing of four sister school agreements by eight schools from Hong Kong and Ningbo.

