

SED visits Zhuhai and Zhongshan (with photos)

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, paid a duty visit to Zhuhai and Zhongshan in Guangdong Province today (August 29).

Mr Yeung met with the Director of the Office for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of the Education Department of Guangdong Province, Mr Li Jinjun; the Vice Mayor of the Zhuhai Municipal Government, Mr Yan Wu; the Director of the Zhuhai Education Bureau, Mr Lin Rituan; the Vice Mayor of the Zhongshan Municipal Government, Ms Xu Xiaoli; and the Director of Zhongshan Education and Sports Bureau, Ms Li Jiaying, on co-operation opportunities in education along with the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. He also visited Zhuhai International School to learn more about its provision of an international curriculum.

Mr Yeung said that the development of the Greater Bay Area will provide Hong Kong with more co-operation opportunities in education and research as well as finance and commerce. In the meantime, as more expatriates and Hong Kong people will choose to move into the cities of the Greater Bay Area for living and work, the demand by their children for schools which offer an international or Hong Kong curriculum is expected to increase.

He said, "In view of the potential demand for education services, the Education Bureau will support school operators to adopt the model of international schools to offer an international or Hong Kong basic education curriculum in the Greater Bay Area.

"In this connection, it is the appropriate time for us to advance initial deliberations on the plan with education officials of the cities in the Greater Bay Area so as to understand better the latest developments in different places and explore together the feasibility of operating such schools."

Mr Yeung will continue to visit other cities in the Greater Bay Area in the future to strengthen communications with related education officials with a view to promoting exchanges and collaborations across the Government, university and school levels.

