

## SEN visits Kwai Tsing District (with photos)

The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, visited Kwai Tsing District this afternoon (August 2) and called at the container terminal and GreenPrice Supermarket in the district to understand their operations. He also exchanged views with members of the Kwai Tsing District Council (K&TDC) on environmental issues.

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Accompanied by the Kwai Tsing District Officer, Mr Kenneth Cheng, Mr Wong first visited Hongkong International Terminals Limited to learn about its environmental management system. The company has implemented a series of green measures to improve the environment of the container terminal, including the use of electric or hybrid gantry cranes and other mobile mechanical facilities to reduce carbon emissions, the installation of solar water heating systems and grid-connected photovoltaic systems to make good use of renewable energy, and the use of energy-efficient lighting systems to save energy.

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Mr Wong then departed for the green social enterprise GreenPrice Supermarket to find out more about its business philosophy of being food wise and wasting less. The social enterprise was founded by four young entrepreneurs to encourage members of the public to change their food consumption patterns and reduce food waste by promoting and reselling food and ingredients that are excess stock or about to expire. Mr Wong thanked the founders and their employees for bringing the food wise culture into the community. He said that waste reduction at source is a highlight of the Government's work. The Government will continue to implement the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign and further deepen its effectiveness, so as to promote a food wise culture for all. The Government will also encourage food donations through the Environment and Conservation Fund by providing subsidies to non-profit-making organisations to collect surplus food from different channels for redistribution to those in need, with a view to cultivating a green and caring society.

Before concluding his itinerary, Mr Wong paid a visit to the K&TDC to meet with its Chairman, Mr Law King-shing, and members to listen to their views on the Government's environmental policies and learn more about their concerns on district environmental issues.

