

## SEN visits Kwun Tong District (with photos)

The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, visited Kwun Tong District this afternoon (August 27) to call at the Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre (CITAC) and the Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO). He also exchanged views with members of the Kwun Tong District Council (KTDC) on environmental issues.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the KTDC, Dr Bunny Chan, and the District Officer (Kwun Tong), Mr Steve Tse, Mr Wong first called at the CITAC, which was inaugurated by the Construction Industry Council, to learn more about the technology innovations in the construction industry. He toured a number of exhibits at the CITAC such as an indoor air quality disinfection robot and rubberised paving blocks made of waste tyres. He said that innovative technologies can reduce the time required for construction and minimise the environmental impact arising from the works.

Mr Wong then departed for the EKEO. The temporary office building has achieved the BEAM Plus New Buildings Platinum rating endorsed by the Hong Kong Green Building Council by integrating a raft of green building features with the use of lean construction methods and low embodied energy materials, making it the first low-carbon temporary office in Hong Kong. Mr Wong was briefed by EKEO staff on various proof-of-concept green trials for smart city development, including an energy efficiency data management system, a smart recycling bin system and a multi-purpose lamp post with an air quality monitoring device. He praised the EKEO for creating a more low-carbon and liveable environment for the public by utilising innovative green technologies. Mr Wong also visited the Kwun Tong Promenade and took a bicycle ride there to see the trial greenway for cyclists and pedestrians.

Before concluding his itinerary, Mr Wong paid a visit to the KTDC to meet with its members to listen to their views on the Government's environmental policies and learn more about their concerns on district environmental issues.

