

SEN visits Sham Shui Po District

The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, today (July 16) visited Sham Shui Po District together with two secondary school students participating in the "Be a Government Official for a Day" programme. During the visit, they went to So Uk Estate to learn more about the green building design of the redevelopment project, called at Food Angel and chatted with young volunteers, and met with Sham Shui Po District Council (SSPDC) members to gauge their views on environmental issues.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the SSPDC, Mr Ambrose Cheung, and the District Officer (Sham Shui Po), Mr Damian Lee, Mr Wong first visited So Uk Estate, which had the first phase of its redevelopment project completed in 2016. In addition to conserving aspects of its culture and architectural heritage including the "Three Treasures of So Uk" (namely the little white house, a pergola with mural ceiling paintings and the estate's entrance portico), the redevelopment project attains an overall green coverage of 27 per cent and incorporates a number of green features. The green installations include a solar photovoltaic system connected to the grid, and an energy monitoring system at the entrance lobby showing the average household electricity and water consumption to encourage residents to save energy and water.

Mr Wong then called at Food Angel, where he helped prepare lunchboxes with young volunteers for distributing to the elderly and low-income families for free. Food Angel has been offering free meals to the needy by using surplus ingredients collected from restaurants. Mr Wong expressed his thanks to Food Angel for its commitment in promoting a food wise and caring culture. He also encouraged the participating young volunteers to help promote the concept of cherishing food, making optimal use of resources, and being caring and inclusive, so as to motivate others to carry forward such values.

Before concluding his itinerary, Mr Wong paid a visit to the SSPDC 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.

On the job shadowing to follow the Secretary for the Environment at today's district visit, Mr Wong said he hoped that the two participating secondary students could have a better understanding of the Government's work and environmental policies. He also encouraged them to go green and foster green culture in their daily lives.