

## SFH visits Sham Shui Po District

The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, today (April 30) visited Sham Shui Po District, where she called at the Caritas Medical Centre (CMC) and Po On Road Market to get a better understanding of healthcare and municipal services in the district. She also met with members of the Sham Shui Po District Council (SSPDC).

Accompanied by the District Officer (Sham Shui Po), Mr Damian Lee, Professor Chan first visited the CMC to view the rehabilitation garden and the new Wai Ming Block under the Phase 2 Redevelopment Project. The project was completed in 2015. She also toured the Developmental Disabilities Unit in Wai Yee Block which renovation works were completed last year.

She said, "Children with chronic illnesses are often required to attend and stay in hospital. Facing an unfamiliar environment, it is easy for them to feel anxious, which may affect the effectiveness of treatment. Taking into account the above factors, the newly renovated ward of Developmental Disabilities Unit of the CMC is thoughtfully designed to provide them with a well-equipped ward to receive treatment in a comfortable environment."

Professor Chan later visited Po On Road Market to learn about its improvement works, including overhauling the restrooms of the Cooked Food Centre, replacing the fresh water supply pipes of stalls, maintenance of the loading and unloading area and replacement of escalators. She also took the opportunity to chat with stall operators.

She said, "The Government has been improving the environment and facilities of public markets with the aim of providing a pleasant shopping experience for the public. Apart from routine maintenance, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has gradually commenced improvement works with the enhancement of facilities for a number of existing public markets."

Before concluding her visit, Professor Chan met with SSPDC members to exchange views on medical and environmental hygiene issues in the district.