

SFST visits Yuen Long District

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, visited Yuen Long District this afternoon (January 24).

Mr Lau first had a meeting with the Chairman of Yuen Long District Council, Mr Shum Ho-kit, and other members, during which they exchanged views on issues of concern including implementation details of the Caring and Sharing Scheme, district banking services and loan-to-value ratios for property mortgages.

He then proceeded to Youth College (Tin Shui Wai) and the Hotel and Tourism Institute (Tin Shui Wai) of the Vocational Training Council, where he was briefed on their teaching philosophy and facilities. He commended the teaching staff for striving to provide an interactive learning environment for students and assisting them to acquire knowledge and skills for further studies and employment.

As the visit was done during lesson time, in addition to touring the training facilities Mr Lau also joined the students in making bread and observed some hairdressing training. He encouraged the students to make the best out of their classes and equip themselves for future career development.

Finally, Mr Lau went to the Mutual Help Child Care Centre operated by the Tin Shui Wai Women Association Limited to see the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project provided there. He chatted with child carers to learn more about the training they have received and details of the programme. Those serving as child carers are mainly from low-income or new-arrival families. The programme provides needy parents with flexible child care support services.