

SHA visits Southern District

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, visited Southern District today (December 3) to tour a school in the district. He also inspected works projects and met with members of the District Council.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the Southern District Council (SDC), Mr Chu Ching-hong; the Vice Chairman of the SDC, Mr Chan Fu-ming; and the District Officer (Southern), Mrs Dorothy Ma, Mr Lau first visited Marycove School and Marycove Centre to tour the facilities and to watch student performances. Established in 1968, Marycove School and Marycove Centre provide residential training and education to girls with behavioural or emotional problems.

He then went to inspect a vacant government site on Ap Lei Chau Praya Road. He was briefed by staff from the Home Affairs Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on the construction progress of a sitting-out area there. The wire fence of the government site has already been removed. After completion of the construction works, it will be opened for use by the public.

Mr Lau then proceeded to Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park to learn about the proposed works there. The Government announced in this year's Budget that \$8 billion has been set aside to speed up the progress of district facilities projects to meet the rising expectations of the public. The proposed works of Southern District are the construction of a footbridge and two lifts to connect Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park and Ap Lei Chau Estate. The works have been proactively taken forward in line with established procedures of public works.

Before concluding his visit, Mr Lau met with SDC members to exchange views on various district issues.