

# SHYA meets with Jiangsu Provincial Committee of the Communist Youth League of China and Jiangsu Youth Federation (with photos)

The Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, met with the Deputy Secretary of the Jiangsu Provincial Committee of the Communist Youth League of China and the President of the Jiangsu Youth Federation, Mr Xiong Jun, today (October 14) to exchange views on promoting youth exchanges between Jiangsu and Hong Kong. The Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Mr Clarence Leung, and the Commissioner for Youth, Mr Eric Chan, also attended the meeting.

Miss Mak welcomed Mr Xiong and his delegation to Hong Kong. She said that the Jiangsu Youth Federation is an important partner of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by both parties last October to deepen the co-operation in youth development. Over the past year, both parties have achieved significant progress in various areas such as youth exchange and internship, innovation and entrepreneurship, etc.

The HYAB has actively organised various exchange and internship activities in the Mainland and adopted a multi-pronged approach in enhancing Hong Kong youth's understanding of the country, so as to help them integrate into the overall development of the country. In particular, the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland include various youth exchange and internship projects that cover Jiangsu.

Miss Mak looks forward to continued co-operation with Jiangsu on strengthening youth development and exchanges, with a view to providing more opportunities for Hong Kong youth to gain first-hand experience and understand the national affairs.

