

SHYA meets with representatives of youth federation in Guangdong Province and municipalities (with photos)

The Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, today (August 1) met with representatives of the Guangdong Youth Federation and youth federations in other municipalities to share views on enhancing youth development and exchanges between Guangdong and Hong Kong. The Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Mr Clarence Leung, also joined the meeting.

Miss Mak welcomed the delegation led by the person-in-charge of the Guangdong Youth Federation, Ms He Lulu. She said that Guangdong and Hong Kong are inextricably linked, and that the Guangdong Youth Federation is an important partner of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) which has all along supported Hong Kong's youth work in many aspects. With the full resumption of travel between Hong Kong and the Mainland early this year, the HYAB and the Guangdong Youth Federation have restarted the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Internship Programme at Palace Museum and the Youth Internship Programme at Wolong National Nature Reserve, Sichuan. The programmes facilitate youth exchanges in the two places and provide Hong Kong youths with diversified, unique and in-depth thematic internship opportunities, which further enhance their knowledge of the country and encourage them to integrate into the overall development of the country. In addition, the Guangdong Youth Federation has also assisted the HYAB in organising study tours in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area for Hong Kong youths.

The HYAB promulgated the Youth Development Blueprint at the end of last year, which states that the breadth and depth of the Mainland and international internship and exchange programmes will be further strengthened, and that the development opportunities for Hong Kong youths in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area will be expanded. Miss Mak looks forward to strengthening co-operation with the Guangdong Youth Federation and youth federations of municipalities so as to jointly promote youth development and exchanges in the two places.

