<u>SITI commences visit to Fujian (with photos)</u>

â€<The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, began his visit to Fuzhou, Fujian Province today (November 27).

Professor Sun first called on the Deputy Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group of the Standing Committee of the Fujian Provincial People's Congress, Mr Chen Dong, briefing him the latest effort that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has made in promoting the development of innovation, technology and industry in Hong Kong. They also exchanged views on furthering the promotion of innovation and technology (I&T) co-operation between Fujian and Hong Kong.

Professor Sun met with the Chairman and General Manager of Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Limited (CATL), Mr Robin Zeng, to learn about the enterprise's industry planning, development strategies, and technology development in the field of traction batteries and storage batteries. Professor Sun said that the HKSAR Government is setting up the New Industrialisation Development Office, with new energy technology being one of the strategic industries being pursued by the Government. The Government will endeavour to promote the development of such industries in future, by supporting relevant quality and representative enterprises to expand their businesses, with a view to fostering Hong Kong's economic diversification. Professor Sun welcomed CATL to set up business in Hong Kong. The HKSAR Government will provide appropriate ancillary facilities and services to strategic enterprises that wish to establish a foothold in Hong Kong.

Professor Sun then visited the industrial park and clean room production facilities of Hengmei Optoelectronic Corporation in Fuzhou and was briefed by the management on the planning and business layout of the company, and its development in the field of high-end polarisers manufacturing.

Professor Sun also met with the Director of the Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of People's Government of Fujian Province, Mr Lin Wensheng; the Deputy Director of the Department of Science and Technology of Fujian Province, Mr Huang Shu, and the Deputy Director of the Department of Industry and Information Technology of Fujian Province, Mr Chen Chuanfang. They exchanged views on issues of concern to both Hong Kong and Fujian and explored opportunities to take forward I&T and industry development cooperation between the two places.

Professor Sun will proceed to Ningde to continue his visit tomorrow (November 28).









