

SITI commences visit to Wuhan (with photos)

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, began his visit to Wuhan, Hubei Province today (September 24).

Professor Sun called on Vice Governor of Hubei Province Ms Chen Ping, and exchanged views on the development of innovation and technology (I&T) and new industries in Hong Kong and Hubei. At the meeting, Professor Sun introduced the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's plan and latest work on leading the development of the city's I&T industry. He also learned about Hubei's strengths in I&T and advanced manufacturing, particularly the development of chips and new energy vehicle industries. They also explored ways to further strengthen co-operation between Hubei and Hong Kong in technological innovation and industry development.

Professor Sun later visited the Wuhan National Laboratory for Optoelectronics of the Huazhong University of Science and Technology. It is one of the first six national research centres approved by the Ministry of Science and Technology, and is a research platform focusing on fundamental science and technology in the fields of optoelectronics for information, energy and life. Professor Sun was briefed on the laboratory's development history, research conditions and innovation achievements, as well as the comprehensive support and services it provides to the "Optics Valley of China, Wuhan" and the development and industrialisation of the optoelectronics industry.

Professor Sun then visited the Jiufengshan Laboratory to learn about its work on promoting the development of the fundamental research of compound semiconductor in order to support Wuhan to become a global compound semiconductor innovation centre and industry cluster. In a tour of the laboratory's chip process lines and professional testing infrastructure, he was kept abreast of the facility's efforts in pushing forward the technological frontier by aiming at research and development (R&D), technology development, transformation of R&D outcomes as well as detection and analysis on compound semiconductor.

Professor Sun visited the Wuhan East Lake High-tech Development Zone in the evening and received an update on the development of the optoelectronics information industry cluster, as well as the efforts and achievements in building the "World Optics Valley". Professor Sun also encouraged the East Lake High-tech Development Zone to set up accelerators and incubators in Hong Kong.

The Commissioner for Industry (Innovation and Technology), Dr Ge Ming, also joined the visit.

Professor Sun will continue his visit to Wuhan tomorrow (September 25).

