

SITI visits Advanced Manufacturing Centre

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, today (December 1) visited the Advanced Manufacturing Centre (AMC) and toured two enterprises there to keep abreast of the latest developments of the AMC, as well as a financial data centre nearby. Also joining the visit were the Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Ms Lillian Cheong, and the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, Ms Rebecca Pun.

Accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP), Mr Albert Wong, Professor Sun first received a briefing by the Head of Re-industrialisation of the HKSTP, Dr Yiu Hing-leung, on the development of the three InnoParks located at Tai Po, Yuen Long and Tseung Kwan O. Completed in February this year, the AMC at the Tseung Kwan O InnoPark offers a high-specification and fully serviced production base with a dedicated logistics serviced manufacturing space for advanced manufacturing. A shared platform, the ProShop, is also available in the AMC for enterprises to carry out prototyping and low-volume assembly and production.

Professor Sun said that the current-term Government is committed to assisting Hong Kong's manufacturing industry to make use of innovation and technology to achieve smart manufacturing and enhance productivity. The Government is also dedicated to supporting local enterprises to move towards high-value-added production and industry chains, thereby achieving re-industrialisation through upgrading and transformation. As the developments of various land sites and facilities for supporting advanced manufacturing are in the pipeline, the development of re-industrialisation will continue to gain traction.

He then visited two enterprises in the AMC, with one engaging in commercial aerospace satellite design and manufacturing and the other focusing on smart logistics and supply chain management. He also visited a nearby financial data centre, which is designed with the highest Tier IV-ready redundancy infrastructure, to learn more about how the centre provides Internet and other networking services as well as managed and outsourcing services on data and system management for enterprises.

Professor Sun said, "The response from the industry to the first AMC has been favourable. Many enterprises affirm the setting up of high-value-added and technology-intensive manufacturing processes and production lines in Hong Kong. As announced in the Policy Address this year, we will explore the construction of the second AMC at the Tai Po InnoPark. A technical feasibility study and an economic benefit analysis are being conducted by the HKSTP in order to provide space and facilities for specialised industries in setting up advanced manufacturing production lines."