

SITI visits HKRITA and NAMI (with photos)

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, accompanied by the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, Ms Rebecca Pun, visited the Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel (HKRITA) and the Nano and Advanced Materials Institute (NAMI) today (July 13) to gain a better understanding of their latest developments.

Professor Sun first visited the HKRITA and met with the institute's Chairman, Ms Teresa Yang, and the management team. The Chief Executive Officer of the HKRITA, Mr Edwin Keh, gave an update on their latest work and development plan, and introduced a number of research and development (R&D) projects, including the PFC-free Functional Durable Water-repellent Surface Finish Based on Hydrophobic Recycled Cellulose, the development of a Garment-to-Garment Recycle System and the Cellulosic Superabsorbent Polymer from Post-consumer Textile Waste.

He then visited the NAMI and was briefed by the Chairman, Professor Ching Pak-chung, and the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Daniel Yu, on the work of the NAMI and its core technologies and applications, including anti-epidemic products developed during the pandemic, as well as R&D and applications of the Modular Integrated Construction innovations.

Professor Sun said that the two R&D centres won numerous awards internationally, and their achievements are remarkable. He acknowledged the centres' contributions in creating a vibrant innovation and technology ecosystem, and acting as a focal point for technology collaboration among the Government, industry, academia and research sectors. The Government will continue to support the commercialisation of R&D results, and give full play in promoting re-industrialisation in Hong Kong.

