

Subject of Citizenship and Social Development Symposium and opening ceremony for roving exhibition on student learning outcomes of Mainland study tours launched today (with photos)

The Education Bureau (EDB) launched the subject of Citizenship and Social Development (CS) Symposium and opening ceremony for the roving exhibition on student learning outcomes of Mainland study tours today (February 6) to share the curriculum development of CS, learning and teaching experiences, as well as student learning outcomes of the Mainland study tours.

The guests attending the event were the Director-General of the International Department of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Wang Jian; the Director of the Office for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of the Education Department of Guangdong Province, Mr Li Jinjun; the Division Director of the Education, Science and Technology Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (LOCPG), Dr He Jinhui; the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin; the Permanent Secretary for Education, Ms Michelle Li; members of the Legislative Council, and around 300 teachers and students who had participated in the CS Mainland study tours.

In the welcoming remarks, Dr Choi said that the EDB has all along actively promoted the development of CS through various tasks, including curriculum planning, developing learning and teaching resources, and organising teacher training programmes. With the concerted efforts of the EDB and the school sector, the CS curriculum has been implemented in an orderly manner.

Dr Choi said that the Mainland study tour is an integral part of the CS curriculum. Through experiential learning, students can learn about national affairs comprehensively, appreciate Chinese culture and understand the latest developments and achievements of the country, so as to build their cultural confidence and national identity. Positive feedback was received from the participating teachers and students. They agreed that the study tours had enabled them to learn about the country from different perspectives and cultivate a sense of national identity.

Dr Choi expressed her gratitude to the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and

Taiwan Affairs of the Ministry of Education, the Education, Science and Technology Department of the LOCPG, the Department of Education of Guangdong Province and the education departments of related provinces and cities for their guidance and support. In addition to the routes in Guangdong Province, newly arranged routes cover provinces and cities including Shanghai, Chongqing, Fujian, Shaanxi, Guizhou, etc in this school year. Over 50 000 students and 5 500 teachers are expected to participate in the study tours.

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At the symposium, the Chairman of the Panel on Education of Legislative Council, Professor Priscilla Leung, and the Chairman of the Curriculum Development Council – Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority Committee on Citizenship and Social Development, Professor Lau Chi-pang, shared their views on the role and development of CS respectively. The Director-General of the International Department of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Wang Jian, also delivered a thematic talk on the current international landscape and China's foreign relations.

To let the public learn more about students' learning progress and outcomes of the study tours, a roving exhibition on student learning outcomes of CS Mainland Study Tours will be held from February to July in venues including the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, City Gallery, the Tuen Mun Town Hall and the Tsuen Wan Town Hall. Details are set out on the designated webpage for CS Mainland study tours (cs.edb.edcity.hk/tc/mst_sharing.php)(Chinese only).

