

Three Directors of Bureaux continue LegCo joint-Panel duty visit in Shanghai (with photos)

The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip; the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang; and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, continued the first leg of the Legislative Council (LegCo) joint-Panel duty visit to the Yangtze River Delta Region in Shanghai today (April 22), visiting the city's innovation and technology bases and financial institution as well as meeting with officials of the Shanghai Municipality.

The three Directors of Bureaux and LegCo members visited Zhangjiang Science Park in Pudong New Area this morning to learn about the development of the integrated national science and technology centre and its various innovation and technology projects. The delegation also toured the National Center for Protein Science Shanghai, an important national-level scientific research facility in the Science Park.

They then paid a visit to the Shanghai Stock Exchange to get updates on the development of the newly-launched Science and Technology Innovation Board and Chinese Depository Receipt.

The delegation met with Hong Kong people living, working and studying in Shanghai in the afternoon to get a better understanding of their life in the city. They also visited Chang Yang Valley, an innovation and start-up hub revitalised from a textile factory, and toured the West Bund Xuhui Waterfront, a cultural landmark project in Shanghai, to keep abreast of Shanghai's planning on cultural conservation.

In the evening, the delegation met with the Mayor of Shanghai, Mr Ying Yong, to exchange views on issues relating to co-operation between Hong Kong and Shanghai. They also took a boat trip along Huangpu River to get first-hand knowledge of the development along the riverbank and to enhance their understanding on Shanghai's tourism industry.

The delegation will depart for Hangzhou tomorrow (April 23) after completion of the Shanghai leg in the morning. While in Hangzhou, they will visit its latest developments on the innovation and technology, tourism and cultural fronts.

