

Youth Development Commission visits Hong Kong interns in Shenzhen (with photos)

The Chief Secretary for Administration and Chairman of the Youth Development Commission (YDC), Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung; the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah; and members of the YDC went to Shenzhen today (August 10) to visit Hong Kong interns there.

They visited enterprises and organisations providing internship places for Hong Kong youths under the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland launched by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government.

Mr Cheung and a group of YDC members visited Qianhai and toured a company engaging in digital media service and an innovation and technology service company. Meanwhile, Mr Lau visited Nanshan with another group of YDC members and toured an organisation offering entrepreneurship services to small and medium-sized enterprises and a major enterprise providing integrated logistics services. They met with the management, visited the workplaces of the interns and received a briefing by Hong Kong interns on their work.

After the visit, Mr Cheung, Mr Lau and YDC members had lunch with a number of Hong Kong interns and chatted with them to learn more about their internship experience on the Mainland.

Mr Cheung said he was pleased to note that Hong Kong youths joined the internship programmes for different provinces on the Mainland through the funding scheme, enabling them to gain hands-on experience of the working environment there, and deepening their understanding of the job market, work culture and career development opportunities on the Mainland.

Since its inception in 2014-15, the funding scheme has subsidised 466 projects, providing internship places for about 14 000 Hong Kong youths. In 2018-19, the funding scheme is subsidising 135 projects in the Mainland, benefiting about 3600 youths.

Mr Cheung, Mr Lau and YDC members returned to Hong Kong this afternoon.

