

President Hu visits Kai Tak Development

President Hu Jintao, accompanied by the Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, visited the new Cruise Terminal Building to get a better understanding of the Kai Tak Development this morning (June 30).

The Kai Tak Development is a mega-scale development project spanning a total planning area of over 320 hectares and with a mix of community, housing, business, tourism and infrastructural uses.

At the new Cruise Terminal Building, President Hu was invited to view the exhibition panels giving detailed information on the Kai Tak Development. On-site briefings were given by the Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam, on the development plans for the Kai Tak Development and Energizing Kowloon East, and by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Gregory So, on the cruise terminal.

President Hu chatted with the working staff there and reminded them of the importance of construction safety while maintaining the progress and quality of the work.

Before leaving the Cruise Terminal Building, President Hu said the project was meaningful as it had taken into account the economic development needs of Hong Kong and the need to improve people's livelihood and had incorporated environmental protection principles.

President Hu also said that he liked to visit various places to better understand Hong Kong's progress and development.

President Hu's next stop was a public housing construction site for Kai Ching Estate at Kai Tak. The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Ms Eva Cheng, briefed President Hu on Hong Kong's housing policies and public housing development in Kai Tak. President Hu visited two public housing flats which are yet to be occupied and talked to construction workers and technical staff there.

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