

## SCED visits Kowloon City District

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The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, visited Kowloon City District today (January 8) to get a better grasp of the district's latest developments and needs, meeting members of the Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) and visiting the Factory for the Blind operated by the Hong Kong Society for the Blind (HKSB) as well as popular tourist and shopping spots.

Mr Yau first visited the HKSB's Factory for the Blind, which provides employment and job training for the visually impaired and persons with disabilities to help them become self-reliant and further integrate into the community. He was briefed on the services provided by the factory and saw for himself the training on paper box production, product packaging, filing tag production and more.

Mr Yau said he was pleased to note that the factory not only provides diverse technical skills training, but also operates a local brand called 19 Mok Cheong Street. Under the brand, a series of canvas products made by people with disabilities have been launched for promotion and sale in the community.

Mr Yau praised the factory for its efforts in encouraging persons with disabilities to unleash their creativity, saying that this is in line with the Government's policy objective in promoting the development of creative industries.

Mr Yau then inspected various popular tourist and shopping spots in the district. He said the Tourism Commission and the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong have maintained liaison with travel agents, restaurants and shops receiving inbound tour groups from the Mainland to urge them to ensure good order when receiving the tour groups. The Government will continue to closely monitor the use of tourism support facilities in different districts and liaise with the travel trade and other stakeholders, with a view to minimising any inconvenience caused by tourism activities through appropriate and practicable means.

Before concluding his visit, Mr Yau met with KCDC members to exchange views on matters relating to local tourism, transportation and the use of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal.

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