

CE visits Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Sau Nan Primary School and Hong Kong Children's Hospital (with photos)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Sau Nan Primary School and Hong Kong Children's Hospital in the Kai Tak Development Area (KTDA) this afternoon (May 27) to keep abreast of the area's development.

Mrs Lam, accompanied by the Acting Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, first visited Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Sau Nan Primary School, where she was briefed by Architectural Services Department architects on the school's design and architectural features, which are different from those of traditional school buildings. In keeping with the concept of sustainable development for the KTDA, the campus has adopted a low-rise design and open corridors to let in more daylight. The school also uses greening and sunshades to lessen the electricity burden for air-conditioning and is connected to the District Cooling System in the KTDA to conserve electricity, while rainwater is collected for irrigation of the school's garden. Mrs Lam then watched students take part in classes and extra-curricular activities such as campus TV production and STEM learning activities and exchanged views with the principal and teachers to learn about their teaching work and the school's development. She said she was delighted to note that the school's teaching staff and students are very pleased with the school's design and facilities, and stressed that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government is committed to providing a quality teaching and learning environment and promoting education quality.

Mrs Lam then proceeded to Hong Kong Children's Hospital, which has opened in phases since last December. Accompanied by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, Mrs Lam was briefed by the Hospital Authority's Chairman, Professor John Leong, and Chief Executive, Dr Leung Pak-yin, as well as medical staff on the hospital facilities and toured the Haematology and Oncology Department, the Radiology Department, the hydrotherapy pool for child patients and the Newborn Screening for Inborn Errors Metabolism Laboratory. She also visited child patients to know about their situation and said she was pleased to note that both the patients and their parents were satisfied with the hospital environment. Noting that the hospital has top facilities to provide multidisciplinary management for complex, serious and uncommon paediatric diseases, Mrs Lam said it can complement the regional hospitals to form a co-ordinated and coherent paediatric service network, providing children-centred and family-friendly services for child patients.

"The two facilities I visited today are among the projects in the KTDA which have completed in recent years. I also attended the ground-breaking ceremony of the Kai Tak Sports Park last month, which is another major

project in the area. The Kai Tak Development incorporates community, housing, commercial, tourism and infrastructural purposes. I am very happy to witness the transformation of this project from a planning vision into a real one. I am expecting that Kai Tak will become a distinguished, vibrant, attractive and people-oriented community beside Victoria Harbour and complement the Energizing Kowloon East strategy to build the second core business district of Hong Kong with a view to boosting the city's economy and long-term competitiveness," Mrs Lam said.



