

LegCo joint-Panel continues duty visit in Shanghai

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The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Economic Development, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Panel on Financial Affairs, and Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting continued the joint-Panel duty visit in Shanghai yesterday (April 22).

In the morning, the delegation visited the Zhangjiang Science City. Covering an area of 94 square kilometers, Zhangjiang Science City is known as the "China's Silicon Valley" and the innovation and technology hub for the national-level scientific centers. Members toured the exhibition hall of Zhangjiang Science City to gain a better understanding of the achievements in frontier technologies in the fields of photonics, aviation and aerospace technology, integrated circuits as well as life science. Members also observed a demonstration of the three-dimensional interactive installation. The delegation then visited the National Center for Protein Science (Shanghai) and its nuclear magnetic resonance facility to learn about the technology and its application.

The delegation later visited the Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) and toured its history exhibition, "Approaches to SSE", to learn more about the development of SSE. Members also received a briefing from the Chairman of SSE, Mr Huang Hongyuan, on the development of financial services in Shanghai, including the latest progress of the Science and Technology Innovation Board and the China Depository Receipt.

The delegation attended a luncheon meeting at noon to meet with more than 50 representatives from groups of Hong Kong people living in Shanghai to learn about their work and everyday lives in the city.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the Changyang Campus, an innovation and start-up hub revitalised from a textile machinery factory in 2014. During the visit, Members were briefed on measures to revitalise and preserve heritage in Shanghai as well as the supporting measures offered by the Shanghai Municipal Government for the start-ups. Members also visited a company in the Changyang Campus, "Liu Li Shuo" to get to know its operation. "Liu Li Shuo" is a company specialising in using artificial intelligence for learning English language.

After that, the delegation visited the exhibition hall of the West Bund Xuhui Waterfront to learn the provision and plan for cultural facilities in Shanghai. Members boarded the electric vehicles to see for themselves the development of the West Bund. The Shanghai West Bund signed a cooperation agreement with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority of Hong Kong in August 2018 on enhancing cultural and art exchange between the two places.

In the evening, the delegation met with the Mayor of Shanghai, Mr Ying Yong. They exchanged views on issues of mutual concern, including policy areas of finance, tourism, innovation and technology as well as medicine development. During the meeting, Mr Ying said that he welcomed LegCo Members from different political affiliations visiting Shanghai to strengthen exchanges and communications. The LegCo President and the delegation leader, Mr Andrew Leung, also invited Mr Ying to pay a visit to LegCo.

Members attended a dinner arranged by the Shanghai Municipal Government. After the dinner, Members took a ferry ride on Huangpu River to understand the development of tourism and culture in Shanghai.

The delegation will attend a seminar on "The latest development of regional integration of the Yangtze River Delta" today (April 23) morning and depart for Hangzhou at noon by high-speed train to continue the visit. Members will meet with officials of the Zhejiang Provincial Government and visit the Hangzhou Public Service Center as well as tourist and cultural attractions.

Led by Mr Andrew Leung, a total of 22 Members participated in the joint-Panel duty visit. Deputy delegation leaders are the Chairman of Panel on Commerce and Industry, Mr Yiu Si-wing; the Chairman of Panel on Financial Affairs, Mr Christopher Cheung; the Chairman of Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Dr Elizabeth Quat; and the Chairman of Panel on Economic Development, Mr Chung Kwok-pan. The delegation visits Shanghai and Hangzhou in the Yangtze River Delta Region from April 21 to 24. The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip; the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang; the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau; and the Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan, also participated in the duty visit.