

LegCo Subcommittee on Policy Issues relating to Strengthening and Promoting the Development of Kowloon East as the Second Central Business District visits enterprises in Kowloon East (with photos)

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The Legislative Council Subcommittee on Policy Issues relating to Strengthening and Promoting the Development of Kowloon East as the Second Central Business District visited two enterprises in Kowloon East today (May 13) to gain insight into the Government's latest developments in promoting new industrialisation and how these enterprises are actively upgrading and restructuring.

Members first visited Sew Solution Limited, a textiles and clothing company in Kwun Tong, to learn about the operation and effectiveness of its digital knitwear smart production line. Members noted that the company received a \$15 million funding in 2023 from the Innovation and Technology Commission's Re-Industrialisation Funding Scheme (renamed as New Industrialisation Funding Scheme now) to establish a smart production line covering product design, digital simulation of samples, engineering parameters and programming. The funding helped it increase the overall equipment efficiency and reduce production costs.

Members then visited King Bakery's modern food factory in Kwun Tong to learn how the company leverages research and development to enhance product quality. Members received a briefing from the company's representatives that it had introduced various specialised machinery for producing egg custard tart pastry, fillings as well as molten mooncake to optimise production processes and standards, and to monitor food quality simultaneously.

During the visit, Members gained a deeper understanding into the challenges faced by traditional enterprises. They also exchanged views with representatives of the Development Bureau, the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau, the Hong Kong Productivity Council and the enterprises on issues including how to support businesses in establishing smart production lines, promoting the "Made in Hong Kong" branding to meet market demands and providing updated information on the supply and conditions of industrial buildings in the district.

Members who participated in the visit were the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr Tang Ka-piu, and Subcommittee members Mr Chan Pui-leung, Professor William Wong; as well as a non-Subcommittee member Mr Yim Kong.

