

S for IT visits HKSTP and R&D centres

The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Alfred Sit, today (May 7) went to the Hong Kong Science Park (Science Park) to visit the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC), the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute, the Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre and the Nano and Advanced Materials Institute to learn about their work focuses and progress.

He also met with representatives of HKSTP start-ups specialised in different areas such as healthcare technology, artificial intelligence, chips, material science and vehicle safety technology. Some start-ups have participated in the "StayHomeSafe" mobile app.

Mr Sit said that Science Park is a breeding ground for local innovation and technology that shows tremendous strength. With the concerted efforts of the HKSTPC and all research and development (R&D) centres, batches of R&D talent have been nurtured, with their innovations winning recognition worldwide. Their work has also helped consolidate Hong Kong's R&D strengths, promote applied R&D and foster commercialisation of R&D results.

On the application of technology solutions in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, the electronic wristbands and the "StayHomeSafe" mobile app used in supporting home quarantine arrangements, the NASK Nanofiber Smart Mask supplied to the Hospital Authority and the CuMask+™ are all R&D achievements from Science Park.

Mr Sit hoped that with the collaborative efforts of the HKSTP and R&D centres, the I&T development in Hong Kong will be further promoted, thus driving economic development and improving people's livelihood.