

SCST meets Deputy Minister for Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam (with photos)

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, called on the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam and met with its Deputy Minister, Mr Ta Quang Dong, in Hanoi, Vietnam, yesterday (June 12).

Mr Yeung said, "Our country has indicated clear support for Hong Kong to develop into an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges, offering unlimited development opportunities to the arts and cultural sectors. Hong Kong has been a place consisting of a fusion of cultures of Asia and other parts of the world. Hosting the Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum regularly enables cultural ministers and senior officials of Asian countries to exchange views and share experiences, thereby assisting Hong Kong to become a cultural hub connecting the country with the world."

He said that there has been cultural co-operation between Hong Kong and Vietnam. The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts collaborated with the Department of Training of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam to promote educational exchanges in arts and culture. Vietnamese performing groups also participated in the Asian Ethnic Cultural Performances organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. In the area of sports, the Hong Kong football team has played against the Vietnam national football team many times. Tourism activities between Hong Kong and Vietnam have also resumed with great potential for co-operation. Hong Kong is committed to becoming an important tourist destination for Vietnam.

Mr Yeung began his visit to Hanoi, Vietnam, yesterday. He first visited the Vietnam Television Corporation and met with its senior management to explore collaboration opportunities. He also visited the Vietnam National Institute of Culture and Arts Studies to learn about its strategies and recommendations from research and implementation of its plans.

Mr Yeung visited the Vietnam Football Federation this morning (June 13). He then met in the afternoon with leaders of Vietnam's creative industries, including film, television, and fashion to discuss opportunities of collaborations.

Mr Yeung will depart for Hong Kong tomorrow (June 14) morning.

