

Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs visits Qianhai (with photos)

The Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, today (June 3) visited Qianhai to learn about the entrepreneurial experiences of Hong Kong youth in Qianhai and to exchange views on youth development work.

Miss Mak first visited the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub (Ehub), where she was briefed by the person in charge on the facilities and measures supporting youth entrepreneurship. She also toured the HKU Techno-Entrepreneurship Academy, the Hong Kong Youth Short-Term Apartments, and the Hong Kong Cultural Experience Space at the Ehub, engaging in discussions with Hong Kong youth to learn more about their entrepreneurial experiences and life in Qianhai. The Ehub is a member of the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area, which is jointly established by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province, and the Human Resources and Social Security Department of Guangdong Province.

Miss Mak later met with Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee and Director General of the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone of Shenzhen Municipality (Qianhai Authority), Mr Wang Shourui, to discuss promoting Shenzhen-Hong Kong co-operation in supporting the development of Hong Kong youth.

Miss Mak thanked the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government and the Qianhai Authority for their staunch support towards the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG)'s youth development work, especially in encouraging young people to integrate into the overall national development and seize the enormous opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). Miss Mak said that the HKSARG attaches great importance to youth development. Since its establishment in December 2023, the Alliance has brought together nearly 60 member organisations in Hong Kong and the GBA, including the EHub. With the resources and networks of the Alliance members, it provides a one-stop information, publicity and exchange platform to provide more comprehensive support to Hong Kong's young entrepreneurs. The Alliance members have organised nearly 220 events to date.

In the afternoon, Miss Mak visited the Qianhai Exhibition Hall to learn about the planning and latest developments of Qianhai. She also visited the SmartMore Corporation Limited, which was founded by a Hong Kong entrepreneur. Representatives of the company shared their experiences in successfully establishing a unicorn company and the development opportunities in the GBA.

Miss Mak said that the HKSARG will sustain its efforts in promoting

youth development and will continue to implement and enhance the Youth Development Blueprint. Some of the measures covered in the Blueprint encourage and support Hong Kong youth in pursuing innovation and entrepreneurship. Through the visit, she hoped that the two places will further strengthen their co-operation and exchanges on encouraging young people to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the Mainland's enormous market and offering comprehensive support for youth innovation and entrepreneurship.

Miss Mak concluded her visit and returned to Hong Kong in the afternoon.



