

SED visits two secondary schools on first school day (with photos)

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, this morning (September 2) visited Tsung Tsin College (TTC) and Caritas Wu Cheng-chung College to join their school opening activities.

Dr Choi first visited Tsung Tsin College. Addressing the school opening ceremony, she commended the school for its continuous efforts in promoting mental health on campus and its enthusiastic participation in various programmes launched by the Education Bureau (EDB) to enhance students' self-discipline, self-improvement, self-confidence and resilience.

She said that, by presenting the 4Rs Roly-poly Doll to the school and students as a gift for the new school year, the EDB encouraged everyone to practise 4Rs, i.e. rest, relaxation, relationship and resilience, to cultivate an unyielding spirit.

She encouraged students to maintain adequate sleep and cultivate healthy habits; take time to relax and take breaks from their busy schedules to do things they enjoy; develop good interpersonal relationships; and keep a positive attitude and enhance their resilience. She said that a good start is a crucial step toward success, encouraging students to set new goals and embark on a new learning journey.

Following the school opening ceremony, Dr Choi toured the TTC Garden of Eden of the school, where students introduced to her the farming environment and facilities of the Garden, and how to integrate the activities into different subjects and extend them to serve the community. She also produced a hand-made 4Rs Roly-poly Doll 3D Card together with the students and teachers at the Student Activity Centre, and listened to their sharing about ways to practise 4Rs.

Dr Choi then attended the opening ceremony praying assembly of Caritas Wu Cheng-chung College. Speaking at the event, she said that, in face of structural changes in the school-age population, the EDB proactively works together with school-sponsoring bodies and schools to study a long-term plan based on actual circumstances with an aim of "soft landing" to ensure a healthy and sustainable education ecosystem and optimal use of public resources.

She extended special thanks to Caritas Hong Kong for responding positively to the EDB's call by decisively merging its Caritas Wu Cheng-chung Secondary School, an aided school, with Caritas Charles Vath College, a Direct Subsidy Scheme school, to form Caritas Wu Cheng-chung College. She said that the merger of two schools in different operation modes was an innovative attempt. Despite a number of difficulties during the merging process, the merger was completed smoothly with concerted efforts from all

parties to overcome various challenges, enabling better integration of resources to provide a more appropriate learning environment and enriched learning experiences for students, catering to different learning and development needs.

Later, she toured the Integrated Science Lab, the Swift Coding Lab, the IOT Lab and the Black Box Theatre of the school, and listened to students' sharing of their learning experiences in science, applied technology and performing arts.

Dr Choi expressed her gratitude to the teaching teams of the two schools for their selfless dedication to students. She also encouraged students to study hard and strengthen themselves in the new school year to build a good foundation for further studies or career development in the future.



