

SITI commences visit to Netherlands (with photos)

â€‹The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, began his visit to the Netherlands today (June 15, Amsterdam time).

Professor Sun met with the management of an internationally renowned semiconductor company Nexperia to learn about its latest development directions and technology, as well as its businesses in Hong Kong and globally. He also explored with the company on its plan of further expansion in Hong Kong. Nexperia has businesses around the globe with research and development (R&D) facilities established in the Hong Kong Science Park.

Professor Sun visited the showroom of Renault Group in Paris, France and met with the group's management yesterday (June 14, Paris time). BeyonCa, a premium electric vehicle enterprise backed by France's Renault Group and China's Dongfeng Motor Corporation, was established in Hong Kong in 2021 with its international headquarters being set up at the Hong Kong Science Park. Professor Sun was briefed on the latest development and planning of the group and its brands as well as its various innovative businesses. Both sides also explored ways to deepen collaboration.

Professor Sun said, "The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has clearly stated in the Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint that the development of advanced manufacturing and new energy are one of the strategic technology industries, and is actively enhancing support for strategic industries such as new energy vehicles and semiconductor technology, so as to promote new industrialisation in Hong Kong. In promoting microelectronics R&D, the Hong Kong Microelectronics Research and Development Institute was established in September last year to spearhead collaboration among universities, R&D centres and the industry on the R&D of third generation semiconductor core technology. The institute leverages the Greater Bay Area's well-developed manufacturing industry chain and enormous market, and promotes the '1 to N' transformation of R&D outcomes and industry development. It is preparing the set-up of two pilot lines at the Microelectronics Centre this year, striving to put them into operation next year to support product development and trial production."

During his stay in Paris, Professor Sun was interviewed by local media to introduce the latest situation and opportunities of Hong Kong's I&T, telling the good I&T story of Hong Kong.

Professor Sun will depart for The Hague this evening to continue his visit to the Netherlands.

