

SITI visits Hengqin and Zhuhai (with photos)

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, visited Hengqin and Zhuhai today (February 13). The Commissioner for Industry (Innovation and Technology), Dr Ge Ming, also joined the visit.

Professor Sun first visited the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. His visit was aimed to speed up the implementation of the development planning of the Hong Kong Park of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone in accordance with the spirit of the important instructions given by the Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Xia Baolong, when he inspected the Hong Kong Park. Professor Sun had an engagement session with Deputy Secretary of the Hengqin Working Committee of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Director of the Hengqin Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province and Deputy Director of the Executive Committee, Mr Nie Xinping. During the session, Professor Sun learned about the in-depth planning and industry development of the Cooperation Zone, taking into account the development of the Hong Kong Park.

Professor Sun said, "Drawing on the experience of the Cooperation Zone, we have made it clearer of the special strategic positioning of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone as a demonstration zone for reform and innovation in the country. We should leverage the advantages of 'two systems', give full play to the uniqueness of the 'Special Administrative Region within the Special Administrative Region', seek institution and policy innovations, and break new ground, so as to expedite the realisation of the development objectives set out in the two five-year plans of the Hong Kong Park."

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government is now studying the proposals on specific measures to facilitate the cross-boundary flow of innovation elements including personnel, materials, capital and data in the Hetao Hong Kong Park. In this connection, Professor Sun visited the Zhuhai MUST Science and Technology Research Institute in the Cooperation Zone, which is an industry-academia-research demonstration base built by the Macau University of Science and Technology in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, to learn more about the institute's work in promoting cross-boundary flow of data in the zone.

Professor Sun met with the Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party of China Zhuhai Municipal Committee and Acting Mayor of the Zhuhai Municipal Government, Mr Wu Zetong, and Vice Mayor of Zhuhai Mr Huang Zhenqiu, and introduced the HKSAR Government's latest policies on leading the city's innovation and technology (I&T) development and the current developments. Professor Sun also learned about Zhuhai's achievements in I&T and high-tech industrialisation. Both sides exchanged views on promoting I&T collaboration

and exchanges between the two places.

In the afternoon, Professor Sun visited the cell production workshops of the Zhuhai SoleFiori Technology Company and learned about the technologies and productivity of new high-efficiency heterojunction solar cells and modules with low energy consumption and low carbon emissions. Professor Sun welcomed the enterprise's plan to expand its business in Hong Kong.

Professor Sun then visited the headquarters of Gree Electric Appliances Inc. of Zhuhai. He was briefed on the latest developments in quality assurance, product innovations and talent training of the technology-based household consumer goods and industrial equipment manufacturing group. He also visited the industrial products display zone at the Group's technology exhibition hall, where he learned about the self-developed industrial robots, computer numerical control machine tools, and smart warehousing products and systems.

Professor Sun concluded his visit and returned to Hong Kong in the evening.



