

## SITI visits Portugal (with photos)

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, led a delegation of representatives from Hong Kong's innovation and technology (I&T) sector to visit Lisbon, Portugal, on March 6 (Lisbon time).

Professor Sun and the delegation visited Taguspark, which is the largest science and technology park and incubator in Portugal, to learn about the latest effort of Taguspark in pooling technology companies to move in, developing applied science and technology and promoting economic activities covering multiple areas.

Professor Sun and the delegation then met with representatives of the Oeiras Valley Investment Agency and were briefed on the agency's work in promoting the municipality's economic growth and attracting investment. The two parties exchanged views on promoting collaboration between innovative parks of Hong Kong and Portugal, as well as investment and exchanges among enterprises in the two places. They also had an exchange with several local enterprises.

In the evening, Professor Sun met with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Portuguese Republic, Mr Zhao Bentang, to brief him on the new initiatives by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in promoting I&T, and developing new industrialisation to support the high-quality economic growth of Hong Kong. They also explored ways to enhance co-operation between Hong Kong and Portugal in the I&T field.

Members of the delegation include heads from the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC), Cyberport, the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute and the Hong Kong Microelectronics Research and Development Institute, as well as representatives of 24 local I&T enterprises or institutions. The HKSTPC and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council co-ordinated the participation of the I&T representatives of the enterprises and institutions at the MWC 2025.

Professor Sun will conclude the visit in Portugal on March 7 and will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on March 8 (Hong Kong time).

