

SLW attends International Labour Conference in Geneva (with photos)

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, has attended the 113th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) in Geneva, Switzerland, over the past few days. He took the opportunity to meet with other participants and officials from around the world, showcasing the latest situation of Hong Kong's labour market, economy and employment on the international stage, to effectively promote Hong Kong and the country. As representatives of the government, employer and employee of the Hong Kong Special Administrative (HKSAR) Region, the Commissioner for Labour, Ms May Chan, and employee and employer members of the Labour Advisory Board also joined the meeting as part of the delegation of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Yesterday (June 6, Geneva time), Mr Sun attended the plenary session of the ILC, during which he listened to a speech delivered by Vice Minister of Human Resources and Social Security Mr Wu Xiuzhang, on a report of the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) titled "Jobs, Rights and Growth: Reinforcing the Connection" submitted to the ILC.

While in Geneva, apart from attending committee meetings of the ILC, Mr Sun also held bilateral meetings with senior officials of the ILO and leading figures of international organisations attending the ILC to exchange views on issues including the application of international labour standards, social security, occupational safety and health, labour relations, and the platform economy. He also introduced to them the latest situation in Hong Kong and provided timely responses to the ILO's views. Constructive exchanges on deepening collaboration were also conducted.

Mr Sun and the delegation also exchanged views with senior Mainland officials including Mr Wu and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland, Mr Chen Xu. Mr Sun briefed government, employer and employee representatives of the PRC delegation on areas including enhancing labour rights protection and strengthening the regulation of trade unions to safeguard national security. Mr Sun also took the opportunity to thank the Central Government for its unfailing support to the HKSAR Government.

Mr Sun will depart for Munich, Germany, today (June 7, Geneva time) to continue his visit. He will meet with local young entrepreneurs and talent to share Hong Kong's latest developments and opportunities, thereby continuing to promote captivating Hong Kong accomplishments with global audiences. The Director of Hong Kong Talent Engage, Mr Anthony Lau, will also join this portion of the trip.



