

SLW concludes Switzerland visit after attending International Labour Conference (with photos)

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, yesterday (June 10, Geneva time) concluded his visit to Switzerland.

Mr Sun attended the plenary sitting of the 111th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) as part of the delegation of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on June 9 morning, during which the Minister of Human Resources and Social Security, Ms Wang Xiaoping, delivered an address on the development of labour affairs of the country. In the afternoon on the same day, Mr Sun and officials held a bilateral meeting with the Assistant Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Regional Director for the ILO Office for Asia and the Pacific, Ms Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa, and introduced the latest situation of the labour market, economy, employment and application of International Labour Conventions in Hong Kong. Mr Sun also outlined the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's support and welfare to foreign domestic helpers working in Hong Kong.

Apart from sitting in committees of the ILC, on the sidelines of the meetings, Mr Sun met with senior officials of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security as well as representatives of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions and the China Enterprise Confederation as part of the PRC delegation. They had exchanges on various labour policies and labour relations issues. Mr Sun and colleagues also called on the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the PRC to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland, Mr Chen Xu. They exchanged views on further deepening the exchange and co-operation between Hong Kong, China and the ILO. In addition, accompanied by the Commissioner for Labour, Ms May Chan, Mr Sun had in-depth discussions with employee and employer members of the Labour Advisory Board attending the ILC on labour policy initiatives of mutual concern.

Earlier, upon arrival in Geneva on June 8, Mr Sun visited EHL Hospitality Business School in Lausanne in the afternoon, toured its campus facilities and learned more about its curriculum. He met with the Chief Academic Officer of EHL Group, Dr Juan-Francisco Perellon, and updated him on the recent strong rebound of Hong Kong's tourism and hotel industries. The sector has a thirst for talents. Hong Kong welcomes professionals around the world to come and pursue development in Hong Kong via various talent admission schemes.

Mr Sun will return this afternoon (June 11) and arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow afternoon (June 12).



