

## SLW witnesses signing of MOU in Beijing to deepen talent exchanges and co-operation (with photos)

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, today (August 26) started his visit to Beijing.

In the morning, Mr Sun first witnessed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on deepening talent exchanges and co-operation among Beijing, Hong Kong and Macao. The MOU was jointly prepared by the Beijing Municipal Talent Work Bureau, the Hong Kong Talent Engage of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, and the Talent Development Committee of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government through friendly dialogues and collaboration. The MOU aims to strengthen communication mechanisms, encourage talent exchanges and foster co-operation in such areas as talent attraction and services among the three places, with the objective of offering comprehensive support to the integrated development of global talent in Beijing-Hong Kong-Macao. Mr Sun said the signing of the MOU will facilitate the implementation of the Resolution of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Further Deepening Reform Comprehensively to Advance Chinese Modernization in supporting Hong Kong in building itself into an international hub for high-calibre talent. The HKSAR Government will continue to spare no effort in attracting talent, and take full advantage of Hong Kong's institutional strengths to facilitate its active role in the opening up of the country by attracting top-notch and leading talent to meet the country's needs.

Afterwards, Mr Sun led the delegation to pay a reciprocal visit to the President of Renmin University of China, Professor Lin Shangli, to learn more about the latest developments at the university and discuss matters of mutual concern.

In the afternoon, Mr Sun called on the Director General of the Department of Outward Investment and Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Commerce, Mr Zhang Li, during which he reported on the latest situation of importing workers from the Mainland. They also exchanged views on the management, supervision and co-operation in importing labour to Hong Kong. Mr Sun then called on the Director General of the General Office (Department of International Cooperation) of the Ministry of Civil Affairs, Mr Liu Xitang, to learn more about the latest policies in areas including addressing population ageing and enhancing elderly care services. Both sides also discussed issues including cross-boundary elderly care and gerontechnology.

The delegation also met with the Executive Vice-President and Secretary-General of the China Enterprise Confederation, Mr Zhu Hongren, to share with him the latest developments in labour rights matters in Hong Kong.

Mr Sun will continue his itinerary in Beijing tomorrow (August 27).



