

## USLW leads HKTE to visit Australia for attracting talent (with photos)

The Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Ho Kai-ming, last week led Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE) officials on a five-day visit to Australia to promote Hong Kong's opportunities and unique advantages under the "one country, two systems" principle of having the strong support of the country while maintaining unparalleled connectivity with the world. The goal of the visit was to attract local talent to pursue their careers in Hong Kong.

Mr Ho, accompanied by the Director of HKTE, Mr Anthony Lau, and his team visited Sydney and Melbourne from March 17 to 21. The delegation met with representatives from five universities ranked among the world's top 100, namely the University of Technology Sydney, the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales in Sydney, as well as the University of Melbourne and Monash University in Melbourne. The delegation also engaged with a local start-up hub and an innovation institution.

HKTE hosted three talent engagement events during the visit, sharing information on the latest round of the Talent List update and the settlement support services provided by the office. Two Australian professionals who have been residing in Hong Kong and specialising in the cybersecurity and sustainable finance sectors respectively, joined the delegation to offer insights into recent developments of related industries in Hong Kong.

Mr Ho said, "Hong Kong is brimming with advantages and opportunities, making it an ideal destination for international talent. In line with Hong Kong's future development, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government is committed to promoting and attracting more international high-calibre talent to settle in Hong Kong."

HKTE also participated in Australia's largest career fair for graduates and undergraduates: the Big Meet 2025. The office set up a booth to showcase Hong Kong's advantages and opportunities, as well as introduce various talent admission schemes and address participants' enquiries.

This marked HKTE's inaugural visit to Australia. The spokesman from HKTE noted that the accompanying talent come from professions under the Talent List, with the aim of leveraging their insights to attract more talent from relevant fields to develop in Hong Kong. This year, HKTE will continue its efforts in key overseas markets including Asia Pacific, Europe, and North America to proactively attract international high-calibre talent.

