

## Home Affairs Secretary visits Sham Shui Po District (with photos)

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The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, visited Sham Shui Po District this afternoon (March 14) to gain a better understanding of the latest developments in the district.

Accompanied by Sham Shui Po District Officer, Miss May Chan, Mr Tsang toured the newly-renovated Hong Kong Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre. While the centre is operated by the Hong Kong Baptist University and fully supported by the Home Affairs Bureau, its renovation is funded by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

He was briefed on the project under which the decommissioned Shek Kip Mei Factory Estate was turned into an arts and cultural hub for the local community.

"The centre will provide studio space for local artists and arts groups to provide an environment where arts, culture and creativity can continue to flourish. I look forward to the opening of the centre," Mr Tsang said.

Mr Tsang then toured the Pak Tin Public Library, including the children's corner.

He visited a low-income family in Nam Cheong Street to learn more about their living conditions.

During today's visit, Mr Tsang also toured the 32,000-square-metre Lai Chi Kok Hospital site where he was briefed by the Antiquities and Monuments Office on the architectural uniqueness of the Grade III building. The old hospital site is among the first batch of buildings under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme.

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