

STH visits secondary school in Tin Shui Wai

The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Ms Eva Cheng, today (June 23) visited the Shun Tak Fraternal Association Yung Yau College in Tin Shui Wai to exchange views with students on the development of Hong Kong's transportation infrastructure.

Accompanied by the school principal, Mr Choy Chat-kwan, and school manager, Mr Ng Jing-yee, Ms Cheng toured the school's digital media facilities to learn more about how the facilities had helped nurture students' interest in creating 3D computer animation and short films.

Ms Cheng was also briefed on the students' computer animation work by the chairman of the 3D computer animation association. Some of their work had won international awards.

The Transport and Housing Bureau recently commissioned Yung Yau College to produce an animation feature on the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) in the hope of encouraging students to express their views and aspirations towards the Express Rail Link.

Students taking part in the project took the opportunity of Ms Cheng's visit to brief her on how the production of the animation feature was progressing.

Ms Cheng said: "We are pleased to learn that the collaboration has helped deepen students' understanding of the development of the XRL as well as its significance to Hong Kong and the Mainland. I also hope that your work will help convey the importance of the XRL to young people effectively and arouse their interest in and knowledge of the rail project."

Ms Cheng added: "The XRL is built for our younger

generation. The early implementation of the rail will help enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness and long-term development. The express rail link is not only an environmentally friendly and highly effective mode of transportation, but also has an important impact on the economic, cultural and social exchanges between Hong Kong and the Mainland in future. The XRL will help create opportunities for the younger generation."

Ms Cheng said she was glad to learn that the work of the students could effectively feature the characteristics and importance of the XRL. She said she very much appreciated their efforts and creativity in preparing the animation feature. She was also happy to know that they wished to see early implementation of the rail.

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