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LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs continues its duty visit to the Republic of Korea (with photos)

The Legislative Council ("LegCo") Panel on Environmental Affairs continued its duty visit to Seoul, Republic of Korea, today (April 4) to study the experience of Seoul on waste management.

On the third day of visit in Seoul, the delegation visited the Gangbuk Waste Recycle Treatment Plant and observed its operation. The facility, subsidized by the Government, was built in a cave in a forest park. It treats 15 different kinds of materials, including paper, glass, tins, iron, plastic, styrofoam, used clothes, fluorescent tubes and electrical appliances.

The delegation then visited the Beautiful Store, which is a second hand shop. It is the first registered social enterprise in the Republic of Korea and is funded by donation from the public. Since the opening of its first shop in 2002, it has developed into a leading social enterprise with 115 shops and its own brand of fairly traded products, including coffee, chocolate, jam, snack, etc. It is also the pioneer which opens up new markets inside and outside the country. The delegation exchanged views with the representatives of the Store to understand its key of success.

In the afternoon, the delegation met with the

Vice-Minister of Environment and received a briefing on the waste management policies and practices adopted in the Republic of Korea. The delegation also attended a dinner hosted by the Ministry of Environment.

The delegation will visit the Cheonggye Stream and the Sudokwon Landfill as well as a works project on recycling construction waste tomorrow (April 5) and will return to Hong Kong in the evening tomorrow.

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The delegation receives a briefing on the operation of the Gangbuk Waste Recycle Treatment Plant.



Delegation members observe the Gangbuk Waste Recycle Treatment Plant.



The delegation visits the logistics centre of the Beautiful Store.



The delegation takes a group photo after visiting the Beautiful Store Head Office.



The delegation exchanges views with the representative of the Beautiful Store.



The delegation receives a briefing from an official of the Ministry of Environment on waste management in the Republic of Korea.



Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan, the delegation leader, exchanges souvenir with Mr Jeong Yeon-man, Vice-Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea.