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

The Legislative Council ("LegCo") Panel on Environmental Affairs concluded its five-day duty visit to Seoul, Republic of Korea today (April 5).

The delegation leader and Chairman of the Panel on Environmental Affairs, Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, described the duty visit as very useful in enabling Members to better understand the experience of the Republic of Korea in the implementation of waste management policies.

"The Government of the Republic of Korea promotes and supports waste reduction with land and public funds. It has all along worked with the people and proactively addressed their concern. The HKSAR Government should make reference to the experience of the Republic of Korea to work in partnership with the civic society and jointly strive for waste reduction," Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan said.

On its last day of visit in Seoul, the delegation visited the Cheonggye Stream which had been successfully restored into a modern public recreation space in downtown Seoul in 2003. The project involved the removal of an elevated highway of several kilometres. As the project affected the shop owners along the Stream, it met with much political resistance. The former President of the Republic of Korea, Lee Myung-bak,

advocated the restoration of Cheonggye Stream in his Seoul mayor election manifesto, and gained much public support. After he assumed office, he continued to lobby the shop owners for their support and conducted 4,000 discussion sessions with them. In the end, the project could be successfully launched.

The delegation then visited a works project on recycling of construction waste, and the Sudokwon Landfill which is the largest landfill in the Republic of Korea. Although the capacity of the Landfill can last until 2044, the Government of the Republic of Korea has already felt the pressure and planned in advance. Hong Kong should also implement comprehensive waste reduction and recycling measures early in order that our landfills will not be overflowed with waste.

The delegation departed Seoul and flew back to Hong Kong in the evening.

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The delegation observes a model of the Cheonggyecheon restoration project.



The delegation visits the Cheonggyecheon Museum.



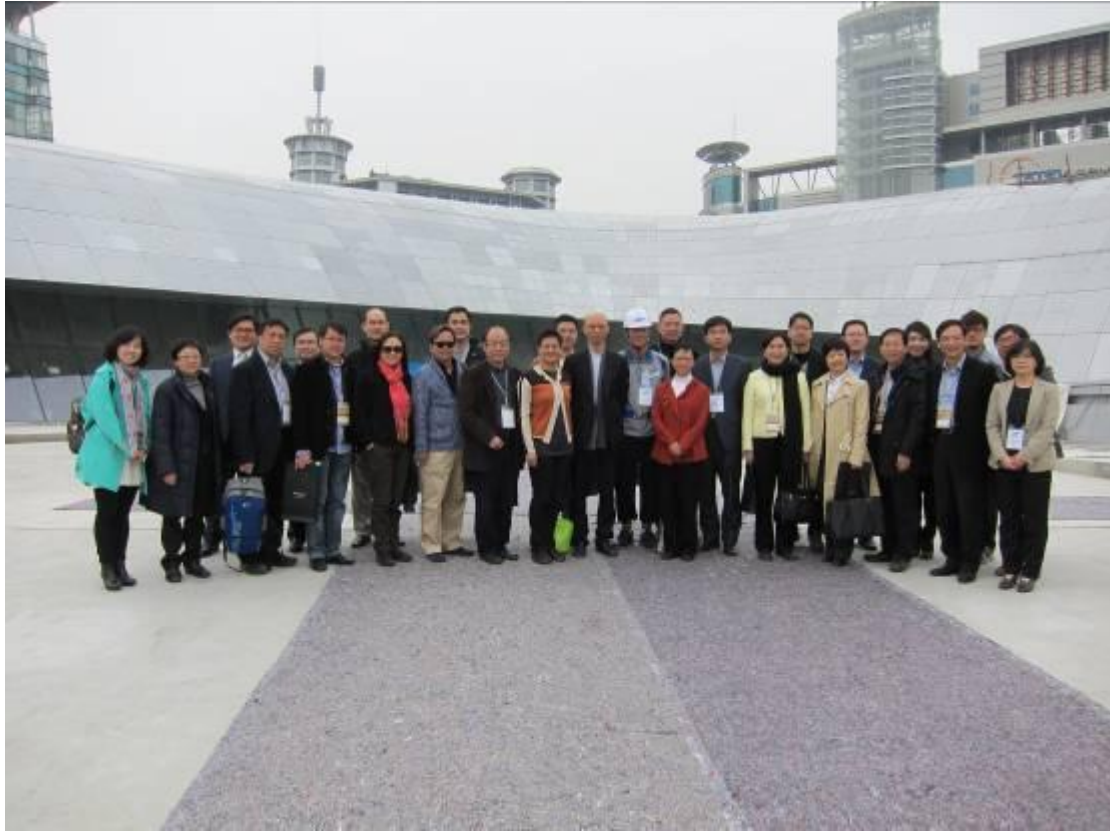
The delegation observes the satellite pictures of downtown Seoul, including the Cheonggyecheon neighbourhood.



Members of the delegation receive a briefing on the construction waste management strategy of Samsung C&T.



The delegation conducts a site tour at Samsung C&T.



The delegation takes a group photo at Samsung C&T.



The delegation visits the Sudokwon landfill.



Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan, delegation leader, presents a souvenir to the Director of the Sudokwon landfill.



The delegation takes a group photo at the Sudokwon landfill.