

Director of UNSD shares with Hong Kong the latest international and regional statistical developments

Professor Paul Cheung, Director of United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, visited the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) on April 18.

During his visit to C&SD, Professor Cheung met with the Commissioner for Census and Statistics, Mr Fung Hing-wang and senior officers in C&SD to discuss the latest statistical developments in the international, regional and local arena.

As regards the 59th World Statistics Congress (WSC) of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) to be held in Hong Kong in August 2013, Professor Cheung provided invaluable advice and suggestions on the preparatory work being undertaken by C&SD. The WSC is an important event of the international statistical community which takes place once every two years. Mr Fung said, “We welcome the views of Professor Cheung, and Hong Kong will strive to make the 2013 WSC a most successful and memorable event for the participants.”

Professor Cheung also spoke of the Conference on “Monitoring Development” co-organised by UNSD and the World Bank to be held in Beijing in September 2011. He highlighted that the Conference would discuss on the introduction of a set of statistical indicators for monitoring development, so that economies could monitor their structural changes more effectively.

Noting the importance of statistical capacity building, Professor Cheung briefed C&SD on the latest developments of statistical training institutes in the region, including those of the China International Statistical Training Centre. Professor Cheung said, “These developments will help facilitate and promote integration among statistical professionals in the region.”

Professor Cheung took the opportunity to visit the 2011 Population Census Office (11C Office) of C&SD and met with the staff in the 11C Office to understand the latest progress of the planning and preparatory

work for the coming population census to be conducted in Hong Kong from June 30 to August 2, 2011. He was briefed on the salient features and new initiatives in the 11C, including the operational design of the multi-modal data collection approach. The online completion of 11C electronic questionnaires and the scanning technologies adopted in data capturing were also demonstrated.

Mr Fung remarked, “Professor Cheung, an old friend of C&SD, is a prominent figure in the international statistical community. We had a very fruitful sharing with Professor Cheung and gained many insights from him during his visit. We look forward to continuing our close collaboration with UNSD.”



The Commissioner for Census and Statistics, Mr Fung Hing-wang and the staff in the 2011 Population Census Office briefed Professor Paul Cheung, Director of United Nations Statistics Division on the latest progress of work on the population census.