

The VTC's First Operation Centre in the Mainland Officially Opened in Shenzhen



The Vocational Training Council (VTC) has established close ties with stakeholders in the Mainland. Thanks to an established network with vocational and professional education and training (VPET) institutions and organisations in the Mainland, VTC students are given plenty of opportunities to participate in various learning activities, ranging from exchange, knowledge sharing, and cultural programmes. To further promote VPET in the Region, the VTC has formulated its Mainland development strategy and set up the Vocational and Professional Education Services (Shenzhen) Company Limited (VPES), its first operation centre in the Mainland, to deepen collaborations between VPET and industry partners across the border and to seize opportunities arising from the development of the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

added that the VTC, as one of the major VPET institutions in the region, will leverage its global network and play a bridging role, connecting VTC's international and Mainland partners with a view to enhance the quality of VPET and its development in the GBA. He is deeply grateful for the support of the governments of Hong Kong and Shenzhen, as well as the assistance of Shenzhen Polytechnic, Shenzhen SEZ Construction and Development Group Co., Ltd., and other partners, which made the establishment of VPES possible. He hopes that VTC can further promote VPET in the Mainland through VPES, particularly in the GBA, and actively support Hong Kong's integration with the national development strategy, nurture talents, and contribute to the overall development of the GBA.



Dr Daniel Yip says the establishment of VPES marks a new milestone of the VTC's development in the Mainland.

Building up an exchange platform for the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Opening Ceremony of VPES was held on 17 March 2023 with Secretary for Education of the HKSAR Government, Dr CHOI Yuk-lin, and Secretary of Shenzhen Municipal Education Working Committee and Secretary of the Party Group and Director of the Municipal Education Bureau, Ms ZHENG Xiuyu, as the Guests of Honour. Also officiating at the Ceremony were Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee, Mr ZHENG Hongbo, and President of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong SAR, the Hon Andrew LEUNG. Chairman of VPES and Deputy Chairman of the VTC, Dr Daniel YIP said VPES is a cornerstone of the VTC's development in the Mainland. "VPES helps promote VPET exchanges between the Mainland and Hong Kong, offering more learning and job opportunities for Hong Kong students and cultivating more versatile technical and applied talents for the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the country as a whole."

Playing a Bridging Role to promote the development of VPET

Dr Yip is committed to youth development and the promotion of VPET. Dr Yip is the Deputy Chairman of the VTC and currently the Chairman of the Steering Committee on Promotion of VPET and Qualifications Framework, providing valuable insights for the development of VPET in Hong Kong. Dr Yip is delighted about the VTC's strategic development in the GBA to widen opportunities for young people in the region. He said, "We encourage VTC students to tap the learning opportunities in the Mainland and support Mainland students to explore opportunities southbound in Hong Kong. This could help VTC students better understand the GBA market and better equipped for professional development in the GBA and the whole country." Dr Yip

The Opening Ceremony of VPES was also attended by the Chairman of the VTC Mainland Development Advisory Board, Mr Simon Chan, and Board members including CEO of Greater Bay Airlines, Mr Stanley HUI, Chairman of the Mainland China Affairs Committee of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, Mr Jackson LEUNG, and Vice President of Alibaba Group, Ms Luna XING.



VTC students present projects to guests.

Located in Vocational Education Park Exploring new partnerships

Located in the GBA Vocational Education Park in Creative City of Nanshan District, Shenzhen, VPES is well equipped with multi-functional spaces to support various VPET exchange programmes, as well as consultative and collaborative activities in the Mainland for VTC students and teachers. VPES also houses the Innovation and Technology Co-creation Centre (ITCC) where student projects from different disciplines at the VTC are shown to showcase students' professional prowess. ITCC will also serve as a hub for connecting industry partners in the Mainland and facilitating new project collaborations. VPES will support young people in gaining better understanding about the development of the country and enhancing their professional skills through various exchange activities and collaboration projects including practical training and career development in the GBA.

