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On 25 September 2016, Dr. LI Meng, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST), visited the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, in particular, the two Chinese National Engineering Research Centres (Hong Kong Branches), and the two Partner State Key Laboratories (PSKLs).

The MOST officials and the delegation team consisted of:

MOST	
LI Meng	Vice Minister
YE Dongbai	Inspector, Office of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Affairs
XU Liang	Director General, Department of Innovation and Development
XIE Min	Inspector, Office of Major S&T Projects
SUN Hong	Director, China Science and Technology Exchange Center
LE Jia	Deputy Director General, Department of Innovation and
XIAO Wei	Development
XU Hongbin	Deputy Investigator Division of Secretariat, General Office
	Director General, Division of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau,
	China Science and Technology Exchange Center

Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR		
LIU Zhiming	Deputy Inspector, Department of Education and Technology	
ZHANG Wei	Deputy Investigator, Department of Education and Technology	
WANG Bo	Director, Department of Education and Technology	

Innovation and Technology Commission

Frederick CHENG	Senior Manager (Policy and Development)
Urania CHAN	Assistant Manager (Policy and Development)

Professor Timothy TONG, President, and Professor Philip CHAN, Deputy President and Provost, received the MOST delegation, and introduced latest developments in technological innovation of the University. Moreover, the MOST delegation visited a number of facilities and laboratories in the Campus of the University. Professor K.F. CHUNG, Director of CNERC for Steel Construction (Hong Kong Branch), was invited to report to Dr. Li latest development and research activities of the CNERC.

The PolyU's delegation team consisted of:

Timothy TONG	President
Philip CHAN	Deputy President and Provost
H. C. MAN	Dean, Faculty of Engineering
K. K. LEE	Department of Electrical Engineering
K. C. CHAN	Head, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
William LAM	Head, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Michael YU	Deputy Director, State Key Laboratory of Chirosciences
Y. Q. NI	Director of CNERC for Rail Transit Electrification and Automation
	Engineering Technology (Hong Kong Branch)
K. F. CHUNG	Director of CNERC for Steel Construction (Hong Kong Branch)
Virginia CHENG	Head, Research Office
Iris TANG	Chinese Mainland Affairs Office



The MOST officials and the PolyU delegates.

Prof. Chung took this opportunity to thank the MOST for its endorsement to establishment of Hong Kong Branch at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Prof. Chung elaborated potential positioning of the Hong Kong Construction Industry in creating synergy with the China Steel Construction Industry, in particular, in facilitating export of Chinese structural steelwork to overseas projects. Prof. Chung presented a copy of the first publication of the Hong Kong Branch, "Effective Design and Construction to Structural Eurocodes" to Dr. Li.

CNERC will be committed to promote effective design and construction using Chinese steel materials and structural members in Hong Kong and Macau, and major cities in the Region. Dr. Li re-iterated strong supports of the MOST to innovation and technology developments in Hong Kong, and he looked forwards to receive progress reports on developments of CNERC.