

Secretary for Development visits distinctive buildings in Shanghai (with photos)

The Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited the "Old Millfun", a prominent historic building; and "Tian Zi Fang", an art and craft street, during her visit to the municipality today (January 10).

Mrs Lam arrived at the "Old Millfun" on Sha Jing Road in the afternoon. Built in 1933, it was a slaughter house in the past and has been classified as a provisional class four historic building. In order to convert this historic building into a new landmark with contemporary elements, the Shanghai municipality is sparing no effort in turning it into a specialised area for creative industries. Apart from serving as a breeding ground for creative industries, the "Old Millfun" will also become a cultural, leisure, entertainment and food centre.

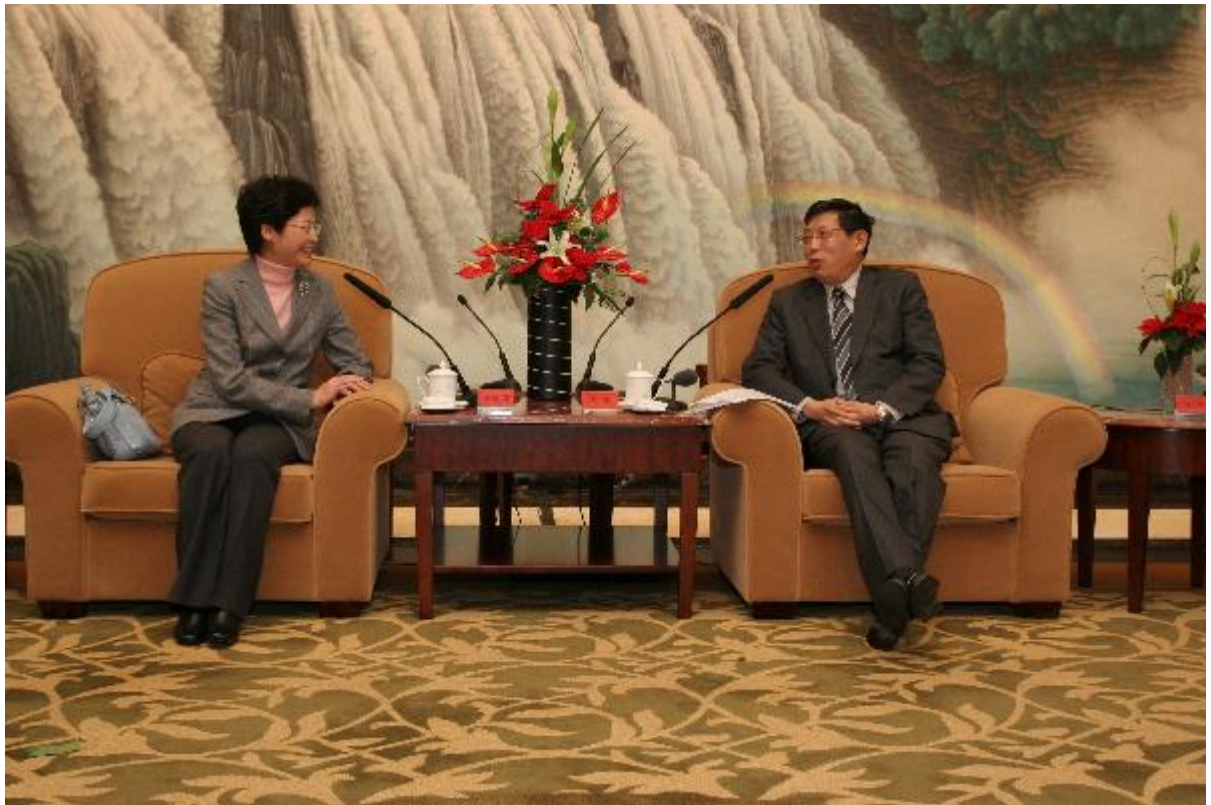
Mrs Lam also visited "Tian Zi Fang", which is located in a section of Tai Kang Road in Da Pu Qiao district. An old factory there was converted into a modern industrial building, housing design workshops and studios set up by artists from 10 countries or regions. Nowadays, more than 40 art and craft shops and 20 design studios are established in Tai Kang Road, turning it into an "art street".

Mrs Lam also took the opportunity to visit the venue of World Expo 2010 Shanghai. The expo will be held from May to October 2010.

During today's visit, Mrs Lam also met with the Vice Mayor of Shanghai, Mr Yang Xiong, and officials of the Shanghai Municipal City Planning Administration.

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The Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam, meets with the Vice Mayor of Shanghai, Mr Yang Xiong.



The Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam, and the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Mak Chai-kwong (left), being briefed on the history of "Old Millfun".



The Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam, and the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Mak Chai-kwong (second from right), touring an art and craft shop in "Tian Zi Fang".