Duty visits outside Hong Kong made by Secretary for Education in 2015-16 (as at 31.12.2015)

No.	Date*	Place of visit	Purpose and main itinerary	Number of official entourage from SED's Office	Total expenditure incurred by SED and official entourage from SED's Office (HK\$) (Note)
1.	6 May 2015	Shenzhen	To meet with officials of the Shenzhen Municipal Education Bureau to share views on education issues.	2	_
2.	7 to 8 May 2015	Zhuhai	To deliver a speech at the 10th anniversary celebratory event of the United International College jointly founded by Beijing Normal University and Hong Kong Baptist University, and hold discussion with officials of the Zhuhai Municipal Education Bureau.	2	9,100
3.	18 to 19 May 2015	Guangzhou and Zhongshan	To meet with officials of the Department of Education of Guangdong Province and the Zhongshan Municipal Government to exchange views on educational co-operation.	3	4,600
4.	6 June 2015	Huizhou and Shunde	To lead Hong Kong university students to join a career and life planning education programme and visit enterprises there.	1	7,400
5.	24 to 25 June 2015	Fujian	To pay a courtesy call on officials of the Fujian Provincial Department of Education and the Xiamen Municipal Education Bureau; to visit universities there to exchange views with university leaders and some Hong Kong students.	2	20,300
6.	17 to 18 July 2015	Beijing	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the Beijing, Hong Kong and Macau Student Exchange Camp 2015; to call on officials of the Ministry of Education in Beijing.	2	34,500 #
7.	26 July to 1 August 2015	USA and Belgium	To visit the United States and Belgium to exchange views with overseas funding and research agencies in the higher education sector on education and research policies and funding strategies.	2	238,300
8.	2 to 4 September 2015	Beijing	To attend commemorative activities of the 70th Anniversary of the Victory of War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.	-	12,400 #

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9.	28 September to 1 October 2015	Beijing	To lead the National Day Delegation from the Educational Sector of Hong Kong 2015 to participate in professional exchange activities in Beijing and Chengde.	2	43,700
10.	13 to 15 October 2015	Singapore	To attend an international conference on higher education futures; to hold discussion with officials of the Ministry of Education of Singapore.	2	42,500 #
11.	2 to 3 November 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	To join a delegation of presidents or vice-presidents of the eight University Grants Committee-funded institutions for a visit to Guangdong Province and to attend a Guangdong and Hong Kong university presidents' forum in Guangzhou.	2	14,300 #
12.	17 November 2015	Guangzhou	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the 14th Challenge Cup Final, a national competition of extra-curricular academic and technological projects by university students, in Guangzhou.	1	6,600

^{*} The duty visits lasted for one to seven days per trip.

<u>Note</u>: The total expenditure includes expenses on accommodation and travelling, subsistence allowance and other incidental expenses for duty visits outside Hong Kong in accordance with the prevailing Civil Service Regulations and guidelines. All expenditure figures are rounded to the nearest hundred.

[#] Actual expenditure subject to adjustment.