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The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung (second right), visited the Christian Family Service Centre Shing Shun Small Group Home in Tseung Kwan O this morning (August 5). Picture shows Mr Cheung observing the living environment and chatting with a child resident in the home. On his side are the Centre's Senior Programme Director, Ms Ivy Leung (first left), and Service Manager, Ms Teresa Lam (second left).



Mr Cheung (front row, first right) shares some snacks with children residing in the home. Also present is the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Stephen Sui (back row, first left).





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Mr Cheung (second right) plays a game with residents of the home and a house parent (third left). He thanked the house parent and her family for their commitment in providing a home-like environment for the healthy growth of children in need.

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