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Dr. Shyamal Majumdar, Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for TVET (hereafter named as “UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre”) had a formal working visit at Shenzhen Polytechnic on Feb. 26-27th, 2017 with the invitation from China National Commission for UNESCO and the Polytechnic. The Polytechnic has become one of the over 200 UNEVOC Centres since 2006.

During the visit, Professor CHEN Qiuming, Chairman of Regents Board and Professor JIA Xingdong, President of the Polytechnic, met with Dr. Majumdar separately and had friendly and deep discussions on how the Polytechnic could deepen the collaboration with UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre and other UNEVOC Centres according to the Polytechnic’s 13-th Five-Year Strategic Development Plan. Both sides exchanged ideas frankly in detail and have come to some common understanding.

On the morning of 27th, the Polytechnic organized a formal meeting chaired by Prof. LI Yue, Vice President, and presented by the top leaders and concerned department directors of the Polytechnic. President JIA Xingdong gave a warm welcome speech and Prof. CHEN Qiuming, Board Chairman, introduced the current development status of Shenzhen and the development objectives of the Polytechnic.
Dr. Majumdar also introduced briefly the global trends of TVET development and public platform available at UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre website for world TVET institutions, such as the TVeT forum, the World TVET database, the Promising Practices Database, the TVETipedia Glossary etc. Dr. Majumdar also stressed that, in regard to development, a traditional idea was that land, money, human and material resources were key elements. Yet in nowadays, network and collaboration also become critical factors. Any activities in the UNEVOC Network are win-win both for organizers and participants.

While in the Polytechnic, Dr. Majumdar also visited several practicing workshops there, i.e. Automotive Technology workshop, ICT workshop, Maker Center and the Shenzhen Branch, China National Research Institute for Vocational Education. It is true that seeing is believing. Dr. Majumdar highly praised afterwards the achievements of the Polytechnic and its proactive involvements in the UNEVOC Network activities. He accepts and believes the saying that Shenzhen Polytechnic is a first-class higher TVET institute in China. He really hopes that Shenzhen Polytechnic can do even more and better in the future, playing an more effective and better role in the UNEVOC Network.
(Dr. Majumdar visited ICT workshop at Shenzhen Polytechnic.)