

2024 Constitution Day Seminar

To enable the community to have a better understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law, national security-related legislation, and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)'s constitutional basis and order as laid down by the Constitution and the Basic Law, the HKSAR Government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR will jointly hold a seminar on Constitution Day tomorrow (December 4), with the Endeavour Education Centre as the supporting organisation.

On November 1, 2014, the Standing Committee of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC) decided to designate December 4 of each year as Constitution Day and conduct promotion of and education activities on the Constitution through multiple channels to heighten public awareness of the Constitution, promote the spirit of and enhance the implementation of the Constitution, and advance the overall law-based governance of the country. This year's December 4 marks the 10th anniversary of Constitution Day.

In order to thoroughly implement the spirit of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Resolution of the CPC Central Committee on Further Deepening Reform Comprehensively to Advance Chinese Modernization, this year's Seminar will be conducted on the theme of "The Constitution and Further Deepening Reform Comprehensively". The seminar will feature a keynote speech and a panel discussion. The keynote speech will be delivered by Professor Mo Jihong, who is the Member of the Academy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Director of the Institute of Law of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Dean of the School of Law of the University of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and Executive Vice-President of the Association of Constitutional Law of the China Law Society. The panel discussion will be moderated by member of the Management Committee of the Endeavour Education Centre Miss Elsie Leung. Together with Hong Kong member of the Standing Committee of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), and non-official member of the Executive Council and member of the Legislative Council, Mr Martin Liao, and member of the HKSAR Basic Law Committee of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Dr William Wong, SC, they will explore the vital functions of the Constitution in the process of further deepening reform comprehensively and promoting Chinese modernisation, as well as Hong Kong's integral roles in this regard.

The Seminar will be held in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from 11am to 12.30pm tomorrow and broadcast live simultaneously. Members of the public can view it on the website of the Information Services Department (webcast.info.gov.hk), the news.gov.hk's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/govnews.hk) or the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB)'s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cmab.gov.hk). Radio Television Hong Kong TV 32 will also broadcast the Seminar live. Moreover, the full version of the Seminar will be uploaded to the website of the CMAB (www.cmab.gov.hk/en/home/index.htm).

A Government spokesman said that the Constitution, the Basic Law, and the national security-related legislation are not only crucial to the steady progress of the "one country, two systems" principle, but are also vital to the social, economic and livelihood development of the HKSAR, as well as the daily life of the public. Therefore, the public is urged to watch the seminar enthusiastically in order to gain a better understanding of the situation. For other information about Constitution Day, please visit its dedicated webpage (www.cmab.gov.hk/en/issues/constitution_day.htm).