

Announcement of second round results of Public Policy Research Funding Scheme 2021-22

The Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office (PICO) announced today (September 10) the results of the second round applications to the Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme in 2021-22.

The PPR Funding Scheme, managed by PICO, is one of the most well-established government-financed funding schemes dedicated to fostering and supporting evidence-based public policy research by higher education institutions and think tanks in Hong Kong. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For the second round exercise in 2021-22, PICO received 24 applications. On the advice of the Assessment Panel, PICO has supported six projects with total funding of about \$2.8 million.

Applications to the PPR Funding Scheme are assessed by an independent Assessment Panel which comprises experienced academics. The Assessment Panel will also take into account comments of outside reviewers who are academics and experts during the assessment process. Each application is considered on its merits and relevance to public policy development in Hong Kong. A declaration of interests system is in place to ensure that the assessments are fair and impartial.

Details of the funded projects have been uploaded to PICO's website (www.pico.gov.hk/en/PRFS).