

# Civil Service College holds first seminar in Executive Series on Brokering North and South: China in a Multipolar World (with photos)

The Civil Service College (CSC) launched the Executive Series on Brokering North and South: China in a Multipolar World. The first seminar on the topic of "A Century of Exploration of the Chinese Path and its Global Significance" was delivered by the Dean of the China Institute of Fudan University, Professor Zhang Weiwei, and chaired by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the China Institute of Fudan University, Mr Eric Li, at the CSC today (July 15).

Addressing the seminar, the Head of the CSC, Mr Oscar Kwok, said that the rise of China and the Global South has had a profound impact on the international order. A multipolar world is emerging. Hong Kong is the most internationalised city of China, with a unique blend of Chinese and Western cultures, an edge in language proficiency, and systems that are highly compatible with international practices. Hong Kong can capitalise on its distinctive advantages to connect the country with international markets and deepen mutual understanding through increased international collaboration and exchanges of people, thereby making facts about China known to people from around the world. Therefore, cultivating civil servants' in-depth understanding of national developments and the international landscape, and enhancing their international perspectives and communication capabilities, is an important area of focus of the CSC for senior civil servants.

More than 220 civil servants in directorate, senior and middle ranks from 49 bureaux/departments attended the seminar in person or online today.

The Executive Series on Brokering North and South: China in a Multipolar World invites renowned scholars and leaders from the Mainland and overseas as guest speakers to inspire civil servants to reflect on the influence of China, as a major player in a multipolar world, on the global community amid the rise of the Global South and profound changes in the international landscape, and to explore how Hong Kong, as a city where East meets West, should leverage its strengths in its unique role in connecting the country with the world. It covers subjects pertaining to the rise of the Global South and international order, new quality productive forces and global developments, preservation and innovation of fine traditions of culture and art and international communication, and a holistic approach to national security and global initiatives, etc.



## Government announces appointments to Energy Advisory Committee

The Government today (July 15) announced that Professor Simon Wong Kit-lung and Dr Conrad Wong Tin-cheung have been appointed as the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Energy Advisory Committee, as well as 17 community figures appointed as members. The appointments are for a term of two years, effective as of today.

The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, expressed his gratitude to members of the previous term, particularly the retiring Chairman, Mr Jimmy Kwok Chun-wah, and 11 members, Professor Andrew Chan Chi-fai, Ms Natalie Chan, Dr Vincent Cheng Sai-yau, Mr Cheung Chi-wah, Professor Fung Tung, Ms Linda Ho Wai-ping, Ms Hilda Lam Hiu-nga, Mr Ellis Lau Ying-tung, Ms Ivy Lee Siu-wing, Ms Christina Tang Pik-han, and Mr Ryan Yeung Shun-cheung, for their support and service in the past years. He also welcomed 12 new members, Mr Chan Chuen-wai, Professor Anthony Cheung Chun-yue, Ms Carmen Chu, Mr Fong Chung-lun, Dr Jeffrey Hung Oi-shing, Dr Jim Ka-wai, Mr Kwan King-fai, Ms Grace Kwok May-han, Professor Sunnie Lau Sing-yeung, Professor Nora Tam Fung-ye, Professor Charles Wong Man-sing, Ms Priscilla Wong Wai-ye, to the Committee. "Under the sterling leadership of the Chairman, the Committee has tendered invaluable advice to the Government on important

energy matters. Looking ahead, we will continue to work closely with the Committee on various energy policy matters, including decarbonisation and the promotion of renewable energy as well as energy efficiency and conservation in the community," he said.

The Committee advises the Government on energy policy, including policy matters concerning energy supply and demand, energy conservation and efficiency, and other related matters.

The full membership of the Committee is as follows:

Professor Simon Wong Kit-lung (Chairman)

\* Dr Conrad Wong Tin-cheung (Deputy Chairman)

\* Dr Gigi Au Yeung Chi-ting

\* Mr Keith Chan Chuk-hin

Mr Chan Chuen-wai

Professor Anthony Cheung Chun-yue

Ms Carmen Chu

\* Mr Chui Tim-wai

Mr Fong Chung-lun

Dr Jeffrey Hung Oi-shing

Dr Jim Ka-wai

Mr Kwan King-fai

Ms Grace Kwok May-han

Professor Sunnie Lau Sing-yeung

\* Ms Donna Sit Tsz-shan

Professor Nora Tam Fung-yee

Professor Charles Wong Man-sing

Ms Priscilla Wong Wai-yee

\* Ms Elsa Yuen May-yee

\* Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Environment) or his/her representative

\* Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services or his/her representative

\* Serving members

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## **Hospital Authority updates on earlier event of patient who developed cardiac arrest during treatment in Yan Chai Hospital**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) made the following announcement today (July 15) regarding an earlier event of a female paediatric patient who developed cardiac arrest during treatment in Yan Chai Hospital:

The Chief Executive of the HA, Dr Tony Ko, this morning visited the patient, Sum-yuet, who is still hospitalised in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit of Princess Margaret Hospital. Dr Ko and representatives from the clinical team also met with Sum-yuet's family to express deep empathy and once again apologised to them regarding the event.

Dr Ko said, "We understand that the tragic incident brought a deep impact to Sum-yuet and her family. We are deeply saddened and would like to sincerely apologise to the family again. We will follow up on Sum-yuet's treatment as best as we can, and give full support to her family amid tough times."

Dr Ko added that the HA had arranged genetic screening tests for Sum-yuet, and the results were negative. The HA has explained the results to her family, and will follow up on the event thoroughly. The HA will not rule out any possibilities as to what might have caused the event, and will continue to assist the Police in their investigation.

The HA is aware of the special care that the family needs during this difficult period, and has arranged a patient relations officer and a clinical team to closely assist the family for their different needs. They will be in touch with the family continually, explain the latest updates on Sum-yuet's clinical condition and other progress in a timely manner, and provide assistance to the family.

The HA has again reminded clinical teams through co-ordinating committees and various platforms to strengthen the monitoring of paediatrics patients when performing bedside clinical procedures, to improve communication with patients and their families as well as to arrange procedural sedations for patients when necessary. Experts in emergency medicine and paediatrics appointed by the HA earlier have also reviewed the guidelines on the practice of bedside procedures for paediatric patients in the HA, and have provided a number of suggestions.

Dr Ko emphasised that the HA attaches great importance to patient safety, and is consolidating various suggestions from the experts. The HA will once again remind clinical teams to follow and execute experts' recommendations through a wide variety of channels. Trainings will also be strengthened to ensure the safety of paediatrics patients during bedside procedures to prevent a similar event from happening in the future.

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## LegCo Members' annual tea reception with members of Boards of Directors of charitable organisations (with photo)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

An annual tea reception for the Legislative Council (LegCo) Members and members of the Boards of Directors of six charitable organisations was held today (July 15) in the Dining Hall of the LegCo Complex. These charitable organisations were Tung Wah Group of Hospitals; Po Leung Kuk; Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon; Pok Oi Hospital; Yan Chai Hospital; and Yan Oi Tong.

The President of LegCo, Mr Andrew Leung, said the annual tea reception with charitable organisations is a fine tradition of the LegCo, allowing Members to meet with members of the Boards of Directors of the charitable organisations in a relaxing atmosphere and to exchange views on issues of mutual concern. LegCo Members work together with charitable organisations to improve the lives of underprivileged groups and build a harmonious and caring Hong Kong.

47 Members attended the tea reception.



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## Cluster of COVID-19 cases in Haven of Hope Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for Haven of Hope Hospital made the following announcement today (July 15):

Five male patients (aged between 74 and 89) in a medical ward of Haven of Hope Hospital have been presenting with fever and have tested positive for COVID-19 since July 9. All patients are being treated in cohort isolation and are in stable condition.

Moreover, two staff members in the ward had the onset of fever or respiratory symptoms on July 10 and 12. Both tested positive for COVID-19 with stable condition.

Thorough cleaning and disinfection measures have been conducted in the ward. Infection control measures have been stepped up according to established guidelines.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation of the patients. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for follow-up.