

# Budget public consultation launched

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (December 9) commenced the public consultation exercise for the 2020-21 Budget.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "Affected by the global economic slowdown, the adverse impact of China-US trade tensions and the series of local social incidents that often include violence, Hong Kong's economy has entered into a recession. A shadow looms over our economic prospects and the outlook for the next year is full of challenges. In preparing the 2020-21 Budget, I will adopt a strategic and forward-looking approach, with a view to 'support enterprises, safeguard jobs, stimulate the economy and smoothen livelihoods'. I sincerely invite members of the community to express their views and offer their insights to this Budget. This way, together we can help Hong Kong move forward."

To facilitate the expression of views by the community, the Government has introduced various channels for collecting opinions. Members of the public can find relevant information at the website [www.budget.gov.hk](http://www.budget.gov.hk) and share their comments through the said website, the dedicated Facebook page for the Budget ([www.facebook.com/Budget20to21](https://www.facebook.com/Budget20to21)), by email ([budget@fstb.gov.hk](mailto:budget@fstb.gov.hk)), by phone (2810 3768), by fax (2147 5770) or by post (Budget Consultation Support Team, 24/F, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong).