

Budget public consultation launched

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (December 5) commenced the public consultation exercise for the 2019-20 Budget.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan said, "Affected by international trade conflicts and other factors, Hong Kong's economic growth slowed down in the third quarter of this year, and the economic outlook for the next year is full of uncertainties. In preparing the 2019-20 Budget, I will carefully consider the risks of the macro economy, with a view to supporting enterprises, preserving employment and stabilising the economy. I will also consider measures to relieve the impact on citizens' daily lives brought about by external economic changes, as well as to seize opportunities. I sincerely invite members of the community to express their views to assist us to better prepare the Budget."

To facilitate expression of views by the community, the Government has introduced a social media platform as an additional way for collecting opinions this year. Members of the public can find relevant information at the website www.budget.gov.hk and give their comments through the said website, the dedicated Facebook page for the Budget (www.facebook.com/Budget19to20), by email (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).