

CE discusses with LegCo President follow-up work relating to improving electoral system (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (March 30) met with the President of the Legislative Council (LegCo), Mr Andrew Leung, to discuss with him local legislation and other follow-up work in relation to improving the electoral system.

Mrs Lam told Mr Leung that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government fully welcomes and supports the approval by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the amended Annex I to the Basic Law on Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Annex II to the Basic Law on Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and its Voting Procedures to improve the electoral system of the HKSAR. She said that the HKSAR Government will press ahead at full steam with the exercise of amending the relevant local electoral laws, with the introduction of the bill into LegCo in mid-April as the target. She is grateful to LegCo for accepting her earlier suggestion for LegCo to form a subcommittee under the House Committee to first deliberate on the main contents of the Decision of the National People's Congress and the amended Annex I and Annex II to the Basic Law, so that upon the introduction of the bill by the HKSAR Government, the subcommittee would immediately be transformed into a Bills Committee to scrutinise the bill.

She pointed out that taking into account the time needed for local legislation and preparatory work for the relevant election, the seventh-term LegCo election is expected to take place in December 2021. She told the LegCo President that the Government still has about 16 legislative proposals covering a wide range of economic and social matters that would require the scrutiny of LegCo in the coming few months and expressed the hope that the sixth-term LegCo can continue operation until the start of the electoral process of the seventh-term LegCo.

