

CE listens to legislators' views regarding current-term LegCo continuing to discharge duties (with photos)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (August 12) met separately with the pro-establishment Legislative Council (LegCo) members from various political groups to listen to their views on the resumption of operation of the LegCo.

The decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPCSC) yesterday (August 11) stipulates that the sixth-term LegCo of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) will continue to discharge duties for no less than one year until the commencement of the seventh-term LegCo.

Mrs Lam expressed gratitude for the understanding and support of the pro-establishment legislators for the Government to postpone the LegCo General Election for a year in the light of the severe epidemic situation, and welcomed the decision of the NPCSC for resolving the problem of a lacuna in the LegCo in the coming year. As regards the queries by some non-pro-establishment legislators on the NPCSC decision, Mrs Lam stressed that the decision of the NPCSC was made in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Constitution of the People's Republic of China and the Basic Law, providing a constitutional basis and solid legal foundation for the normal governance of the HKSAR Government and the normal operation of society. The authority and necessity of the decision are beyond doubt.

Mrs Lam was pleased to note that all the legislators she met shared the view that the most imminent task is for the whole community to fight the epidemic together. She told the legislators the latest anti-epidemic work and listened to their views on the detailed measures. On the plight of various sectors amid the epidemic mentioned by various legislators, Mrs Lam said the Government will definitely do its utmost to support the enterprises and members of the public to ride out the difficult times. She said she has already requested the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary to listen to views of various sectors to formulate concrete support proposals.

