## <u>CE listens to public views at 2023</u> <u>Policy Address District Forum</u>

â€<The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, today (August 27) led his team of Principal Officials to attend the second 2023 Policy Address District Forum to continue to listen to views and suggestions of members of local communities on the upcoming Policy Address. The District Forum was held at Sha Tin Government Secondary School and attended by about 120 people from all walks of life. All 21 Principal Officials participated in the District Forum.

The District Forum lasted two hours. In the first session, the Chief Executive and the Principal Officials listened to views of members of the public. The topics discussed covered a wide range of areas including land and housing, transport, finance and trade, arts and culture, employment, education, youth, poverty alleviation, healthcare and social welfare. In the second session, participants were divided into four groups with the themes of "Boosting Economy" and "People's Livelihood" to engage in extensive discussions with the Principal Officials. Mr Lee interacted with members of the public of each group in turn and listened to their views.

Mr Lee said, "My team and I have gained a lot and received many valuable views from the District Forums conducted today and last week. I would like to express my gratitude to the participants for offering their insights and ideas. The matters of their concern are important reference for us in setting policy directions and priorities. We will continue to press ahead with various measures to improve people's livelihood and bring Hong Kong's development to a new level, and to work together with everyone to build a better home.

"The Government has held more than 30 consultation sessions so far for the 2023 Policy Address, including the two District Forums, to tap the views and suggestions of members of the public and representatives from different sectors on the Policy Address. My team and I will continue to meet with representatives from different sectors and visit different districts to listen to their views. We will do our utmost for the people's livelihood and the economy."

The 2023 Policy Address will be delivered on October 25. Members of the public can continue to give their views through various channels, including the Policy Address dedicated website and social media platforms or by phone, email, fax or post.