

Civil Service College and Peking University's joint programme holds lecture on "International Strategy and National Defence Policy" (with photos)

The Civil Service College (CSC), in collaboration with the Institute for Hong Kong and Macau Studies, Peking University, launched an in-depth programme on "one country, two systems" and contemporary China. As part of the programme, a lecture on the topic of "International Strategy and National Defence Policy" was delivered by the President of the Peking University's Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Professor Yu Tiejun, at the CSC today (February 26).

Addressing the lecture, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, said that Hong Kong plays a critical role in the country's foreign strategy, bearing a significant responsibility in safeguarding national security. The legislation for Article 23 of the Basic Law, which is to be completed within this year, along with the Hong Kong National Security Law, will together establish a robust defence for national security. This will further strengthen the foundation for the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems", ensuring that Hong Kong continues to thrive as an attractive and competitive international city. As the backbone of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, civil servants must actively support the HKSAR Government in fulfilling its constitutional duty, improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for safeguarding national security, so as to safeguard national sovereignty, security, and development interests in the face of a complex global environment.

Around 70 civil servants at the rank of Directorate Pay Scale Point 1 and 2 attended the in-depth programme. In addition, about 100 politically appointed officials and other directorate officers enrolled and sat in on the lecture via video conferencing.

The programme was organised to further strengthen training for senior officials and directorate civil servants. It consists of 12 monthly lectures covering a wide range of topics, such as the Communist Party of China and contemporary China, socialism with Chinese characteristics, the theory and practice of "one country, two systems", as well as developments in contemporary Chinese society, economy, national defence, technology, and more. Distinguished scholars from the Mainland will deliver the programme and engage in in-depth discussions with participants.

