

## Civil Service College and Peking University's joint programme holds lecture on theory and practice of "one country, two systems" (with photos)

The Civil Service College (CSC) of the Civil Service Bureau, in collaboration with the Institute for Hong Kong and Macau Studies, Peking University, launched an in-depth programme on "one country, two systems" and the contemporary China, and organised a lecture on the topic of "The Theory and Practice of 'One Country, Two Systems'". The lecture was delivered by Professor Jiang Shigong of the Peking University Law School at the CSC today (September 19).

In addressing the lecture, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, said as pointed out in the report of the 20th National Congress, "one country, two systems" is the best institutional arrangement for ensuring long-term prosperity and stability in Hong Kong. Being the backbone of the governing team of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, senior civil servants are responsible for implementing government policies and initiatives as well as providing various public services. The civil service must understand accurately and implement fully the "one country, two systems" principle, safeguard the HKSAR's constitutional basis and order as laid down by the Constitution and the Basic Law, implement the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" and safeguard national security so as to contribute to the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems".

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 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 the 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.

