

Civil Service College and Peking University's joint programme holds lecture on "Upholding the Principle and Promoting the Development of 'One Country, Two Systems'" (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 the contemporary China. As part of the programme, a lecture on the topic of "Upholding the Principle and Promoting the Development of 'One Country, Two Systems'" was delivered by Professor Rao Geping of Peking University's Law School at the CSC today (January 23).

Addressing the lecture, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, said that the "one country, two systems" principle is of great vitality and the success of its implementation in Hong Kong has won recognition throughout the world. As the backbone of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, civil servants 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, uphold the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong", and resolutely safeguard national security. Furthermore, civil servants not only have the responsibility but also should conscientiously and actively promote the achievements of "one country, two systems", presenting to the world the true stories of Hong Kong's openness, cultural vibrancy, prosperity and stability.

Around 70 civil servants at the rank of Directorate Pay Scale Point 1 and 2 attended the in-depth programme. In addition, about 110 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 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.

