

Civil Service College and Peking University's joint programme holds lecture

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 "Confucianism and Daoism: Goodness and Blank-leaving" was delivered by Vice President of the Peking University Professor Wang Bo at the CSC today (March 19).

Addressing the lecture, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, said that the Chief Executive had announced in his 2023 Policy Address that the Government will roll out patriotic education to enhance education on the country's history, culture, and current affairs on different fronts, including the promotion of Chinese culture to ensure its continuity from generation to generation. Mrs Yeung emphasised that the civil service, as an integral part of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)'s governance system and bearing the responsibility and mission of supporting the administration of the HKSAR Government, should all the more be staunch patriots. The CSC will continue to enhance training and actively promote patriotic education throughout the civil service, strengthening civil servants' understanding of the country's history as well as their appreciation for and recognition of Chinese culture.

Around 70 civil servants at the rank of Directorate Pay Scale Point 1 and 2 attended the 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 thorough discussions with participants.