

# Civil Service College holds fifth talk of series on country's foreign affairs (with photo)

The Civil Service College today (May 20) held the fifth talk of the series on the country's foreign affairs jointly with the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). The talk, on the topic of "Protocol Affairs", was delivered via video-conferencing by Deputy Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Li Xiang.

Addressing the talk, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said, "Hong Kong is an international city, and the HKSAR Government maintains close contact and co-operation in various areas with countries all over the world. Accordingly, civil servants have many opportunities to come across foreign organisations and officials and attend relevant formal functions. It is necessary for them to acquire deeper understanding of protocol matters and the concept of protocol affairs, so as to enhance their capacity in handling external affairs and to act in better concert with the country's overall approach."

About 270 civil servants in the directorate and senior ranks took part in today's talk through online access.

