

Civil Service College holds first seminar in Executive Series on "Connecting with the World – ASEAN" (with photos)

The Civil Service College (CSC) launched the Executive Series on "Connecting with the World – ASEAN". The first seminar on the topic of "Navigating the Changing Multimodal World" was delivered by former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore Mr George Yeo at the CSC today (November 22).

Addressing the seminar, the Head of the CSC, Mr Oscar Kwok, said developing civil servants' international perspective is one of the pillars of the Civil Service College's educational philosophy. The current global geopolitical landscape is a dynamic and complex tapestry of political, economic and social forces that shape relations between countries. A deeper understanding of geopolitical dynamics is no longer just an academic pursuit, but a vital tool for informed decision-making for policy makers, whether it is in anticipating economic trends, assessing future risks, or finding room for diplomacy, etc. An understanding of geopolitics serves as a compass for navigating an increasingly multimodal world. Senior civil servants of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government must stay attuned to national developments and the changing global environment in order to better support the HKSAR Government in playing the city's unique role in connecting the country with the world.

About 170 senior officials and civil servants in the directorate and senior ranks attended today's seminar.

The Executive Series on "Connecting with the World – ASEAN" was designed to further broaden the international perspective of directorate and senior civil servants. The seminar series will centre around the changing international dynamics and the development of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries, including economies of emerging markets, opportunities and challenges from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the role and positioning of ASEAN, diversity of ASEAN economies, etc. Prominent experts will be invited to deliver the seminars and engage in in-depth discussions with participants.

