

## Civil Service College organises second seminar in Executive Series on Brokering North and South: China in a Multipolar World (with photos)

The Civil Service College (CSC) launched the Executive Series on Brokering North and South: China in a Multipolar World. The second seminar in the series, on the topic of China-US Relations and the New World Order, was delivered by the Dean of the Institute of International Studies of Fudan University, Professor Wu Xinbo, and chaired by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the China Institute of Fudan University, Mr Eric Li, at the Central Government Offices today (November 18).

Addressing the seminar, the Head of the CSC, Mr Oscar Kwok, said that the geopolitical situation is complex and ever changing. With China and the United States being the world's largest economies and significant geopolitical forces, the trajectory their relationship takes has a crucial impact on global stability and prosperity. Hong Kong has always been a crucial bridge connecting the country and the world. To leverage its unique advantages, Hong Kong must not only focus on traditional markets and trade partners, but also expand its global reach and establish closer ties with regions and countries of the Global South, in particular countries from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Middle East, and BRICS. The objectives of the Executive Series on Brokering North and South: China in a Multipolar World organised by the CSC are to help civil servants gain a deeper understanding of the changing international landscape and to equip them with the knowledge and perspectives needed to enable them to actively promote exchanges and co-operation between Hong Kong and countries in the Global South. This is not only a necessary step for Hong Kong to weather future challenges and enhance its resilience amid the turbulence, but also key to contributing to the national strategy.

About 230 civil servants in directorate, senior and middle ranks from 59 bureaux/departments attended the seminar in person or online today.

The Executive Series on Brokering North and South: China in a Multipolar World invites renowned scholars and leaders from the Mainland and overseas as guest speakers to inspire civil servants to reflect on the influence of China, as a major player in a multipolar world, on the global community amid the rise of the Global South and profound changes in the international landscape, and to explore how Hong Kong, as a city where East meets West, should leverage its strengths in its unique role in connecting the country with the world. It covers subjects pertaining to the rise of the Global South and international order, new quality productive forces and global developments, preservation and innovation of fine traditions of culture and art and international communication, and a holistic approach to national security and global initiatives, etc.

