

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

The Civil Service College (CSC) has launched the Executive Series on "Connecting with the World – ASEAN". The second seminar in the series, on the topic of "The Future of Global Financial System: Challenges and Opportunities for ASEAN and Hong Kong" was delivered by Distinguished Fellow, Asia Global Institute, the University of Hong Kong, Mr Andrew Sheng, at the CSC today (March 25).

Addressing the seminar, the Head of the CSC, Mr Oscar Kwok, said the Executive Series is one of CSC's key initiatives to develop civil servants' international perspectives. The overwhelming response to the Executive Series is a testament to the collective recognition of the significance of the subject matters covered by the Series and their relevance to the work of senior civil servants. In a fast-changing world with all its volatility, complexity, and unpredictability, the one consensus that everyone can have is that changes are afoot. The global financial system that emerges at the end of these changes will be a very different one from today's. As new doctrines and systems are being developed, civil servants should actively anticipate new developments, position themselves to cater for a new reality, and seek to involve themselves in shaping the new reality's emergence in order to turn challenges into opportunities.

About 200 civil servants in the directorate and senior ranks from 50 bureaux/departments attended the seminar today, including about 60 officers from Hong Kong, and from Mainland Offices and overseas Economic and Trade Offices of the Government in Beijing, Bangkok, Berlin, Brussels, Dubai, Geneva, Jakarta, London, Singapore and Tokyo who joined the seminar via video conferencing.

The Executive Series on "Connecting with the World – ASEAN" is designed to further broaden the international perspective of directorate and senior civil servants. It covers subjects pertaining to 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 are invited to speak and engage in in-depth discussions with participants.

