

Council meeting not to be held on February 12 and special arrangements for LegCo Secretariat

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

In view of the severe situation of novel coronavirus infection in Hong Kong and the worsening of the epidemic in the community, the President of the Legislative Council (LegCo), Mr Andrew Leung, decided today (February 7) that the Council meeting originally scheduled for next Wednesday (February 12) will not be held, in order to avoid risking meeting attendees and on-duty staff being infected and to prevent the spread of the disease. All agenda items will stand over until the next Council meeting.

Meanwhile, as directed by Chairmen of LegCo Committees, the committee meetings originally scheduled for February 10 to 14 will not be held.

Special arrangements for LegCo Secretariat

The LegCo Secretariat will implement the following enhanced measures for disease prevention:

- (a) the LegCo Complex will be closed from 8 pm each day to 7 am the following day. All Complex users must leave by 8 pm;
- (b) persons who have visited the Mainland or arrived Hong Kong from the Mainland in the past 14 days are strongly advised not to enter the Complex;
- (c) all persons entering the Complex (including Members, public officers, Members' visitors, Members' staff, Secretariat staff, contractors' staff and media representatives etc.) will be subject to body temperature screening. The Secretariat reserves the right to deny entry to the Complex of any persons who refuse to undergo body temperature screening or whose body temperature is higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius; and
- (d) Members' Entrance 2 and the Footbridge Entrance will be closed.

All public services in the Complex, including the Public Complaints Office, Library and Archives will remain suspended. Secretariat staff will work from home, except those who are responsible for maintaining basic operation of the Secretariat and who are on essential duties.

The aforementioned measures will be implemented tentatively until next Sunday (February 16). The Secretariat will review these measures and make further announcements in due course.