

CS meets with Chairman and Deputy Chairman of LegCo House Committee (with photos)

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, in his capacity as Chief Secretary for Administration of the new-term Government for the first time, had a meeting this afternoon (July 11) with the Chairman of the Legislative Council (LegCo) House Committee, Ms Starry Lee, and the Deputy Chairman of the Committee, Mr Ma Fung-kwok. They will meet regularly to strengthen communication between the executive authorities and the legislature.

At the meeting, Mr Chan said that the new-term Government attaches great importance to the healthy interactions between the executive authorities and the legislature as the integral foundation for starting a new chapter for Hong Kong together, and that it looks forward to joining hands with the LegCo to press ahead with fully implementing the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" and take forward the four proposals laid out by President Xi Jinping in his important speech on July 1 this year. Mr Chan particularly thanked the LegCo for having a debate at the Council meeting last week on an adjournment motion in relation to the implementation of the address made by President Xi, as well as offering valuable views and suggestions to the Government, achieving a good start for good governance.

Mr Chan expressed his full confidence in the successful implementation of the executive-led system combined with the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" by the new-term Government and the LegCo, with not only checks and balances but also co-operation with each other, to ensure the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. He added that the Government will make every effort to co-operate with the LegCo in the discharge by the latter of its duties, including scrutiny of bills and funding proposals, asking of questions and debates on motions.

In addition to the Chief Secretary for Administration's regular meetings with the LegCo House Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the Principal Officials of the Government will proactively exchange views with the LegCo Members through various means on the Government's legislative and funding proposals, etc, to be submitted to the LegCo for scrutiny and explain them in detail. Such means include meetings of the LegCo and its relevant committees/panels and regular Ante Chamber exchange sessions at the LegCo as put forward by the Chief Executive. The aim is to formulate and implement legislation and policy initiatives that are more conducive to developing Hong Kong society and improving people's livelihood.

