

CS to attend United Nations Human Rights Council plenary meeting in Switzerland

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, will depart for Geneva, Switzerland in the early hours tomorrow (March 14) to attend the plenary meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC). Also joining the duty visit will be officials from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB).

A Government spokesperson said today (March 13) that officials of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government will attend the meeting as members of the China delegation. The UNHRC will further discuss and formally adopt the outcome report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on China (including the HKSAR). The China delegation will be headed by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Le Yucheng. Mr Cheung will speak at the plenary meeting in his capacity as the deputy head of the delegation.

The UNHRC Working Group on the UPR held a review meeting on November 6 last year to examine the third report submitted by China (including the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions), and adopted the outcome report on China on November 9. The report has been uploaded to the CMAB website (www.cmab.gov.hk/en/press/reports_human.htm).

Mr Cheung will return to Hong Kong on March 16. During his absence, the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, will be the Acting Chief Secretary for Administration.