

# Date of prorogation of sixth-term LegCo

A Government spokesman said today (July 21) that the Chief Executive, after taking into consideration the relevant electoral legislation and the practice adopted in the past public elections, has specified October 30, 2021, as the date from which the sixth-term Legislative Council (LegCo) shall stand prorogued and its operation shall then be terminated.

In accordance with section 6(3) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), to enable a LegCo general election to be held, the Chief Executive may, before the end of a term of office of the LegCo, prorogue the LegCo to terminate its operation. Taking into account that the 2021 LegCo General Election will be held on December 19 this year, and the nomination period for the election is scheduled for October 30 to November 12 this year, the Chief Executive has specified October 30, 2021, which is the commencement date of the nomination period, as the date from which the sixth-term LegCo shall stand prorogued, so as to ensure that all candidates (including serving LegCo members) will compete on a level playing field.

The date of prorogation of the LegCo will be published in the Gazette on July 23.