<u>Director of Immigration fully upholds</u> <u>Decision of NPC on improving electoral</u> <u>system of HKSAR</u>

The fourth session of the 13th National People's Congress passed the Decision of the National People's Congress on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region today (March 11), with a view to improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and implementing the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong".

The Director of Immigration, Mr Au Ka-wang, upholds the Decision. The execution of the Decision of the National People's Congress on improving the electoral system of the HKSAR, which has laid down the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong", will plug the loophole in the existing electoral system of the HKSAR and prevent persons with ulterior motives from advocating, through the deliberation platforms of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and District Councils, activities that oppose the Central Authorities and cause disturbance to the law and order of Hong Kong in an attempt to paralyse the LegCo of the HKSAR and obstruct the HKSAR Government in governing according to the law. The execution of the Decision will ensure the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems" in Hong Kong.

In order to safeguard national security and to ensure the long-term security of the HKSAR, the Immigration Department will, by strictly adhering to all applicable laws and current immigration policies, continue to safeguard Hong Kong, the country's southern gateway, and work with other law enforcement agencies to combat activities that endanger national security.