

ExCo supports Government's further relief measures

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

The Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) today (April 8) issued the following statement:

The Government has announced a package of measures to support individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19. The ExCo Non-official Members support the Government in putting forward these bold and prompt measures as a decisive response to the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic posed to the economy of Hong Kong.

The ExCo Non-official Members note that the measures announced by the Government are all-encompassing in scope and unprecedented in scale and intensity. The measures include assistance to businesses from all sectors, programmes for retaining jobs, as well as relief measures for easing the financial burden of the public. These measures should alleviate the pandemic's effect on the economy and pave the way for economic recovery.

Members also note that while the challenges currently faced by Hong Kong are immense, these challenges can be overcome so long as different sectors of the community and the Government can join hands and work in concert. To support the decision of the Chief Executive and her team in taking a pay cut and encourage different sectors of the community to show solidarity with the people, all ExCo Non-official Members will, further to the donation of one month's honorarium to charitable organisations in March this year, reduce their honorarium by ten percent for one year in response to the pay cut of the Chief Executive and her team.