## <u>LegCo Panel on Security visits Anti-Deception Coordination Centre and Anti-Deception Alliance (with photos)</u>

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

The Legislative Council Panel on Security visited the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre (ADCC) and the Anti-Deception Alliance (ADA) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) in the Police Headquarters today (April 23) to better understand the latest measures and initiatives of HKPF to combat deception cases.

Members first received a briefing from the representatives of the HKPF on the work of the ADCC in co-ordinating the relevant resources of the HKPF and enhancing collaboration with different Government departments, various stakeholders and law enforcement agencies outside Hong Kong, as well as the major strategies of the HKPF in preventing and combatting deception. They then toured the Call Centre of the ADCC and the ADA established by the HKPF and 10 major banks in November last year to enhance co-operation with the banking industry.

During the visit, Members noted how the ADCC assisted members of the public who were suspected to have been defrauded through its hotline "Anti-Scam Helpline 18222" to mitigate victims' losses and deployed the Scam Response Team officers in the District concerned to provide immediate assistance for the victims. The representatives of the HKPF also briefed Members on the latest situation and outcomes of its various initiatives with the banking industry, in particular how the ADA had expedited the process of intercepting crime proceeds and implemented the "Upstream Scam Intervention" mechanism to proactively identify and provide anti-deception advice to potential victims, in order to prevent the occurrence of fraud cases as early as possible.

Members were generally supportive of the Government's various measures to prevent and combat deception cases. They exchanged views with representatives of the Security Bureau and the HKPF on the enhancement of the effectiveness of the anti-deception measures and made a number of suggestions to further strengthen the relevant work. They also urged the Government to continue to step up their efforts in preventing and combatting deception cases such that the public would not be defrauded.

A total of 22 members and non-members of the Panel on Security attended the visit.





