## Public consultation on Budget launched

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (December 15) commenced the public consultation exercise for the 2025-26 Budget.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "In light of a continuously uncertain external environment, a complex and changing global political and economic landscape, and the structural adjustments taking place in Hong Kong's economy, we must manage public finances more prudently. Meanwhile, it is equally important to drive our economic development forward. At the present stage, both development and stability are central to our progress.

"I invite members of the community to share their views on the new Budget. As we work together, Hong Kong will reinforce its strengths and achievements, and accelerate advancement towards better goals amid challenging external conditions and evolving socio-economic circumstances."

Members of the public can share their views through various channels, including visiting the website <a href="www.budget.gov.hk">www.budget.gov.hk</a>, or by email (<a href="budget@fstb.gov.hk">budget@fstb.gov.hk</a>), phone (2810 3768), fax (2147 5770) or post (Budget Consultation Support Team, 24/F, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong), etc.