<u>Report on projections of population</u> <u>distribution for 2021-2029 published</u>

The Planning Department today (March 31) published a report entitled "Projections of Population Distribution 2021-2029", which presents the latest population distribution projections for 2021-2029.

The population distribution projections have been compiled based on the latest projected total population for Hong Kong released by the Census and Statistics Department in September 2020 and the latest planning information.

The report projects that the populations of the New Territories and Kowloon will increase by 434 300 and 63 700 between 2019 and 2029, reaching 4.40 million and 2.36 million respectively by 2029, while that of Hong Kong Island is expected to decrease gradually from 1.25 million to 1.13 million during the same period.

In terms of share of the total population, the New Territories will rise from 53 per cent to 56 per cent between 2019 and 2029, while that for Kowloon will decrease from 31 per cent to 30 per cent. The share of Hong Kong Island will decrease from 17 per cent to 14 per cent during the same period.

The report also presents the projected population of the District Council districts. Kwun Tong District, Yuen Long District and Sha Tin District are projected to be the three most populous districts in 2029, with populations reaching 721 200, 708 200 and 695 400 respectively.

The report "Projections of Population Distribution 2021-2029", as well as statistical tables containing the detailed results of the projections of population distribution for 2021-2029, have been uploaded to the website of the Planning Department (www.pland.gov.hk) and "Data.gov.hk" (www.data.gov.hk). Members of the public can access the report and the tables directly at www.pland.gov.hk/pland_en/info_serv/statistic/wgpd21.html and data.gov.hk/en-data/dataset/hk-pland-pland1-projections-of-populationdistribution-2021-to-2029.