

## S for IT briefs I&T sector on improving electoral system (with photos)

The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Alfred Sit, together with the Permanent Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Ms Annie Choi; the Under Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Dr David Chung; and the Political Assistant to the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Ms Lillian Cheong, today (March 31) held three briefing sessions for the innovation and technology (I&T) sector to solicit their support for the approval by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the amended Annex I to the Basic Law on Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Annex II to the Basic Law on Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and its Voting Procedures.

Mr Sit said that I&T development can promote diversified economic development and is of paramount importance to Hong Kong. He strongly believes that improving the electoral system can accord with the actual situation of Hong Kong, and can better attend to the overall interests of Hong Kong society, thereby removing the obstacles to economic and social development and restoring peace to the city. It also creates a favourable environment for I&T development and drives the transformation of industries, making I&T a new impetus to promote economic development and improve people's livelihood. He will continue to engage the sector and listen to their opinions and strive for their full support for the Government's effort.

Over 40 I&T related organisations, including trade associations, societies, research and development organisations, and Hong Kong Branches of the Chinese National Engineering Research Centres, attended the three briefing sessions today. The attendants in general supported improving the electoral system of Hong Kong, the implementation of "patriots administering Hong Kong", and ensuring the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems".



