

## S for IT continues to engage I&T sector on improving Hong Kong's electoral system (with photos)

Following three briefing sessions yesterday (March 31), 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 (April 1) held another 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 pooling I&T talent is closely related to a stable social environment. 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 State Key Laboratories in Hong Kong, research and development centres, trade associations and societies attended the three briefing sessions today. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, Dr Sunny Chai; the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, Dr George Lam; and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, Mr Willy Lin, spoke to the media after a briefing session to show their support for improving the electoral system and the implementation of "patriots administering Hong Kong".

