

S for S continues to brief district organisations on improving Hong Kong's electoral system (with photos)

The Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, hosted three briefing sessions again this afternoon (April 8) to brief representatives of District Fight Crime Committees, District Fire Safety Committees and Area Committees of Yuen Long District, Yau Tsim Mong District and Wong Tai Sin District on the importance and necessity of the amendments to improve the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) as approved by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

Pointing out that the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR (the National Security Law) stopped chaos and restored order in Hong Kong, Mr Lee said the Central Authorities, following the enactment of the National Security Law, initiated the amendments to fully implement the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong", ensuring the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems" as well as the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

Citing chaos and illegal acts that happened in various council meetings in the past as examples, Mr Lee explained that improving the electoral system can plug the loopholes and eliminate the deficiencies in the existing system, thereby bringing Hong Kong back on the right track and enabling effective governance of the HKSAR Government.

Mr Lee said that improving the HKSAR's electoral system further enhances the broad representation and balanced participation of the political structure, reflecting the overall interests of society and boosting the quality of democracy.

In exchanging views with Mr Lee in the meetings, the representatives of district organisations welcomed and supported the improvements to the HKSAR's electoral system. Concluding the meetings, Mr Lee emphasised that the governing team of the HKSAR Government will continue to spare no efforts in taking forward relevant legislative amendment work for building a brighter future for Hong Kong.

The Permanent Secretary for Security, Ms Carol Yip, and the Political Assistant to the Secretary for Security, Mr Cassius Lau, also attended the briefing sessions today.

