<u>SCED calls on leaders of trade and</u> <u>industrial organisations to support</u> <u>District Council election</u>

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, today (November 24) wrote to about 400 trade and industrial organisations in Hong Kong, including district trade and industrial organisations, government funded/statutory organisations as well as associations of small and medium enterprises, to call on business leaders to lead by example and cast their votes in the 2023 District Council (DC) Ordinary Election to be held on December 10. He also appealed to them to motivate their members to actively participate in the election and jointly fulfil civic duty.

Mr Yau also called on business leaders and management personnel to put in place flexible arrangements for employees at work on the polling day to release them to cast their votes at their designated polling stations, so as to elect aspiring and capable DC members to serve the community.

"As the first large-scale territory-wide election after reforming the DCs and improving the district governance system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the election is of great significance. The new district governance structure and the DCs are closely connected to the happiness and well-being of every citizen; they also relate to the good governance, as well as the stability and prosperity of the HKSAR," Mr Yau said.

Information on the 2023 DC Ordinary Election and the candidates is available at <u>www.elections.gov.hk</u>.