

SCED holds briefing session on improvements to electoral system of Hong Kong

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, today (April 13) briefed representatives from sectors including broadcasting, film, music and performing arts on the amended Annex I to the Basic Law on Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) 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 as approved by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

At the meeting, Mr Yau reiterated the necessity and urgency of improving the electoral system, highlighting its importance to creating a stable business environment and ensuring Hong Kong's prosperity and stability. He called on attendees to fully support the relevant amendments.

Mr Yau stressed that by improving the electoral system, the excessive politicisation in society and the internal rifts that have torn Hong Kong apart can be effectively mitigated, thereby enhancing the governance capability of the HKSAR. The HKSAR will then be able to focus on addressing economic and livelihood issues, and developing the economy to achieve long-term prosperity and stability through leveraging its unique advantages and the staunch support of the Central Authorities.

In the past two weeks, Mr Yau has briefed various sectors, including the import and export, industrial, small and medium enterprises, tourism, hotel, wholesale and retail, textiles and garment, and publishing sectors, on the relevant amendments.