<u>SCS briefs civil servants on Policy</u> Address initiatives

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, wrote to civil service colleagues soon after the delivery of "The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address" today (October 25). She also met with representatives from the four civil service central consultative councils and the four major service-wide staff unions this afternoon to brief them on policy initiatives relating to civil service matters in the Policy Address.

Entitled "Sustained Efforts to Strengthen Management and Enhance Efficacy", Mrs Yeung's letter to civil service colleagues outlined the policy initiatives of strengthening civil service management and enhancing civil service training.

She said, "A capable and efficient civil service is the key to success in improving the governance of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. Our colleagues in various departments have always been doing their best to serve the public. Whether it be the super typhoon or the unprecedented rainstorm that hit Hong Kong, concerted efforts were made in response to bring our community back to normal as soon as possible. The dedicated efforts of our colleagues are fully recognised by the Chief Executive in his Policy Address."

The Policy Address has put forward various initiatives to promote Hong Kong's economic development and better living for the members of the public. She added that the Policy Address also continues to strengthen the civil service management system so as to further enhance the efficacy of the civil service and enable colleagues to give full play to their strengths in preparation for challenges ahead. In order to build a vibrant economy, civil servants must always embrace challenges, and approach their work with a bold and innovative mindset and a people-oriented ethos. The civil service must serve the public in a proactive manner with a focus on action, and render full support to the Chief Executive in administering Hong Kong.