## SCS encourages university students to learn more about employment opportunities in different Government grades

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, visited the University of Hong Kong today (September 14). She toured the Government Career Fair being held at the campus with the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor Richard Wong, and encouraged students to join the civil service to serve the public.

Mrs Yeung said different departments and grades of the Government recruit a large number of staff every year to provide young people with job opportunities of different types and nature, reasonable remuneration and conditions of service, as well as long-term and stable career development. These posts are suitable for university students who aspire to contribute to Hong Kong and wish to take up different challenges. She reminded students that the joint recruitment exercise for six civil service grades will be launched this Saturday (September 16). Students may learn more about the work of different grades and consider the various job opportunities offered by the Government.

To deepen students' understanding of the work of different grades in the Government and answer their questions on recruitment matters on the spot, 21 bureaux and departments took part in the Career Fair with respective department staff addressing students' enquiries on-site. Quite a number of students took the opportunity after lecture to visit the fair and obtain relevant information.

The Career Fair covered general grades, professional grades and the disciplined services, including Administrative Officer (AO), Executive Officer II (EOII), Assistant Labour Officer II (ALOII), Management Services Officer II (MSOII), Transport Officer II (TOII), Landscape Architect, Town Planner, Statistician, Building Surveyor, Structural Engineer, Survey Officer, Analyst/Programmer II, Assistant Programme Officer, Assistant Curator II, education-related posts, as well as various positions in the disciplined services.

Mrs Yeung said, "We understand that students have different plans after graduation. Some may choose to further their studies while some may wish to start their own business. Joining the civil service and serving the community is an option well worth considering. Students interested in joining the civil service are advised to find out more and prepare themselves for the application process. As different positions in the Government have different requirements, students can learn more about the work of different grades in the Government and focus on the direction of work that suits their interests.

Holding career fairs at universities not only provides students with more information, but also assists students who wish to join the public service to plan their careers at an earlier stage."

The Government will launch the joint recruitment for six civil service grades, namely AO, EOII, ALOII, Assistant Trade Officer II, MSOII and TOII, this Saturday. The application deadline is October 6. In addition to graduates next year (2024), undergraduate students who will graduate in 2025 can also apply for the positions this year.

Mrs Yeung reminded candidates who wish to apply for the six civil service posts to attain the requisite results in the relevant paper(s) in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) and the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST).

She said, "The Government used to hold the CRE and the BLNST in Hong Kong in June and October every year. In previous years, some candidates only realised that they had missed the CRE in October after applying for the joint recruitment positions, and their applications could not then be proceeded. This year, we will arrange eligible applicants who have applied for the above six civil service posts but have yet to attain the requisite results to sit for a designated CRE and BLNST tentatively scheduled on December 2 in Hong Kong."

For details of the latest arrangements of the joint recruitment, please refer to the Civil Service Bureau's <u>press release</u>.