

SCS gives support to electoral staff of LegCo General Election at polling station

The 2021 Legislative Council (LegCo) General Election will be held tomorrow (December 19), and around 38 000 civil servants have been assigned by various departments to carry out the important electoral duties. The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, visited the polling station and the counting station at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre today (December 18) to give his support to civil service colleagues who are busy making preparations for the election.

He said that colleagues should do their best, remain highly vigilant, take extra steps and work together to make the election a success.

Mr Nip also appealed to all voters, in particular civil service colleagues, to cast their votes tomorrow to elect members of the new term of LegCo for Hong Kong's future.

"The election is of great significance as it is the first LegCo General Election after the electoral system has been improved and the principle of 'patriots administering Hong Kong' has been implemented. To secure adequate manpower, the Government has for the first time assigned suitable serving civil service colleagues to work as electoral staff in different ranks and categories. It is also an obligatory duty and important mission for our colleagues to undertake electoral tasks," he said.

In accordance with the Civil Service Regulation, the Secretary for the Civil Service had earlier given instructions to civil service colleagues assigned by Heads of Departments to take up electoral duties in the LegCo General Election with a view to ensuring the smooth conduct of the election.

To facilitate polling staff to cast their votes, the Government has adopted various measures including a priority queue for polling staff and transport arrangements so that they can return to work after casting their votes as soon as possible.