## <u>SCS thanks civil service colleagues</u> <u>for sparing no effort in completing</u> <u>electoral tasks</u>

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, today (December 20) expressed gratitude to all government colleagues including retired civil servants for their hard work and dedication that contributed to the smooth running of the 2021 Legislative Council (LegCo) General Election.

"The 2021 LegCo General Election was held successfully and the overall results have been released. The election was conducted in a smooth and efficient manner. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to government colleagues who have carried out the electoral work for their concerted efforts and dedication to the smooth conduct of the election," Mr Nip said.

"This election was of great significance as it was the first LegCo General Election after the electoral system was improved and the principle of 'patriots administering Hong Kong' was implemented. In accordance with the Civil Service Regulations, the Civil Service Bureau earlier gave instructions to civil service colleagues assigned by Heads of Departments to take up the important electoral duties. Their performance has lived up to expectations."

Looking ahead, Mr Nip said he and the civil service will enhance communication and co-operation with the legislators so as to work together to promote Hong Kong's development and improve people's livelihood.