

Second training on district governance for seventh-term District Councils held today (with photos)

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau held the second training on district governance for the seventh-term District Councils (DCs) at the Central Government Offices today (July 31).

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, and the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheuk Wing-hing, delivered remarks at the training session. Mr Chan expressed full recognition of the work of the members of the seventh-term DCs since their taking up of office. He said that the current-term DCs had closer connections with their districts and their services were more professional. Mr Chan reminded that DC members' work in serving and advancing the welfare of people is the starting point and objective of district governance. The improved district governance system and reformed DCs should function effectively to keep enhancing people's sense of achievement, satisfaction and security. Mr Cheuk encouraged all DC members to serve as the communication link between the Government and people, and continue to complement the work of the Steering Committee on District Governance and the Task Force on District Governance by reflecting the district issues that are of people's concern to the Government and ensuring effective communication between the Government and people.

The Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, hosted the training session, during which three experienced former DC members and current members of the Legislative Council, Hon Lee Chun-keung, Hon Kwok Wai-keung and Hon Lau Kwok-fan, were invited to share their experiences and advice on district work. Miss Mak noted the current challenges in district governance work, and drew on her own experience to outline the roles and responsibilities of a DC member, and reminded members to act with an unfailing sense of responsibility at all times, and the assurance to deliver in everything they do. They should proactively reach out to people and resolve different livelihood and district issues. Hon Lee, Hon Kwok and Hon Lau explained to members how best to handle district governance work, and shared their past experiences as DC members in dealing with district affairs.

Miss Mak and the three speakers then exchanged views with the DC members on the questions they raised at the training session, and provided advice on how DC members could provide better services to people.

