

SHA meets with association representatives on improving electoral system of Hong Kong

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Caspar Tsui, today (April 9) met with representatives of the Kowloon Federation of Associations to brief them on the amended Annex I to the Basic Law on Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and Annex II to the Basic Law on Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR and its Voting Procedures as approved by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, so as to gain their support for the amendments.

Mr Tsui said improving the electoral system of Hong Kong to ensure that the system upholds the principles of "one country, two systems", "Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong" and a high degree of autonomy, and to fully implement the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" will help effectively enhance the governance capability of the HKSAR, thereby assuring the steadfast and successful implementation of the "one country, two systems" principle as well as the long-term stability of the city.

Mr Tsui emphasised the importance, necessity and urgency of the amendments and said the HKSAR Government will spare no effort in taking forward the work on amending the relevant local electoral laws to strive for early and full implementation of the new electoral system. He hoped the attendees will recognise and support relevant work of the Government.