

## Women Sector Dialogue on “The Chief Executive’s 2023 Policy Address” (with photo)

The Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, and the Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Shirley Lam, attended the Women Sector Dialogue on "The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address" today (November 8). They introduced the policy measures related to the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) featured in the Policy Address to representatives of local women's organisations and members of the Women's Commission, and listened to the opinions of the participants.

During the dialogue, Miss Mak introduced the key initiatives related to the facilitation of family and women's development in the Policy Address. She pointed out that the Government attaches great importance to the support of women's development. Following the allocation of additional funding to establish the Women Empowerment Fund last year, the HYAB will set up a dedicated Women Affairs Team and designate the post of Commissioner for Women Affairs to steer work related to women's affairs. The HYAB's key initiatives in the aspect of family and women's development for the coming year include launching a one-stop family and women information portal; organising the first Family and Women Development Summit; introducing a maintenance mediation pilot scheme through the Community Care Fund, launching a new five-year Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education, etc.

Participants attending the dialogue responded positively to the relevant measures. In particular, the designation of the post of Commissioner for Women Affairs responds to the aspiration of the women sector. Participants also actively shared their views on taking forward various initiatives in relation to the promotion of women matters and facilitation of family education, and more.

