

# **Announcement of first round results of Public Policy Research Funding Scheme 2020-21**

The Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office (PICO) announced today (July 6) the results of the first round of applications to the Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme in 2020-21.

The PPR Funding Scheme aims to promote public policy research and provide evidence-based research to facilitate public policy discussion. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For the first round exercise in 2020-21, PICO received 22 applications. On the advice of an assessment panel, PICO has supported 10 projects with total funding of about \$4.5 million.

Applications to the PPR Funding Scheme are assessed by an independent assessment panel, chaired by and comprising experienced academics, who will take into account comments of reviewers who are academics and experts outside the panel in considering the applications. Each application is considered on its merits and relevance to public policy development in Hong Kong. A declaration of interests system is in place to ensure that the assessments are fair and impartial.

Details of the funded projects have been uploaded to PICO's website ([www.pico.gov.hk/en/PRFS](http://www.pico.gov.hk/en/PRFS)).