

CE meets Hong Kong candidates of payload specialist recruitment for National Manned Space Programme (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met the Hong Kong candidates of the recruitment of payload specialists for the National Manned Space Programme who will soon depart for Beijing for the second round of selection, at Government House today (June 7) to show his support. Also attending the meeting were the Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Michael Wong; the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong; and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip.

"The country launched the recruitment of the fourth batch of astronauts and the recruitment of payload specialists in Hong Kong for the first time last year, giving Hong Kong citizens the opportunity to participate in the National Manned Space Programme. This demonstrated that the country has attached great importance and recognition to the science and technology sector of Hong Kong, as well as the affirmation of Hong Kong as an international innovation and technology centre," said Mr Lee.

He said he was pleased to note that more than 10 Hong Kong candidates from government departments, the Hospital Authority, universities, and other institutions and enterprises had passed the preliminary screening for the payload specialist selection process. It is a strong testimony to Hong Kong's talent pool in the fields of scientific research and innovation.

He encouraged the candidates to do their best in the second round of the selection, giving full play to their strengths and overcoming challenges with unwavering determination. He wished all candidates success and hoped that they would stand out from many others, striving to realise the space aspiration of Hong Kong people and contributing to the aerospace endeavours of the country.

