

Civil Service College holds seminar on “Global Economic Change and National Security” (with photos)

The Civil Service College (CSC) of the Civil Service Bureau held the "Holistic View of National Security" seminar series, on the topic of "Global Economic Change and National Security", today (April 24). The seminar was delivered by the Director for the Institute of World Economic Studies, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, Mr Zhang Yuncheng.

On the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the holistic approach to national security, Mr Zhang highlighted in the seminar China's achievements in safeguarding and strengthening national security over the past decade. He also discussed the current global situation on economic and financial security and how they could be safeguarded by adopting the holistic approach to national security, enlightening civil servants on how Hong Kong could play a more active role in co-ordinating development and security.

Addressing the seminar, the Head of the CSC, Mr Oscar Kwok, stressed that national security training forms a significant part of national studies training. Following the implementation of the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance, relevant contents of civil service training have been suitably updated. Apart from strengthening civil servants' basic understanding of national security legal provisions, training offered by the CSC places emphasis on the holistic approach to national security. It aims to deepen civil servants' in-depth and comprehensive understanding of national security concepts and enable them to act in concert with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in fulfilling its responsibility of safeguarding national security. With Hong Kong's distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world, civil servants must understand the country's development and challenges in economic and financial security and effectively prevent and mitigate risks.

Over 200 officers, including middle and senior-level civil servants and politically appointed officials, attended the seminar today, and some participants took part in the seminar through video-conferencing.

The series consists of seven seminars, covering topics such as national security in the rise and fall of great nations, and the opportunities and challenges of technological development for safeguarding national security. The series provides a comprehensive and multi-perspective analysis of the development of the holistic approach to national security, its main content, the challenges of safeguarding national security, and its significance to the country's development. The seminars are delivered by experts from China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations or the Center for a Holistic Approach to National Security.

