

[SCED briefs commercial and industrial sectors on improvements to electoral system of Hong Kong \(with video\)](#)

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, today (March 31) briefed representatives of the Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association and the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong 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 Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and its Voting Procedures as approved by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

At the meeting, Mr Yau reiterated the necessity and urgency of improving the electoral system, highlighting its importance on creating a stable business environment and ensuring Hong Kong's prosperity and stability. He called on different sectors of the community, including the commercial and industrial sectors, to fully support the relevant amendments.

Mr Yau stressed that establishing a political structure that upholds the "one country, two systems" principle reflects the actual situation of Hong Kong and ensures "patriots administering Hong Kong" is the only way to fully safeguard the HKSAR's constitutional order established by the Constitution and the Basic Law, restore order from chaos, ensure the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems" and achieve the long-term stability and safety of Hong Kong.

He said that by improving the electoral system, the excessive politicisation in society and the internal rifts that have torn Hong Kong apart can be effectively mitigated, thereby enhancing the governance capability of the HKSAR. The HKSAR will then be able to focus on addressing economic and livelihood issues, and developing the economy to achieve long-term prosperity and stability through leveraging its unique advantages and the staunch support of the Central Authorities.

In the coming two weeks, Mr Yau will conduct a number of such briefing sessions to brief various sectors on the relevant amendments, including industrial, small and medium enterprises, tourism, hotel, wholesale and retail, textiles and garment, telecommunications, broadcasting, film and performing arts, and publishing.