

# SCS briefs civil servants on Budget

Following the delivery of the 2025-26 Budget by the Financial Secretary, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, wrote to all civil servants on policy initiatives relating to the civil service in the Budget today (February 26).

The Budget proposed a reinforced fiscal consolidation programme and strictly controlling government expenditure. In her letter to civil service colleagues, Mrs Yeung wrote, "I believe that colleagues will appreciate that the fiscal consolidation programme as a whole is essential to the development of Hong Kong. In fact, under all circumstances, government departments should strive to enhance efficiency and contain their establishment by reviewing work priorities, reallocating internal resources, streamlining procedures and leveraging technology".

She hoped that colleagues will keep up their good work, daring to break new ground with an innovative mindset, further embracing technology and making better use of human resources to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

In addition, Mrs Yeung also met with representatives from the civil service central consultative councils and civil service staff unions.

During the meeting, Mrs Yeung told the attendees that civil servants, playing a pivotal role in policy implementation, should understand, appreciate and actively support the Government's governing tenets and measures, dedicating themselves to building a vibrant economy, seeking development opportunities and improving people's livelihoods, as well as promoting the high-quality development of Hong Kong. Mrs Yeung noticed that quite many civil servants expressed understanding of the decision to freeze pay and reduce establishment as well as their support for the Government's direction of reforming its mode of work and applying technology. She was confident that the civil service would strive for excellence and overcome the challenges ahead, so as to bring the efficiency and effectiveness of the SARG to new heights.