

SHA meets with clansman organisation representatives on improving electoral system of Hong Kong (with photos)

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Caspar Tsui, today (April 10) met with representatives of clansman organisations to brief them 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, and answer questions they raised.

Six briefing sessions were conducted, with representatives of more than 20 clansman organisations attending. Mr Tsui introduced the background, basic principles and major contents of the improvements to the electoral system of the HKSAR. He said the reconstituted Election Committee is broadly representative, and its composition best demonstrates the balanced and orderly political participation of society, serving the overall interests of Hong Kong and signifying an important move to advance Hong Kong's democratic electoral system. He stressed that improving the electoral system is conducive to the progress of the "one country, two systems" principle and can ensure the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. He hoped the attendees will support the amendments and co-operate with the Government in their relevant work.

Mr Tsui hosted 20 briefing sessions in total over the past two weeks to explain the necessity and urgency of improving the electoral system to around 280 representatives from Heung Yee Kuk, the religious sector, the sports sector, the culture sector, district organisations, associations based in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories, and clansman organisations. The attendees in general supported improving the electoral system of Hong Kong, thereby faithfully implementing the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong".



