

Sharing session for social welfare sector on 5th anniversary of promulgation and implementation of Hong Kong National Security Law concludes (with photos)

Jointly organised by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Connecting Hearts, the sharing session for the social welfare sector on the 5th anniversary of the promulgation and implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law concluded today (June 17).

The sharing session aims to further enhance the awareness of the social welfare sector in implementing the Hong Kong National Security Law and encourage them to safeguard national security proactively. The event was attended by about 300 members from the management level of different social welfare organisations in person, with several thousand representatives from the social welfare sector joining online.

Addressing the ceremony, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, said that with the implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law, the LWB and the SWD have enhanced relevant mechanisms such as the inclusion of the requirement into the relevant documents for the SWD's subsidised and subvented services to ensure non-governmental organisations' compliance with the Hong Kong National Security Law and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance in the delivery of services, and the amendments to the Social Workers Registration Ordinance which allow prompt and appropriate actions on registered social workers convicted of offences endangering national security. Upon implementation of these enhancements, Mr Sun said he was pleased to note that the social welfare sector has not only shown a rising awareness of safeguarding national security, but also integrated such awareness into the daily operation of their organisations, fully demonstrating that safeguarding national security is everyone's responsibility.

Mr Sun emphasised that the LWB and the SWD will continue to organise activities to promote national security education and patriotism in the sector in partnership with the Connecting Hearts and encourage organisations providing subvented welfare services to make good use of the Dedicated Fund to enhance their staff's understanding of national affairs by arranging for them to join Mainland exchange tours and national studies programmes. He said that the overwhelming response from social workers on the Thousands of Hong Kong Social Workers Exploring the Motherland and Hong Kong Social Work Teaching Staff Exploring the Motherland tours is a clear indication of the sector's wish to obtain a better and more comprehensive understanding of the overall national development.

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region member of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Ms Melissa Pang and Board member of the Connecting Hearts Professor Alex Fan were invited to deliver keynote speeches about the Hong Kong National Security Law at the sharing session today. The President of the Connecting Hearts Academy, Professor Annie Tam, also hosted a quiz session for the participants to enrich their understanding of the Hong Kong National Security Law in an interactive approach.

