

S for S welcomes and supports decision of NPC on improving electoral system of HKSAR

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The Decision of the National People's Congress (NPC) on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) was adopted at the fourth session of the 13th NPC today (March 11), implementing the "patriots administering Hong Kong" principle.

The Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, welcomes and fully supports the NPC's Decision. He will lead the disciplinary forces to fully co-operate and continue to fulfil resolutely the responsibility of safeguarding national sovereignty, security and development interests, and ensuring the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

Mr Lee said that frequent chaotic scenes were witnessed in the Legislative Council (LegCo) for quite some time, including some LegCo members blatantly advocating "Hong Kong independence" during oath-taking. In particular since 2019 when violent riots emerged in society, some LegCo members impeded the operation of the LegCo on purpose and obstructed LegCo staff in their execution of duties; some supported violence, called rioters "brothers in arms", colluded with foreign forces, begged foreign countries for sanctioning against Hong Kong and acted as foreign proxies; and some even associated with subversive forces with an intention of bringing "mutual destruction" to Hong Kong, and sabotaged the governance of the HKSAR Government, with a view to compelling the Central People's Government and the HKSAR Government. These people wanted Hong Kong to jump off a cliff with them and pushed Hong Kong people into the abyss. Such attempts have severely undermined Hong Kong's safety, order and stability, violating the Basic Law and the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law) as well as relevant Hong Kong laws.

Upon the implementation of the National Security Law, chaos has stopped and order is restored in Hong Kong. However, there are still loopholes and deficiencies in our electoral system, posing threats to Hong Kong's social stability and national security. The Decision is a forceful measure in handling and preventing such risks. "Patriots administering Hong Kong" will put an end to the absurd period that caused destruction in Hong Kong, and usher in a new era of development for the city, thereby enabling effective governance by the HKSAR Government, improvement to people's livelihoods

and development of the economy, and bringing back Hong Kong's vibrancy.

Mr Lee said, "I welcome and fully support the NPC's Decision which implements the principle of 'patriots administering Hong Kong'. The Decision helps improve our electoral system, plug its loopholes and rectify its deficiencies, thereby preventing security risks and ensuring the smooth and continuous implementation of 'one country, two systems', as well as Hong Kong's long-term prosperity, order and stability."

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Commissioner of Police fully supports "Decision on improving the electoral system of the HKSAR"

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The fourth session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) today (March 11) passed the decision on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Decision).

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Tang Ping-keung, expressed his full support for the Decision of the NPC. He said that the Decision to improve the electoral system to implement "patriots administering Hong Kong" is important in ensuring the social stability and development of Hong Kong.

The opposition to the proposed legislative amendments of the Fugitive Offenders Bill in 2019 led to a series of illegal violent incidents. Some lawbreakers advocated "Hong Kong independence" and "self-determination" which undermine national security. As a professional law enforcement department, the Police Force all along perform statutory duties to prevent and combat all acts and activities that endanger national security, including acts of secession, subversion of state power, organising and carrying out terrorist activities, and collusion with foreign forces.

Full implementation of the fundamental principle in the Decision is effective in safeguarding national sovereignty and security, which is beneficial to the long-term stability and safety of Hong Kong.

The Police Force continue to remain dedicated and committed to deliver their service faithfully according to the law. The Force will continue to work with other disciplinary forces to maintain social order and fully co-operate with the HKSAR Government in implementing the Decision.

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Customs Commissioner gives full support to NPC's Decision on improving HKSAR electoral system

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The Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Mr Hermes Tang, has given full support to the passage of the Decision on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) made by the National People's Congress (NPC) at the fourth session of the 13th NPC today (March 11).

Lawless acts of violence and vandalism spread widely following the eruption of opposition to proposed legislative amendments in 2019. Public order and safety were put at high risk and Hong Kong Customs faced unprecedented challenges in the interception of the illegal inflow of controlled and prohibited items such as arms and ammunition. Chaos was halted and order restored following the Central Authorities' formulation and implementation of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law) in a decisive manner last year. The National Security Law serves as a solid and powerful basis for the HKSAR Government's law enforcement agencies to safeguard national security and the city's prosperity and stability.

Assuring the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" and improving Hong Kong's electoral system, the NPC's Decision is crucial to the safeguarding of national sovereignty, security and development interests and Hong Kong's long-term stability.

It is no more than fair that Hong Kong should be administered by patriots. It is the crux of and a prerequisite for the successful implementation of "one country, two systems". Hong Kong Customs will continue to uphold its commitment and stand united with other disciplinary forces to safeguard national security and the city's prosperity and stability, offer full support to the HKSAR Government in its implementation of the NPC's Decision, and ensure the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems".

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Director of Immigration fully upholds Decision of NPC on improving electoral system of HKSAR

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The fourth session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) passed the Decision of the National People's Congress on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) today (March 11), with a view to improving the electoral system of the HKSAR and implementing the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong".

The Director of Immigration, Mr Au Ka-wang, upholds the Decision. The execution of the Decision of the National People's Congress on improving the electoral system of the HKSAR, which has laid down the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong", will plug the loophole in the existing electoral system of the HKSAR and prevent persons with ulterior motives from advocating, through the deliberation platforms of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and District Councils, activities that oppose the Central Authorities and cause disturbance to the law and order of Hong Kong in an attempt to paralyse the LegCo of the HKSAR and obstruct the HKSAR Government in governing according to the law. The execution of the Decision will ensure the steadfast and successful implementation of "one country, two systems" in Hong Kong.

In order to safeguard national security and to ensure the long-term security of the HKSAR, the Immigration Department will, by strictly adhering to all applicable laws and current immigration policies, continue to safeguard Hong Kong, the country's southern gateway, and work with other law enforcement agencies to combat activities that endanger national security.

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Commissioner of Correctional Services fully supports Decision of NPC on improving electoral system of HKSAR

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The Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Woo Ying-ming, has pledged full support for the Decision made by the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) on "improving the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)'s electoral system".

The electoral system of the HKSAR is directly related to national security, and hence the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" must be implemented in the pursuit of "one country, two systems", "Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong" and a high degree of autonomy, so as to safeguard national sovereignty and ensure the long-term prosperity of Hong Kong.

Only under the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" can the constitutional order as set out in the Constitution and the Basic Law be effectively safeguarded and the long-term prosperity of Hong Kong be ensured. In recent years, anti-China disruptors have persistently promoted negative sentiment and supported violence to break the law, and some among them were brainwashed to undermine the rule of law and ended up in prisons. Improving the electoral system can effectively deter anti-China disruptors from utilising an electoral platform to take control of a council to achieve "mutual destruction" in Hong Kong and cause malfunctioning of a council, which, in turn, could result in obstructing the work of the Government in accordance with the law and jeopardising the overall law and order situation in Hong Kong.

The CSD, as the gatekeeper of the last element of the criminal justice system, pledges to ensure prison stability and prevent anyone in prison from organising or nurturing power to oppose the Central Authorities and stir up disorder in society, in an effort to safeguard national sovereignty and ensure the steady implementation of "one country, two systems".

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Director of Fire Services fully supports Decision of National People's Congress on improving electoral system of HKSAR

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In response to the National People's Congress (NPC)'s passage of the Decision on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) at the fourth session of the 13th NPC, the Director of Fire Services, Mr Joseph Leung, today (March 11) said that, as a member of the HKSAR disciplinary forces, the Fire Services Department (FSD) fully supports the NPC's Decision to improve the electoral system of the HKSAR to fully implement the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong", thereby safeguarding the fundamental interests of the nation and the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

"I believe that by implementing the improvement of the HKSAR electoral system and the principle of 'patriots administering Hong Kong' in an effective and steadfast manner, national sovereignty, safety and development interests can be effectively safeguarded, and the principle of 'one country, two systems' can also be accurately implemented, maintaining the long-term prosperity, stability and safety of Hong Kong," Mr Leung said.

"The FSD will continue to hold fast to our posts, stand united to fully support the HKSAR Government's governance and fulfil our statutory duties, and strive to protect the lives and property of the public, making Hong Kong a safe place to live and work."

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Government Flying Service fully supports National People's Congress' Decision on improving electoral system of HKSAR

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The 13th National People's Congress (NPC) has passed the Decision on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) today (March 11).

The Controller of the Government Flying Service (GFS), Captain Wu Wai-hung, fully supports the decision made by the NPC on implementing the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" and improving the electoral system of the HKSAR for the interest of its citizens.

To ensure the robust and successful implementation of "one country, two systems", "patriots administering Hong Kong" is an unfaltering principle and the linchpin in maintaining Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability as well as its healthy development. Captain Wu will lead the GFS to support the HKSAR Government's lawful administration and the Government's mission in safeguarding the national sovereignty, security, and development interests, achieving the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

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