



Connecting for Consensus and a Better Future

Manifesto of Carrie Lam
Chief Executive Election 2017



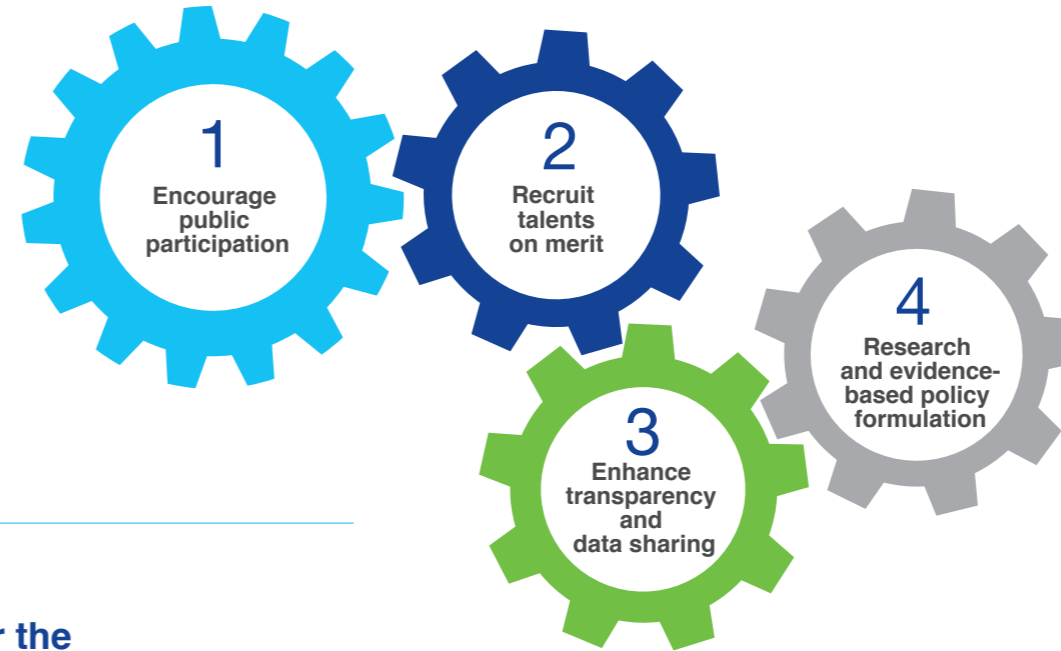
Carrie: Can-do, Will do

- Comes from the grassroots
- Benefited from Hong Kong's success and the efforts of previous generations
- Looks forward to connecting with you to build a better Hong Kong

36 years of public service in 20 jobs, covering a wide range of policy areas

- **Accountable** - takes full responsibility in handling numerous difficult social, political and other issues
- **Listens** - cares about people, the first to adopt public engagement model in policy-making (i.e. Harbourfront Enhancement Committee, Commission on Poverty)
- **Outstanding Track Record** - cuts through bureaucracy, takes positive action for multiple-win results

New Style of Governance



New Roles for the Government



New Fiscal Philosophy



Seize opportunities and invest for the future



Invest now to pre-empt problems in the future



Effective fiscal policy to encourage economic and social development



New direction for taxation to enhance competitiveness

Economy Diversified Economy, Better Jobs

- New Direction on Taxation - while maintaining a simple tax system and low tax rate, adopt finance and tax measures that promote growth of industries and enterprises, as well as social and economic development
- Hold a "Summit on the New Direction for Taxation" to formulate visionary approaches
- Set up a "Financial Leaders Forum" to explore further development of the financial sector
- Introduce a **two-tier profits tax system** to reduce the tax burden on enterprises, especially small, medium and startup enterprises



Profit: A lower 10% tax rate for first HK\$2 million in profits



16.5% tax rate for profits over HK\$2 million unchanged

- Introduce **additional tax deductions (super-deduction)** to encourage enterprises to invest in research & development



Enterprises will enjoy deductions higher than the R&D amounts spent (i.e. 200%)

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關心 We Care
聆聽 We Listen
行動 We Act

Livelihood Care for the People, Better Life

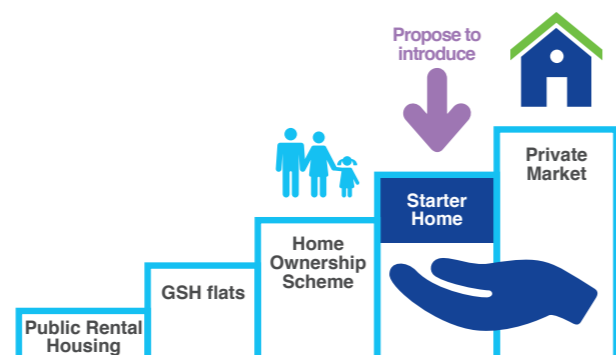
(i) Transportation - Providing Relief, Enhancing Convenience

- Government to use its MTR dividends to **lower long-trip fares**
- Ask MTR to **introduce free Wi-Fi on all trains**
- Ask MTR to develop more effective non-peak concessions to reduce crowding



(ii) Housing - Home Ownership, Liveable City

- Rebuild "Housing Ladder" to provide opportunities for all; increase supply for Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme; **introduce "Starter Homes"**
- Consider allowing owners of Home Ownership Scheme flats with unpaid land premium to let their units
- Establish a task force to facilitate community discussion on boosting land supply. Make decisive choices based on their recommendations
- Upgrade public wet markets to increase choice for the community



(iii) Medical Services - Expanding Services, Boosting Quality

- Implement the HK\$200 billion, 10-year Public Hospital Development Plan
- Consider expanding the scale of the Chinese University of Hong Kong Medical Centre under construction
- **Formulate long-term professional healthcare manpower policy:** ensure all local medical graduates have employment opportunities in the public healthcare system; decide on positioning of Chinese medicine; enhance overall quality of public healthcare
- Introduce statutory registration for health professionals such as clinical psychologists, speech therapists, and dieticians



(iv) Social Welfare - Helping the Poor and Disadvantaged, Care for the Elderly and Young

- Build additional community centres in different districts providing elderly services to help senior citizens stay fit and alert
- **Implement improvements to the Old Age Living Allowance**
- Discuss with social welfare sector how to optimise Lump Sum Grant arrangements
- Set up a **Children's Commission** to co-ordinate expert and stakeholder efforts to nurture our children and to promote their interest



(v) Environmental Protection - Improving Quality, Beautifying Victoria Harbour

- Ensure that Hong Kong achieves the goal of reducing waste by 40% in 10 years
- Devote resources for the **conservation of country parks and natural environment**
- **Establish a Harbourfront Authority** to manage sustainable development of a world-class harbourfront for the enjoyment of the public and tourists



Education Professional-led Quality Education

Immediate increase of HK\$5 billion a year in recurrent expenditure on education



Provide a stable teaching and learning environment

Examples:



Establish a pay scale for kindergarten teachers



Convert short-term contract teaching posts to permanent posts



Subsidise secondary school graduates to pursue degree programmes at self-financing tertiary institutions



Reduce pressure on new graduates in paying back student loans

Comprehensive Review on Education System

Examples:

- Establish a professional ladder for teachers
- Strengthen the promotion of STEM education, early introduction of computer coding
- Make Chinese History a standalone and compulsory subject for junior secondary school students
- Care for the physical, mental and spiritual needs of students, provide a happy learning environment



Youth Engagement of Youth

- Work with young people to resolve challenges in education, career development and home ownership
- Establish the Youth Development Commission to be chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration to co-ordinate all relevant efforts
- Enhance **participation in policy discussion:** Regular visits by the Chief Executive and Principal Officials to schools. Deployment of different channels including social media to strengthen dialogue
- Enhance **participation in policy formulation** through membership in statutory and advisory committees
- Enhance **participation in policy implementation:** Revamp the Central Policy Unit into a policy and project co-ordination unit. Recruit 20-30 young people to join the Unit

