

Work Progress of the 5th Term HKSARG's First 100 Days in Office

- President Xi Jinping and his wife visited Hong Kong for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the Motherland and the inaugural ceremony of the Fifth-Term Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). The visit was successfully concluded.
- The transition between the two terms of the HKSAR Government was smooth.
- An array of mega sports events, cultural performances and exhibitions were organised to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. The Chief Executive, the Principal Officials and other senior government officials participated actively in these activities, sharing the fun with fellow citizens. They also made home visits under the "Celebrations for All" project.
- The Chief Executive convened two retreats with the politically appointed officials to foster team spirit. The vast majority of Under Secretaries and Political Assistants were appointed by September 2017.
- Policy groups have been set up under the Executive Council (ExCo), facilitating policy bureaux to step up consultation with Non-official Members of ExCo in the early stage of policy formulation.
- Proactive effort has been made to improve the relationship between the Executive Authorities and the Legislature. Measures include : organising two rounds of sessions for the Chief Executive to meet with Legislative Council (LegCo) Members from different political parties/groups before and after assuming office respectively; delivery of the Policy Address by the Chief Executive at the first meeting of the legislative session to facilitate Members' examination of the Executive Authorities' policy directions and work plans in the coming year at the commencement of the legislative session; in response to the suggestion of the LegCo Committee on Rules of Procedure that the

Chief Executive attend one or two Council meetings a month to answer Members' questions, in addition to the four Question and Answer Sessions in each legislative session, the Chief Executive's clear indication that she would proactively respond to the LegCo's suggestion; and the Chief Executive's directive that all political appointees should interact more with LegCo Members, listen to their views attentively and lobby them personally.

- The Chief Executive and her team of political appointees reach out extensively to various sectors of the community and listen to the views of all walks of life. The Chief Executive, Secretaries of Departments and Directors of Bureaux have conducted over 50 district visits and discussion sessions with District Council Members.
- The Chief Executive attaches importance to the right to information and the reporting work of the mass media. She has attended 39 media sessions and 13 media interviews and gatherings with the media, while Secretaries of Departments and Directors of Bureaux have attended over 210 media sessions and over 170 media interviews and gatherings with the media.
- The Chief Executive supports an open and inclusive approach in allowing online-only mass news media to attend press events organised by the HKSAR Government. The Information Services Department has, as instructed by the Chief Executive, introduced a mechanism for these media to attend press events organised by the Government.
- Since assuming office, the Chief Executive has visited Beijing, calling on 16 ministries and commissions in the Central People's Government, as well as Shanghai, Hangzhou, Tianjin, Shenzhen and Changsha. Taking the opportunity of the Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executive Joint Conference, the Chief Executive met with several Provincial Governors. In addition, she has received many senior officials at the central, provincial and municipal levels during their visits to Hong Kong. On all occasions, the Chief Executive explored the scope for enhanced co-operation. Secretaries of Departments and Directors of Bureaux have made a total of 40 visits to the Mainland to foster links and co-operation between the HKSAR and the Mainland.

- Since assuming office, the Chief Executive has visited Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar and the United Kingdom (UK). Secretaries of Departments and Directors of Bureaux have made 15 overseas visits to strengthen the HKSAR's external ties, fully demonstrating the Government's role as a "promoter" and enhancing Hong Kong's position as an international metropolis.
- The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) has been tasked to lead and co-ordinate the Government's efforts in its participation in the Belt and Road Initiative. It is in active discussion with the Mainland on the signing of the "Arrangement for Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in the Belt and Road Initiative", and will establish a joint working mechanism for overseeing and pursuing its implementation.
- The Trade and Industry Advisory Board has been restructured, with an expansion of its composition and functions. We aim to fully capitalise on the opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative and the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area (the Bay Area) through the Board's interaction and consultation with various trades and industries. The first meeting of the restructured Board was held in September 2017.
- The second Belt and Road Summit, co-organised with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, was held on 11 September 2017, attracting more than 3 000 government officials and business executives from the Mainland, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and other Belt and Road countries. The business matching sessions and the one-to-one business matching meetings of the Summit helped open up opportunities for participants in different sectors.
- According to the Framework Agreement on Deepening Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation in the Development of the Bay Area signed on 1 July 2017 in the presence of President Xi Jinping, the HKSAR Government followed up with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the Governments of Guangdong and Macao on the formulation of the development plan.
- In August 2017, the HKSAR Government consulted industry sectors and stakeholders on the Government's proposals regarding the Development Plan

for a City Cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, and reflected the views gauged to the NDRC.

- The Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) has been actively participating in the study related to the development of an international technology and innovation hub in the Bay Area and the drafting of the implementation plan, and has conducted consultation with the industry.
- In August 2017, the Development Bureau (DEVB) signed a co-operation agreement with the Hengqin New Area Management Committee of Zhuhai to extend the model of co-operation between Hong Kong and Qianhai (including publishing a list of Hong Kong professional firms, launching a registration system for Hong Kong construction professionals and identifying pilot construction projects for the adoption of Hong Kong-style management system) to Hengqin.
- The HKSAR Government has been actively reflecting the aspirations of Hong Kong people to the relevant Mainland authorities. Starting from August 2017, the relevant Mainland authorities have been rolling out concrete measures to facilitate Hong Kong people to study, work and live in the Mainland.
- The Government obtained the approval of the LegCo before its summer recess in July 2017 for an increase in recurrent funding of \$3.6 billion a year for attaining the goal of quality education.
- Starting from the 2017/18 academic year, a non-means-tested annual subsidy of \$30,000 is provided to eligible students pursuing full-time locally-accredited local and non-local self-financing undergraduate (including top-up degree) programmes offered by eligible institutions in Hong Kong. A non-means-tested annual subsidy of \$5,000 is provided to eligible students pursuing eligible undergraduate (including top-up degree) programmes in the Mainland.
- The teacher-to-class ratio for public sector primary and secondary schools (including special schools) is increased by 0.1 across-the-board from the 2017/18 school year, with all the additional teaching posts created being graduate posts.

- A recurrent cash grant is provided to all public sector primary and secondary schools (including special schools) from the 2017/18 school year for strengthening their information technology staffing support.
- The Pilot Project on Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs) funded by the Community Care Fund is regularised from the 2017/18 school year. The Government will provide each public sector ordinary primary and secondary school with an additional graduate teaching post in the teaching staff establishment in phases over three years to facilitate the assignment of a designated teacher to take up the role of SENCO to support integrated education.
- Additional teaching staff, allied health staff and resources are provided to special schools from the 2017/18 school year to enhance support for their students.
- The free quality kindergarten education policy is implemented from the 2017/18 school year as scheduled.
- Starting from the 2018/19 school year, the salary-related subsidies for teaching staff under the free quality kindergarten education policy are adjusted on a school year basis in accordance with the annual civil service pay adjustment. The two-year tide-over grant (2017/18 to 2018/19 school years) will be extended for three years up to the 2021/22 school year so that the kindergartens may retain their long-serving teachers with higher salaries within the reference salary range promulgated under the free quality kindergarten education policy.
- Aided secondary schools with surplus teachers arising from reduction of secondary one classes from the 2013/14 to 2017/18 school years are allowed to apply for an extension of the retention period of the teachers concerned up to the 2018/19 school year in order to stabilise the teaching force and facilitate the sustainable development of secondary schools when the overall secondary one student population rebounds progressively.
- To provide a stable environment in schools despite the possible changes in student number as a result of the new policy in Shenzhen to allow Hong Kong children to enrol in public schools in Shenzhen, the Government provided

assurance that teaching posts already provided for the 2017/18 school year will not be affected.

- A paid non-local study leave scheme for serving secondary school teachers has been launched. Participating teachers may take part in study programmes and professional development activities in Finland or Australia from April to June 2018 to broaden their professional perspective and keep abreast of the latest trends in education developments elsewhere.
- Studies on various policy areas relating to the enhancement of education quality are being launched.
- On 25 July 2017, the Government announced the proposal for implementing the co-location arrangement at the West Kowloon Station of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link to initiate public discussion, and gave notice to the LegCo in early October on the Government's intention to move a motion on taking forward the follow-up tasks of the co-location arrangement at a LegCo sitting in the same month, with a view to concluding the public discussion and seeking the support of the LegCo in pursuing the "Three-step Process" proposal for the co-location arrangement.
- We are actively taking forward the trial scheme for low-floor wheelchair-accessible light buses. Discussions on the implementation details with relevant light bus operators, as well as the examination and approval of the specifications and fittings of the new models of light buses, are in progress. The trial scheme is expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2017.
- In August 2017, civil aviation leaders of the HKSAR, France and six Southeast Asian countries (viz. Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam) signed a memorandum of understanding on strengthening partnership in capacity building and safety enhancement in civil aviation in the Southeast Asian region. This would reinforce Hong Kong's status as an international aviation training hub.
- In August 2017, DEVB introduced a new technical score on worker training in the tender evaluation mechanism of public works contracts to encourage contractors to proactively train workers with a view to building up a quality

construction workforce of a sufficient quantity to meet the industry's future manpower needs.

- During her visit to Beijing in August 2017, the Chief Executive witnessed the signing of the Agreement on Further Enhancement of Tourism Co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong by the CEDB of the HKSAR and the China National Tourism Administration and the establishment of a mechanism for regular exchange and mutual co-operation.
- The Governments of the HKSAR and Saudi Arabia signed a Comprehensive Double Taxation Agreement in August 2017.
- The Financial Leaders Forum, chaired by the Financial Secretary, was established. Its first meeting was held in August 2017.
- Subsequent to the discussion at the Financial Leaders Forum, the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited issued the Joint Consultation Conclusions concerning Proposed Enhancements to the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited's Decision-making and Governance Structure for Listing Regulation in September 2017.
- In September 2017, a cross-sector task force, comprising 22 non-official members and eight official members, was established to review the land supply options in a macro and comprehensive manner, and to promote public discussion towards a consensus.
- In September 2017, in response to the Government's request, the MTR Corporation Limited implemented measures to divert passenger flow during peak hours and improve the dissemination of information on train services to passengers.
- The second "Shared Value: Creating Competitive Advantage" Forum was held in September 2017. Together with a co-founder of the global "Creating Shared Value" (CSV) movement, over 200 leaders from the business and other sectors explored how to develop innovative business plans using the CSV concept so as to address social needs while making profits, thereby creating shared value for both the enterprises and the community.

- In September 2017, a preparatory committee, chaired by the Chief Executive and comprising sector representatives and experts, was formed to prepare for the setting up of a Commission on Children in 2018-19.
- In September 2017, the HKSAR and the ASEAN jointly announced the formal conclusion of the negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement and confirmed that the Agreement would be signed in November 2017.
- In September 2017, an action plan on enhancing drinking water safety was announced to safeguard the safety of drinking water from the source to consumers' taps.
- Consultation with the 18 District Councils was completed in late September 2017 to extend the coverage of the pilot scheme on the installation of Internet Protocol cameras at refuse deposit blackspots from three districts to all 18 districts.
- The Financial Secretary chaired a high-level co-ordinating meeting on tourism to strengthen co-operation and co-ordination among bureaux and departments and to foster synergy in promoting the holistic development of the tourism industry. The committee convened a meeting in early October 2017.
- Preparation is underway for the organisation of a "Summit on the New Directions for Taxation" on 23 October 2017 to consult stakeholders on tax measures that are conducive to economic development.
- The formulation of the implementation details of a two-tiered profits tax rates regime to reduce the tax burden on enterprises is underway.
- The ITB and the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau are jointly taking forward a legislative amendment exercise to provide enhanced tax deduction for expenditure on research and development.
- Relevant departments have consulted the District Councils and the Rural Committees concerned on the development of the Hong Kong/Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park (the Park) and have completed the statutory procedure of collecting public representations in respect of the draft Outline Zoning Plan for the Lok Ma Chau Loop area. The Hong Kong Science and

Technology Parks Corporation has set up a subsidiary company to take forward the planning of the Park and its topside development.

- The ITB is consulting the LegCo, the public and other stakeholders on Smart City development, and aims to advance the announcement of the Smart City Blueprint to within 2017.
- In September 2017, the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with Maritime London to strengthen liaison and co-operation between Hong Kong and the UK in promoting high value-added maritime services and training of maritime practitioners, etc.
- The THB has completed the preliminary preparatory work for allocating six port back-up sites, totalling about 18 hectares in area, in phases to the Kwai Tsing Container Terminals to provide additional terminal yard space and barge berths, thereby increasing their cargo handling capacity.
- In September 2017, an announcement was made on the launching of a Strategic Dialogue on Trade Partnership with the UK and a joint working group was established to examine the trade environment in which Hong Kong and the UK operate. Through discussions on trade issues of mutual interest, we seek to lay a solid foundation for future collaboration.
- In September 2017, funding was allocated to the Federation of Hong Kong Filmmakers to organise a professional programme for training production and post-production talents in the film industry. In addition, 16 young post-production film practitioners were selected, through the Asian Film Awards Academy, to undertake internship programme overseas with the provision of subsidy.
- Cross-bureaux discussion has been initiated to explore how to promote the revitalisation of industrial building for non-industrial uses through various policy measures, and at the same time provide operating spaces for users from the culture, arts and creative industries, etc.
- Preparation is underway for the establishment of a steering group, to be convened by the Planning and Lands Branch of the DEVB, to explore how to rationalise the standards and definitions adopted by the relevant departments

under the Bureau (namely the Buildings Department, the Lands Department and the Planning Department) in scrutinising development projects.

- Buyers under the first Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Pilot Scheme project in San Po Kong, i.e. King Tai Court, have started to move in. The Hong Kong Housing Authority will review the effectiveness of the Scheme.
- Assistance is extended to the recycling industry to enhance its operational capacity and standards in anticipation of the new measures that the Mainland will gradually introduce from early 2018 onwards to implement the reformed administration system for imported recyclables and in mitigation of the impact of these measures on Hong Kong.
- The policy review on the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme has been completed.
- The recommended short and medium-term work in the Elderly Services Programme Plan has commenced.
- The Secretary for Food and Health has visited all hospital clusters under the Hospital Authority and exchanged views with over 1 800 members of frontline healthcare personnel as well as their management to gain a better understanding of the pressure on public hospitals. The Government will review the Hospital Authority's manpower and resource needs.
- Following discussion with stakeholders in the last few months, the Food and Health Bureau has achieved a broad consensus with stakeholders regarding the composition of the Medical Council of Hong Kong, taking into account the issues of concern and the considerations raised by all relevant parties. The Bureau will actively follow up on the legislative work for the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2017.
- Based on the recommendations of the Mental Health Review Report, the Hospital Authority is recruiting more psychiatric nurses to enhance its mental health services and has extended the model of provision of multi-disciplinary services in common mental disorder clinics to the New Territories East cluster.

- Preliminary discussions with the business and labour sectors on the new proposal for abolishing the arrangement for “offsetting” severance payment/long service payment with employers’ mandatory provident fund contributions have been completed. The objective is to work out an option that is more acceptable to both sides.
- The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has concluded the arrangements for sending domestic helpers from Cambodia to Hong Kong with the Cambodian Government, and has made concrete proposals on how to improve the recruitment and training processes.
- The LWB has completed a review on statutory paternity leave.
- The Civil Service Bureau has embarked on a comprehensive review on the requirement on Chinese language proficiency for recruitment for all grades of the civil service. Expected to be completed by early 2018, the review aims to increase government job opportunities for ethnic minorities.
- In August 2017, a pilot cross-disciplined forces training programme targeting ethnic minority youths was launched to provide them with discipline, physical and team-building training, to support and assist them to integrate into the community and to cultivate positive values. We will regularise the training programme based on the experience gained.
- In September 2017, the Department of Justice and the Supreme People's Court signed a minute of co-operation regarding the promotion of mutual legal assistance between the two places, with a view to further safeguarding the rights of relevant parties in accordance with applicable laws.
- In view of the rapid development of the global counter-terrorism situation and the potential threat posed by terrorism, the HKSAR Government continues to strengthen Hong Kong’s counter-terrorism capability and preparedness. In the past three months, the Police continued to conduct large-scale counter-terrorism exercises, including one at the Hong Kong Stadium and one at the Hong Kong City Hall.
- In September 2017, the Governments of the HKSAR and Nigeria signed an Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons.

- The Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme (the Scheme) has been implemented. To date, 100 schools have indicated willingness to open their school facilities to sports organisations. About 30 squad training programmes, young athletes training programmes and district sports activities are currently conducted in 11 interested schools in the 2017/18 school year. The Education Bureau and the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to enhance the Scheme and encourage more schools and sports organisations to participate.
- The Chief Executive and the Principal Officials have made over 30 school visits and attended over 100 youth programmes, showing their concern for youth development.
- Preparation is underway for the recruitment of young people from different sectors to fill full-time contract positions in the re-organised Central Policy Unit. They will take up policy research and co-ordination work, and collect views from different sectors in the community (including young people).
- The HAB and the Commission on Youth are conducting the Public Engagement on Youth Development Policy, inviting young people and other stakeholders involved in youth development to explore the future direction of the youth development policy in Hong Kong. So far, three public exchange sessions and over 40 focus group meetings and seminars have been organised. We expect to complete the public engagement and conclude the report by end 2017. This will form the basis for the establishment of an elevated Youth Development Commission to be chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration.
- The review on the roles and functions of the Central Policy Unit has been completed.