





## Chapter I

# Foreword

The 2021 Policy Address is the fifth and final Policy Address of the current-term of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government which will end on 30 June 2022. Looking back, the past four years and three months have been one of the most challenging periods of Hong Kong after the Reunification; confronted by some unprecedented difficulties related to the year-long social unrest from June 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic since January 2020 which is still haunting many parts of the world. Thanks to the staunch support of the Central Government and resolute measures taken by the National People's Congress and its Standing Committee to enact and implement in Hong Kong the National Security Law and amend Annex I and Annex II to the Basic Law to improve Hong Kong's electoral system, Hong Kong is now back on the track of "One Country, Two Systems". By steadfastly upholding this important principle, we can look to a bright future.

This Policy Address Supplement serves to give a full account of the achievements on a cumulative basis in respect of measures outlined in the four previous Policy Addresses and provide a glimpse into the future with a wide range of new initiatives building on Hong Kong's strengths and support of the Central Government as reflected in the Nation's 14th Five-Year Plan and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Despite the chaos and disruptions experienced in the past two years or so, I am pleased to report that 96% of over 900 new initiatives pledged in the last four Policy Addresses and related documents have been completed or are progressing on schedule. I wish to express my most sincere gratitude to all politically appointed officials, civil servants and relevant public bodies as well as the large number of members serving on government boards and committees for their dedication and contribution.

A government's performance should not be measured by numbers alone. It should also be judged by its willingness to tackle long standing problems, its boldness to act and its determination to confront controversial issues. The current-term Government has achieved major breakthroughs in pricing subsidised sale flats according to families' affordability, resuming privately-owned land for public housing, building transitional housing, improving labour welfare, promoting primary healthcare, banning e-cigarettes, legislating for municipal waste charging, introducing tax reform and pledging long-term environmental goals such as attaining carbon neutrality by 2050. The Government has also invested heavily in innovation and technology and increased recurrent funding for health, education and social welfare.

This Supplement was prepared adopting the same format in the two previous editions which has proven to be more reader-friendly. There are altogether eight chapters. Chapter II reports on the Government's work in upholding the fundamental policy of "One Country, Two Systems" while Chapter III outlines the actions relating to Hong Kong combating the pandemic. From Chapter IV onwards, each chapter is compiled around a policy theme with four sections: "From Belief to Implementation"; "Infographics"; "Achievements"; and "New Initiatives". About 310 new initiatives are included in this Supplement and the 2021 Policy Address I delivered in the Legislative Council today.

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