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Safeguarding National Security

Improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms

- Enact legislation on Article 23 of the Basic Law, with a view to formulating effective and pragmatic proposals, and conducting public consultation at a suitable juncture, so as to complete the legislative work within 2024. (SB)
- Continue our endeavour to prevent, suppress and impose punishment for offences endangering national security through collection and analysis of intelligence, investigatory and law enforcement actions, etc. against acts suspected of endangering national security. (SB)
- Strive to enhance the protection of cybersecurity of critical infrastructure (including energy, communications, transportation, financial institutions, etc.) to embrace the challenges of cybersecurity, and to introduce the legislative bill into the Legislative Council within 2024. (SB)
- Examine the findings of the consultancy study on addressing the issue of false information, continue to keep in view the latest situation of false information in the community, and consider how best to deal with the subject of false information in the light of Hong Kong's circumstances. (HYAB)

Strengthening national security education

- Set up an exhibition gallery on national security within 2024, produce training materials and train community instructors to promote national security in various districts, so as to enhance the public's understanding and raise their awareness of the need to safeguard national security. (Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, SB)
- Organise the city-wide National Security Education Day on 15 April annually to raise the awareness of safeguarding national security among citizens, enhance their knowledge of the Constitution, the Basic Law and the National Security Law, help them better understand the "holistic concept of national security", and strengthen their sense of national identity. (Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, relevant bureaux)
- Organise on-site seminars on national security education for secondary schools to enhance teachers' understanding of the "holistic concept of national security". (EDB)
- Continue to enhance the content of the National Security Law online virtual exhibition by, inter alia, making its design and presentation more appealing to the youth. (SB)

- Continue to join hands with the Department of Justice, Education Bureau and suitable non-governmental organisations to enhance the national security knowledge and awareness of young people (especially students) through inter-school competitions. (SB)
- Continue to promote national security education among members of youth uniformed groups under the disciplined services to enhance their national security awareness. (SB)

Reinforcing the Rule of Law

- Continue the work of the Steering Committee on Rule of Law Education, including the launch of the second phase of the Rule of Law Education Train-the-Leaders Programme within 2024, to fully enhance the promotion of correct messages on the rule of law in the community. (DoJ)
- Support the Judiciary in taking forward law courts building projects and press ahead with initiatives on legislation, technology or other aspects which are conducive to the effective administration of justice. (CSO)

Preserving the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem

 Upon passage of the amendment bill of the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance, strengthen publicity and public education at all fronts for enhancing public awareness of respecting and protecting the regional flag and regional emblem as well as knowledge on their proper usage. (CMAB)

Strengthening Publicity and Public Education on the Constitution and the Basic Law

- Adopt a diversified approach to strengthen publicity and public education, which includes making good use of online platforms and social media, rolling out large-scale publicity activities, producing television and radio programmes, and enhancing publicity work targeting specific groups such as students, teachers, youths and civil servants, etc. (CMAB and relevant bureaux)
- Government departments and relevant organisations, Mainland Offices, overseas Economic and Trade Offices, Invest Hong Kong, Information Services Department, etc. will continue to utilise online and offline platforms as well as diversified activities in their further efforts to comprehensively promote Hong Kong and its unique status and advantages under "One Country, Two Systems". (Relevant bureaux)
- Strengthen national studies and leadership training for senior civil servants to foster their forming of holistic views and broaden their international perspective, enabling them to support Hong Kong in leveraging its strengths to connect our country with the world. (CSB)
- Enhance the foundation training for new recruits through enriching its content and delivery, thereby developing and reinforcing among them a patriotic spirit, an affection for Hong Kong, a people-oriented service culture and a cross-departmental collaborative mindset. (CSB)

Patriotic Education

Working Group on Patriotic Education

 Establish a Working Group on Patriotic Education under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee within 2024 with a view to promoting patriotism. (CSO, CMAB and relevant bureaux)

Setting up two museums about our country and the war of resistance

- Commence preparatory work for setting up a museum to showcase national development and achievements, covering areas such as history, politics, economic development and culture, with a view to deepening public understanding of our country and national affairs. (CSTB)
- Convert the existing Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence into the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence, with exhibitions focusing on the history of the War of Resistance. More programmes on related themes will be organised. (CSTB)

Promoting Chinese culture

- Establish the Chinese Culture Promotion Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The dedicated office will plan and implement programmes, exchanges and collaborations on Chinese culture and history in order to promote Chinese culture and enhance the national identity and cultural confidence amongst the public. (CSTB)
- Organise Chinese Culture Festival on a regular basis starting from 2024 to offer the public with more opportunities to enjoy distinctive Chinese cultural programmes, including Chinese opera, signature performances, outstanding local arts projects recognised by the China National Arts Fund as well as film screenings, etc. (CSTB)

- Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) will co-operate with Mainland broadcasters such as the China Media Group on co-production and relaying of Mainland programmes so as to reach out to audience globally, promote Chinese culture and connect with the world through Hong Kong. (CEDB)
- RTHK will continue to produce more thematic programmes and to expand the coverage of the FM channel which relays the "Radio the Greater Bay" of the China Media Group from the current 50% to 99% within 2024 for further enhancing the public understanding of our country and engendering their sense of civic and national identity. (CEDB)

Education for school children

- Introduce a subject on humanities in primary schools with enriched elements of Chinese culture, history and geography to strengthen the sense of national identity among students from a young age. (EDB)
- Organise Mainland study tours for teachers and enrich learning and teaching resources relating to national education to help students learn effectively national security, Chinese culture, as well as the history, geography, development and achievements of our country. (EDB)
- Enhance the quality and effectiveness of national education through different types of inspection, including the Theme-based Focus Inspection on National Education, and share inspection findings and promote good practices. (EDB)
- Complete the workshops on the "enhanced School Development and Accountability framework" for all primary and secondary schools in the 2023/24 school year to bolster accountability of schools and promote their improvement in national education. (EDB)

- Enhance the training for Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors and the related learning experiences in the Chinese History curriculum; and organise more activities on Chinese culture such as visits to museums and student competitions. (EDB)
- Enrich the content of the Values Education Curriculum Framework and emphasise the role of Chinese culture as the backbone of values education, with a view to strengthening students' sense of belonging towards our country and their national identity from a young age. (EDB)
- Launch the "Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country 2.0" series of inter-school national education activities in the 2023/24 school year to enrich students' cognitive, affective and practical learning through larger scale and more diversified learning experiences, and promote synergistic development of the school sector. (EDB)

Promotion by the disciplined services

- Establish a Foot Drill and Flag Party of no less than 40 members under the Customs Youth Leaders Corps within 2024, so as to enhance the training on Chinese-style foot drill and flag-raising skills in preparation for flag-raising ceremonies and large-scale performances. (SB)
- Increase the number of active members of youth uniformed groups of various disciplined services by 5% by end-2023. (SB)
- Increase the total number of the Fire & Ambulance Services Teen Connect (FAST Connect) members from 300 to 800 and extend the coverage of FAST Connect to all 18 districts of Hong Kong by the end of the 2023/24 school year. (SB)

- Increase the membership of the Immigration Department (ImmD) Youth Leaders Corps from about 400 at the end of last year to 500 by end-2023, and then to 600 within 2024. (SB)
- Arrange for at least 30 000 young people to participate in the Rehabilitation Pioneer Project of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) by end-2023 to encourage them to safeguard our country and home, lead a law-abiding and drug-free life, and support offender rehabilitation. (SB)
- Arrange for the Rehabilitation Express, the education and publicity vehicle of the CSD, to visit at least 10 primary schools in various districts per month on average in the 2023/24 school year. (SB)
- Arrange for at least 1 300 Junior Police Call members to participate in cultural exchange activities and national studies programmes, including Mainland exchange programmes and Chinese-style foot drill training, in the 2023/24 school year. (SB)
- Arrange for the Customs YES promotion vehicle to make at least 120 visits to various tertiary institutions, secondary schools and places popular among young people within 2024 for member recruitment and promotional work. (SB)
- Provide national education activities for at least 1 000 Customs YES members within 2024, including Mainland exchange programmes, study tours of Chinese history and culture, Chinese-style foot drill training, and lectures on our country's Constitution or the National Security Law. (SB)

The Improved Electoral System

- Adhere to the improved electoral system in the long run, continue to enhance the electoral arrangements, further the application of information technology, and ensure the elections will be conducted in a fair, open, honest, safe, orderly, efficient and user-friendly manner. (CMAB)
- Launch a series of publicity activities to continuously promote the improved electoral system, so as to raise the public's awareness of the electoral system. (CMAB)
- Continue to work with the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) to conduct by-elections for filling the council vacancies timely and properly. (CMAB)
- Work closely with the EAC to ensure that the 2023 District Council Ordinary Election will be conducted in a fair, just, safe and orderly manner in accordance with the law. (CMAB)

Oath-taking by Public Officers

• Extend the oath-taking requirement to public officers of other sectors. (CMAB)

Safeguarding Integrity

Corruption prevention

- Devise an integrity management framework for public works projects to assist stakeholders in effectively managing corruption risks and other integrity risks when implementing the projects. (ICAC)
- Assist listed companies in enhancing their integrity management and corruption prevention capabilities through the production and promotion of a corruption prevention guide and related capacity-building activities, etc. (ICAC)

- Provide anti-corruption education for and promote integrity messages to imported labour under various labour importation schemes newly launched by the Government. (ICAC)
- Continue to enhance the corruption prevention control over private new building works and strengthen the integrity management of registered building professionals, registered contractors and technically competent persons in collaboration with the Buildings Department. (ICAC)

The 50th anniversary of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (2024)

 Launch anniversary events with the theme of "Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues", including the 8th Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Symposium, Open Day, TV drama series, a commemorative publication and public engagement activities, to demonstrate to the local and international community Hong Kong's anti-corruption stories. (ICAC)

Regional and International Co-operation

ICAC

 Holding the presidency of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities, the ICAC will lead the association in promoting and facilitating the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, as well as advancing international anti-corruption collaboration and exchanges. These include co-hosting the 8th ICAC Symposium in May 2024. (ICAC) Deepen co-operation with anti-corruption authorities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), including co-organising practical workshops on law enforcement, jointly providing corruption prevention training to enterprises in the GBA, and co-developing a guide for doing business with integrity. (ICAC)

Fire Services Department

- The Fire Services Department (FSD) will make continuous effort to enhance the professional capabilities of its Disaster Response and Rescue Team to prepare for participation in overseas rescue missions, and to obtain the accreditation as a medium International Urban Search and Rescue Team from the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group. (SB)
- The FSD will organise in collaboration with relevant professional bodies the "Fire Asia International Conference" in 2024, and invite relevant scholars and the FSD's fire service counterparts in the Mainland and the Belt and Road regions to participate. (SB)
- The FSD will organise a professional exchange meeting on "Compartment Fire Behaviour" for fire service counterparts in the Asia-Pacific region within 2024. (SB)
- The FSD's technical rescue teams will visit member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for specialised technical exchanges starting from 2024. (SB)

Customs and Excise Department

 The Customs and Excise Department will play an active role in the World Customs Organization as a "promoter" and "facilitator" to safeguard multilateralism, advance international co-operation, and enhance effectiveness in regional law enforcement. (SB)

Protection of Privacy

 Study possible amendments to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance to align with international developments in privacy protection, strengthen personal data protection, and address the challenges posed by cyber technologies. (CMAB)

Protecting Public Safety

Combating deception

 The Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) will set up a new platform jointly with major banks by end-2023, whereby bank staff will be stationed to render immediate assistance to the HKPF regarding deception cases for combating fraudulent activities. (SB)

Combating against over-storage of dangerous goods

 The FSD will conduct 750 proactive inspections to hardware stores and chemical material stores within 2024 to combat illegal activities, such as over-storage of dangerous goods, for the protection of public safety. (SB)

Anti-drug work

- The Action Committee Against Narcotics will reach a milestone in 2025 when it turns 60. To mark this anniversary, the Narcotics Division will organise a series of events, including roving exhibition and commemorative publication, with a view to solidifying the anti-drug awareness of the community. (SB)
- The Narcotics Division will strengthen publicity and education on the harms of cocaine through a range of activities, including production of short publicity videos, so as to prevent the spread of drug harms. (SB)

 Provide additional resources for subvented service units to strengthen manpower and training, so as to adopt inter-disciplinary interventions to encourage quitting of drugs and maintaining abstinence. (SB)

Handling of Nonrefoulement Claims

- Through profile analysis of obvious abusers of the non-refoulement claim mechanism and via the Advance Passenger Information System to be rolled out in phases starting from the third quarter of 2024, the ImmD will enhance identification of potential abusers and prevent their entry to Hong Kong. (SB)
- Through streamlined process, the Torture Claims Appeal Board will enhance its efficiency in handling appeal cases, with the target of reducing the average processing time from over seven months in the past to around four months. (SB)
- Implement arrangements of various legislative amendments to enhance treatments of immigration detainees starting from November 2023, so as to further uphold discipline and order at detention facilities. (SB)

• Continue to fully implement the updated removal policy so as to enhance the efficiency and efforts in removing unsubstantiated claimants, with the target of removing no less than 1 200 unsubstantiated claimants per year. (SB)

Joining Hands with Persons in Custody on the Road to Rehabilitation

Establishing the Ethics College

 The CSD will establish the Ethics College by end-2023 to provide full-time continuing education courses for voluntary enrolment by adult persons in custody to help them equip themselves for re-integration into society. (SB)

Establishing parent-child centres

• The CSD will establish three parent-child centres in correctional institutions by end-2023 to strengthen the relationship between adult male persons in custody and their families, thereby reinforcing their determination to turn over a new leaf. (SB)