

Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs

Possible models for electing the Chief Executive and for forming the Legislative Council by universal suffrage

The HKSAR Government will publish a green paper on constitutional development in mid-2007 to summarize the discussions of the Commission on Strategic Development (CSD), and to consult the public on the possible models, roadmap and timetable for electing the Chief Executive and for forming the Legislative Council by universal suffrage. All proposals received from political parties, other organizations and individuals will be covered by the green paper. The green paper will set out different types of options, as well as the views on the roadmap and timetable, to facilitate public discussion. The formulation of these options has not yet been determined. This will depend on the discussions and any further proposals received in the next few months.

2. Following the end of the three-month public consultation period, we will submit a report to the Central Authorities, which will reflect any mainstream views formed during the public consultation and other views expressed. We hope that this can provide a basis for the third term HKSAR Government to continue to take forward Hong Kong's further democratization.

3. The CSD will further discuss possible models for implementing universal suffrage at its meeting on 12 April 2007. Earlier on, the secretariat of the CSD has provided to the Panel secretariat the relevant discussion papers (CB(2)1520/06-07) for Members' reference.