

---

# 立法會秘書處

---

## Legislative Council Secretariat

### 新聞稿 Press Release

Barrier-free facilities provided for people with disabilities in LegCo Complex (with photos)

\*\*\*\*\*

More than 30 representatives from 14 rehabilitation and disabilities organizations, including wheelchair-bound users and people with visual and hearing impairment, toured the barrier-free facilities in the Legislative Council (LegCo) Complex today (September 26). They appreciated the LegCo's efforts to install a series of barrier-free facilities to facilitate people with different disabilities to access the Complex and also gave feedbacks on the facilities. Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, the LegCo President and the Chairman of The Legislative Council Commission (the Commission) said that members of the Commission had unanimously agreed that the design of the LegCo Complex should enable people with different disabilities to use its facilities.

Mr TSANG said that as the society progresses, people would have higher expectations and demands for the provision of barrier-free facilities. He hoped that through this visit people with disabilities (PWDs) could understand more about the purpose of providing different kinds of barrier-free facilities in the LegCo Complex was to meet the different needs of PWDs. He said that LegCo would continue to communicate with the relevant organizations and listen to their views for the refinement of the facilities.

Accompanied by the LegCo Secretariat staff, the PWDs toured the barrier-free facilities in the new LegCo Complex this afternoon, including the toilets for disabilities,

tactile path for people with visual impairment, lifts with audible signs for closing of doors and Braille markings for lift control buttons, seating arrangement for people with visual impairment and wheelchair-bound visitors to observe Council meeting at the Public Gallery, and Braille keyboard for people with visual impairment. Besides, they also realized that sign language interpretation service would be provided for visitors with hearing impairment to understand the meetings.

After visiting the barrier-free facilities, Ms Pauline NG Man-wah, the Secretary General of the LegCo Secretariat exchanged views with the representatives from different organizations and listen to their comments on the barrier-free facilities in the Complex. Some representatives of the organizations gave feedbacks to improve the barrier-free facilities but they also appreciated the efforts of the LegCo to provide these facilities to facilitate their access to the Complex. They said that LegCo could set a good example for other organizations to follow.

Ms NG pointed out that suggestions raised by related organizations had been incorporated into the design of barrier-free facilities in the Complex. Refinements would still be carried out in the future when necessary. She encouraged the people with disabilities to visit the LegCo Complex more frequently to observe open meetings and to use the facilities in the Complex. She also said that she would meet with the Transport Department later to discuss how to provide a more convenient way for wheelchair-bound visitors to reach the Complex.

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, Chairman of the Commission, Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan, member of the Commission, and Ms Pauline NG Man-wah, the Secretary General of the LegCo Secretariat toured the barrier-free facilities in the LegCo Complex earlier with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and the

welfare organizations with people have different disabilities. They applauded the LegCo for its efforts to accommodate the needs of PWDs and commended that the LegCo had acted as a role model in the community.

Ends/Monday, September 26, 2011

NNNN



Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, President of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and Chairman of The Legislative Council Commission (The Commission), accompanied by Ms Pauline NG Man-wah, Secretary General of the LegCo Secretariat introduces the barrier-free facilities in the LegCo Complex to over 30 people with disabilities from various organizations. They commended the LegCo for providing the barrier-free facilities which allow them to access the Complex more conveniently.



Braille keyboards are installed in Conference Room 1 for visitors with visual impairment to facilitate them to use the computers.



Sign language interpretation services are provided to facilitate visitors with hearing impairment to understand more about the Council meetings.



Over 30 people with disabilities from various organizations exchange views with Ms Pauline Ng Man-wah, Secretary General of the LegCo Secretariat after visiting the barrier-free facilities in the LegCo Complex. They appreciated the LegCo for providing facilities to people with disabilities, setting a good example for other organizations to follow.