

## Agreement on plans for better info flow in BLCC

PROPOSALS to improve the flow of information between members of the Basic Law Consultative Committee (BLCC) have been mostly agreed upon, according to one of its vice-chairmen, Dr Rayson Huang.

Dr Huang made the response to a joint letter submitted to the Executive Committee of the BLCC by 17 members, urging the committee to hold public hearings and to have meet-the-public sessions.

The letter also asked the committee to conduct a scientific public opinion survey on people's views towards the drafting of the Basic Law before the consultative body submits its final report to the Basic Law Drafting Committee in September next year.

The report will provide the Drafting Committee with local opinions on major issues of the Basic Law, which will serve as the mini-constitution for post-1997 Hongkong.

While Dr Huang gave his blessings to the idea of public hearings and the meet-the-public scheme — which has already been endorsed by the Executive Committee — he had reservations about the opinion polls.

"The 180 members of the BLCC are representatives of society, so I doubt whether we need to have an opinion poll," he said.

A sub-committee under the BLCC yesterday discussed the joint letter but the final decision on the proposals will be left to the Executive Committee.

Meanwhile, 13 members of the BLCC left for Beijing yesterday to exchange opinions with the mainland's drafting members.