/Advisers to be named in March

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A LOCAL delegation to Beijing has been told that China will hold an official ceremony by mid-March to appoint its first batch of 40 advisers on Hongkong affairs.

Returning to Hongkong yesterday, Mr Lo Tak-sing, the leader of the 34-member delegation from the New Hongkong Alliance, said they were informed of this during a dinner with the Director of the State Council's Hongkong and Macau Affairs Office, Mr Lu Ping.

Mr Lo would not reveal if he and other alliance members had been asked to be advisers.

However, another alliance member and Legislative Councillor, Mr Philip Wong Yu-hong, said he was "very much willing" to take up the lob if asked.