<u>Appointments to Hong Kong Committee</u> <u>for Pacific Economic Cooperation</u>

The Government today (March 27) announced the membership of the Hong Kong Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (HKCPEC) for the new term of two years from April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2022.

Professor Matthew Lee Kwok-on has been reappointed as the Chairman of the HKCPEC, and Professor Chan Wai-sum, Dr Buston Chu, Mr Geoffrey Kao, Professor Syaru Shirley Lin and Professor Emily Nason have been reappointed as members. Mr Kelvin Lau and Ms Edith Law have been appointed as new members of the HKCPEC.

"I thank the members for accepting the appointments. Their experience and expertise in respective sectors will facilitate the HKCPEC's work in promoting regional economic development initiatives. I would also like to express our gratitude to the three outgoing members, namely Mr Guy Chambers, Mr Nicholas Kwan and Mr Kevin Lam, for their contributions to the HKCPEC's work in the past," the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, said.

The HKCPEC is a tripartite forum, comprising members from the academic, business and government sectors, to co-ordinate Hong Kong's participation in the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), a non-profit, policyoriented regional organisation with 23 member economies dedicated to the promotion of regional economic development. Over the years, apart from contributing actively to the discussion on the PECC front, the HKCPEC has also been promoting locally the importance of regional trade and economic issues through a series of internship and youth programmes.

The new membership list of the HKCPEC is as follows:

Chairman Professor Matthew Lee Kwok-on

Vice Chairman Deputy Director-General of Trade and Industry

Members Professor Chan Wai-sum Dr Buston Chu Mr Geoffrey Kao Mr Kelvin Lau Ms Edith Law Professor Syaru Shirley Lin Professor Emily Nason Government Economist or his/her representative Director of Research of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council or his/her

representative