## <u>Care Teams in Southern District –</u> <u>First Anniversary and Healthy Life</u> <u>Launching Ceremony held (with</u> <u>photos/video)</u>

â€<The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, and the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, today (May 10) officiated at the Care Teams in Southern District – First Anniversary and Healthy Life Launching Ceremony to celebrate the first anniversary of the District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams) in the Southern District.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Chan said the Care Teams in the Southern District have effectively cared for the community and achieved "thinking what people think" and "addressing people's pressing needs" over the past year. Besides visiting and contacting some 11 000 elderly households and other households in need, the Care Teams handled over 1 000 requests for assistance and organised more than 300 diverse activities covering around 30 000 beneficiaries. Meanwhile, the Care Teams provided full support to the Government during emergency situations. For instance, during the heavy rainstorm last September, Shek 0 residents were affected by landslides and road collapse on Shek 0 Road. The Care Teams swiftly deployed considerable manpower to offer assistance to the residents, demonstrating their outstanding emergency response capabilities.

Other officiating guests included the Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Shirley Lam; the Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Mr Clarence Leung; the Director of Home Affairs, Mrs Alice Cheung; the Director-General and the Deputy Director-General of the Hong Kong Island Sub-office of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Xue Hui-jun and Mr Wang Hui; and the District Officer (Southern), Mr Francis Cheng.

The Care Teams in the Southern District will continue to uphold their belief in serving the community with heart, embody the "We Care We Serve" spirit, and care for residents in need in order to build a better Southern District.



