

CE and politically appointed officials donate remuneration to Community Chest

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (March 6) wrote a letter to the Community Chest of Hong Kong, attaching to it cheques worth a month of remuneration from her and all politically appointed officials (including the Secretaries of Departments and Directors of Bureaux, the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, under secretaries and political assistants) totalling 44 people as a donation for the sum of \$10,805,250 to show that the governing team are fighting the disease and riding out the difficult times with the public.

A Government spokesman said that the Government has, through the establishment of the \$30 billion Anti-epidemic Fund and the 2020-21 Budget delivered by the Financial Secretary recently, rolled out various measures to relieve the impact of the epidemic on various sectors in the community and the general public. Meanwhile, many civic-minded organisations and bodies have also responded to calls for assistance by lending a helping hand to the underprivileged proactively to help tide them over the difficult times.

"In support of fighting the epidemic together, the Community Chest set up 'The Community Chest Anti-NCP Rainbow Fund' earlier to take care of the financial needs of people and deliver care kits to grass-roots citizens. With its years of experience in helping disadvantaged people, the Community Chest will play an important role at this critical moment by allocating funds donated by various sectors to organisations that serve the community effectively so that people in need can continue to receive support," the spokesman said.