<u>CE delivers Chinese New Year message</u> (with photo/video)

Following is the translation of the Chinese New Year message delivered by the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, today (January 28):

Celebrating the Chinese New Year is one of our happiest moments. We are busy gathering with family and friends, doing New Year shopping and buying festive flowers for our homes, preparing for the New Year to come.

Hong Kong is full of cheerful events. Last year, we received two adorable giant pandas from the motherland, and the giant panda babies born in Hong Kong will be ready to meet everyone in mid-February.

This year is the Year of the Snake. In Chinese culture, the snake is nimble and agile, and is a symbol of prosperity and wealth. This year, Hong Kong will once again show its agility and resilience with flexible thinking to innovate, to reform, and to seek further development as we strive to build a bright future.

My wife and I wish the people of Hong Kong good health in the Year of the Snake. May you have joy, prosperity and good fortune in the Year of the Snake!

(The message is available on the website of the Chief Executive's Office: www.ceo.gov.hk/cny-message/25/en/)

