

## CE expresses deep sorrow over passing of DDSW Mr Lam Ka-tai

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (January 30) expressed utmost sorrow over the passing of the Deputy Director of Social Welfare (Services), Mr Lam Ka-tai.

"I worked with Ka-tai while I was the Director of Social Welfare from 2000 to 2003. I was deeply impressed by his enthusiasm for work, care for senior citizens and the disadvantaged groups and upholding of the profession of social workers. Modest and dedicated, he was willing to listen and resolved problems proactively, earning him the respect of the social welfare sector and the love of colleagues of the department.

"Ka-tai dearly loved his mother and was sincere to people, showing respect and care to senior citizens as if they were his own family members. During my tenure as the Director of Social Welfare, he and I joined hands to handle a request for assistance from an elderly man, Uncle Fook, who needed urgent help. In the past decade or so, Ka-tai would accompany me to visit Uncle Fook during the Lunar New Year holidays and he also showed care for Uncle Fook's daily life in other times until he passed away not long ago. A role model for civil servants, Ka-tai continued to serve with his full passion and enthusiasm in the social welfare sector over the past 30 years or so.

"I am deeply shocked and saddened by the passing of Ka-tai. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and will provide all necessary assistance for his funeral arrangements.

"With Ka-tai's departure, we have lost a best friend and best colleague. It is also a tremendous loss for the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Nevertheless, he and his spirit of serving the community will always be in our hearts.

"Ka-tai, may you rest in peace. You will be sorely missed, always," Mrs Lam said.