

CE expresses sorrow over passing of Lord Millett

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (May 30) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of the Right Honourable the Lord Peter Julian Millett, Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal.

"Lord Millett is a distinguished jurist with profound achievements and is held in high regard in the legal sector. Having been a Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal since 2000, Lord Millett has handled complicated cases and has written landmark judgments covering various legal aspects over the years, making significant contributions to the Judiciary. He was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2015.

"According to relevant provisions in the Basic Law, the Chief Executive can appoint judges from other common law jurisdictions, and the appointment of illustrious judges from other common law jurisdictions as Non-Permanent Judges of the Court of Final Appeal is an important component of the judicial system in Hong Kong. In his participation in the work of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal over the past 20 years, he has made immense contributions to the establishment of a robust and well-recognised judicial system in Hong Kong after its return to the motherland, which is testimony to the implementation of a high degree of autonomy in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in accordance with the law.

"I am saddened by the passing of Lord Millett. On behalf of the HKSAR Government, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his family," Mrs Lam said.