<u>CE expresses sorrow over passing of Mr</u> <u>Allen Lee</u>

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (May 19) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Mr Allen Lee.

"Mr Lee had served the community for many years and was influential in the political arena. He was appointed as a member of the Legislative Council (LegCo) early in 1978 and later became the Senior LegCo Member, and served the Council for 20 years. In the meantime, he was also appointed as a member of the Executive Council to tender advice to the Government. He was a member of the Preparatory Committee of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and a Hong Kong Affairs Adviser, contributing to Hong Kong's return to the motherland. Caring about the country, he served as a deputy to the National People's Congress to take part in national affairs.

"Mr Lee still cared very much about society after he retired from the councils and often offered his unique and insightful comments on social issues. He also hosted various current affairs programmes in different media and interviewed members of the political and business sectors. After assuming the office of the Chief Executive in 2017, the first television interview that I gave was hosted by Mr Lee, and the memory is still fresh in my mind.

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