

CE extends gratitude to President Xi Jinping for giving reply to Secondary 4 students of Pui Kiu Middle School in Hong Kong

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, today (July 25) extended his deepest gratitude on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to President Xi Jinping for his reply letter to Secondary 4 students of Pui Kiu Middle School in Hong Kong. The letter conveys President Xi's earnest expectations for young people to fulfil their mission and responsibilities as the young generation of Hong Kong.

Mr Lee said that the reply letter from President Xi to students of Pui Kiu Middle School in Hong Kong on their sharing of experience of participating in such activities as the burial ceremony of the remains of the Chinese People's Volunteers martyrs that returned to China from Korea, and real-time dialogue with astronauts carrying out their mission at Tiangong Space Station, shows his care and encouragement to the students. It also motivates schools in Hong Kong to actively organise diversified extra-curricular activities to help young people gain a better understanding of the history of the country and national affairs, and strengthen their affection for and sense of belonging to the country, as well as their sense of national identity. Schools are encouraged to help students transform their affection for the country and Hong Kong into action and pass on this mission from one generation to the next.

Mr Lee pointed out that since the current-term HKSAR Government took office, it has adopted the contents and spirit of the important speech delivered by President Xi in Hong Kong on July 1 last year as the policy framework. On youth development, the first edition of the Youth Development Blueprint was launched at the end of last year to holistically guide young people to gain a deeper understanding of the developments of the country as well as the rest of the world, and strengthen their national pride and sense of responsibility and ownership.

Mr Lee stressed that the HKSAR Government will continue to promote and strengthen patriotic education and national education, and provide a learning environment that supports the growth and development of young people in Hong Kong, so as to nurture a new generation with an affection for the country and Hong Kong and also equipped with a global perspective, an aspiring mind-set and positive thinking. It is hoped that they will unleash their full potential in society in the future, ensure the steadfast and successful implementation of the "one country, two systems" principle in Hong Kong, and make proactive contributions to building a better Hong Kong and achieving national rejuvenation.