

## CE meets new Liaison Office Director (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, met the new Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr Luo Huining, at Government House today (January 9).

Extending a warm welcome to Mr Luo on his assumption of the new post in Hong Kong, Mrs Lam said that during his visit to Hong Kong in the capacity as the Secretary of the CPC Shanxi Provincial Committee at the end of 2018, they had very good exchanges and she was impressed by his care for Hong Kong. She said that although Mr Luo has just taken up the post, he is familiar with the situations in Hong Kong. She expressed the hope that communication and co-operation between them would be enhanced down the road to promote various areas of work involving the Mainland and Hong Kong.

During the meeting, Mrs Lam briefed Mr Luo on the work of the HKSAR Government in various aspects over the past two years as well as the social unrest arising from the legislative amendment exercise since June last year. Both parties considered that Hong Kong had experienced the most challenging situation since Hong Kong's return to the motherland during the past seven months, affecting seriously all aspects of society, and that restoring social order as soon as possible is the common aspiration of the general public. Mrs Lam said the HKSAR Government will, in accordance with the Basic Law and the "One Country, Two Systems" principle, spare no effort to curb violence and uphold the rule of law in order to find a way out of the current impasse. Both parties are confident that under the long-standing and strong support of the Central Government, Hong Kong will be able to relaunch itself and open a new page, as well as better integrate into the overall development of the nation and achieve long-term prosperity and stability.

Mrs Lam also said in the meeting that as the severe economic situation may affect the livelihood of the general public, especially the grass roots, the HKSAR Government will proactively study the launch of relief measures to help the people.

