

## CE meets President of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, met the President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Professor Xie Fuzhan, at Government House this afternoon (November 27). The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong, was also present.

Mrs Lam welcomed the visit of Professor Xie and his delegation to Hong Kong to attend the International Forum on China's Economy and Policy 2018, which was jointly held today by the Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office and the National Academy of Economic Strategy of the CASS. The forum, themed "Forty Years of Reform and Opening Up", attracted some 300 participants.

The CASS, a premier academic organisation and comprehensive research centre in the fields of philosophy and social sciences in the Mainland, has co-organised the International Forum on China's Economy and Policy with the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) a number of times, fostering policy research on economic and social issues of the two places. Mrs Lam said that the excellent policy research conducted by the CASS on the nation's reform and opening up, in addition to the modernisation process, could serve as an important reference for the HKSAR in integrating into the overall development of the country and seizing opportunities brought by the country's development. She expressed the hope that the CASS and the Chinese Institute of Hong Kong – the CASS branch set up in Hong Kong last year – would help promote exchanges and co-operation in humanities and social sciences between Hong Kong and the Mainland, including the nurturing of talent, universal education and research in the relevant areas, to help young people in Hong Kong deepen their understanding of the country and strengthen research to assist Hong Kong's future development.

