## CE meets Princess of Thailand (with photo/video)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, accompanied by the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council, Mr Bernard Chan, met with HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand and hosted a lunch for her at Government House today (April 10). The Thai Ambassador to China, Mr Piriya Khempon, and the Consul-General of Thailand in Hong Kong, Mr Asi Mamanee, also attended the meeting.

Mrs Lam welcomed Princess Sirindhorn's visit to Hong Kong to participate in the Lui Che Woo Prize Council meeting. She said that the Lui Che Woo Prize, set up by Hong Kong entrepreneur Dr Lui Che-woo in 2015 to award individuals or organisations that have selflessly dedicated themselves to the nurturing and enrichment of world civilisation, is very meaningful and that she was the officiating guest of the prize presentation ceremony in her capacity as Chief Executive in the past two years. She thanked Princess Sirindhorn for her staunch support for the prize.

Pointing out that Thailand is an important partner of Hong Kong, Mrs Lam said she has visited Thailand three times since she took office, including the trip to Thailand to officiate at the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Bangkok (Bangkok ETO) at the end of February. She said she believes that with the establishment of the Bangkok ETO and following the completion of the ratification process of the Free Trade Agreement and the Investment Agreement signed between Hong Kong and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at the end of 2017, the relations between Hong Kong and Thailand as well as ASEAN will be deepened and more areas for collaboration will be explored.

