<u>CE meets Secretary of CPC Liaoning</u> <u>Provincial Committee (with photo)</u>

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met the Secretary of the CPC Liaoning Provincial Committee, Mr Hao Peng, at Government House today (August 28) to exchange views on strengthening Hong Kong's co-operation with Liaoning. Also attending the meeting were the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki; the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai; and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip.

Mr Lee welcomed Mr Hao's visit to Hong Kong with his delegation. Noting that the economic and trade relations between Liaoning and Hong Kong have always been close, Mr Lee said that Hong Kong has been the largest source of foreign direct investment in Liaoning Province, with the total investment from Hong Kong enterprises exceeding US\$115 billion by the end of 2023. He welcomed more Liaoning enterprises to continue leveraging Hong Kong's unique advantages of enjoying strong support of the country and being closely connected to the world under "one country, two systems", and to use Hong Kong as the prime platform for local enterprises to go global and attract foreign investments.

Highlighting that Liaoning Province has a solid foundation for development with steady performance and a positive outlook for economic and social development, while Hong Kong is currently on the new journey of advancement from stability to prosperity, Mr Lee said that the prospects for co-operation between the two places are broad and promising. He added that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government values and supports the deepening of exchanges and co-operation between Liaoning and Hong Kong. The Beijing Office and Liaoning Liaison Unit of the HKSAR Government will continue to fully serve as a bridge to promote exchanges in such areas as economic and trade, culture and arts, and youth development between Liaoning and Hong Kong, with a view to jointly making greater contributions to the country's development.

