

CE meets with new Commissioner of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in HKSAR (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, met with the new Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr Liu Guangyuan, at Government House this afternoon (June 1).

Mrs Lam welcomed Mr Liu's assumption of office in Hong Kong. She said the HKSAR faced severe challenges in the past two years or so but it successfully overcame the difficulties with the staunch support and resolute actions of the Central Authorities. In particular, the National People's Congress passed the Decisions on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the HKSAR to safeguard national security as well as on improving the electoral system of the HKSAR, which have stabilised the overall situation in Hong Kong and put "One Country, Two Systems" back on the right track. She expressed gratitude to the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR (OCMFA) for its continuous support for the HKSAR Government, especially as, on occasions when the HKSAR Government was subject to unfair attacks by some foreign governments and politicians with ulterior motives, the OCMFA invariably and steadfastly made clarifications to refute misleading accusations.

Noting that some Hong Kong residents were stranded overseas due to the epidemic in the past year, Mrs Lam expressed her gratitude to the OCMFA and the country's missions in various places for the large volume of work they did to provide support to Hong Kong residents. She said that the HKSAR Government attaches importance to developing its external affairs and that with the launch of the "Early Vaccination for All" campaign by the HKSAR Government yesterday, it is hoped that an immune barrier can be built in Hong Kong as soon as possible by significantly raising the vaccination rate, thereby allowing the early resumption of travel between people in Hong Kong and other places.

She expressed the hope that under Mr Liu's leadership, the OCMFA will continue to support the HKSAR to integrate into the overall development of the country and join hands in promoting the opportunities brought about by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative, thereby expanding the room for development of young people and injecting impetus into Hong Kong's development.

