## CE reports to state leaders on work

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (January 27) was arranged to conduct the annual reporting of work to President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang separately via video conferencing, during which she reported to them the latest economic, social and political situation in Hong Kong.

Mrs Lam expressed gratitude to the state leaders for fully acknowledging the work of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government in the past year, and for the care and support from the Central Government to Hong Kong on the prevention and control of the COVID-19 epidemic, economic development and improvement of people's livelihoods. She pointed out that Hong Kong experienced a challenging year in which the city's economy and livelihoods were hard hit by the epidemic, but that the city essentially functioned normally with the financial system remaining stable. She said that the top priority of the HKSAR Government at present is to curb the epidemic to protect people's health and restore economic activities.

Mrs Lam reported to the state leaders that since the implementation of the National Security Law on June 30 last year, street violence has significantly subsided and calm has been restored in society, and that the HKSAR Government will fully implement the National Security Law to prevent and stop acts that endanger national security. Thanking President Xi for his warm regards to her and other HKSAR Government officials who have been sanctioned by the US Government unreasonably, she, on behalf of each of the government officials, reiterated that they will continue to discharge their duty to safeguard national security without fear.

Mrs Lam also reported on the series of measures involving the Central Government's support as set out in her 2020 Policy Address. She said that in the opening year of the country's 14th Five-Year Plan, she will lead her team to leverage the unique advantages of Hong Kong to better integrate into the overall development of the nation through its participation in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, thereby advancing the economy and improving livelihoods.