<u>CE to attend APEC meetings in Papua</u> <u>New Guinea</u>

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, will depart for Papua New Guinea in the evening on November 15 to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2018 Economic Leaders' Meeting and other related meetings in Port Moresby. The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, will accompany the Chief Executive and take part in some of the meetings.

The theme of this year's APEC meeting is "Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future", with discussions focusing on how APEC embraces new challenges in the digital age under three priorities, namely improving connectivity and deepening regional economic integration, promoting sustainable and inclusive growth, and strengthening inclusive growth through structural reform.

Before attending the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting on November 18, Mrs Lam will attend the Women Political Leaders Roundtable, a discussion session of the APEC CEO Summit, the Dialogue with APEC Business Advisory Council, the Informal Dialogue with Pacific Island Leaders and the Gala Dinner hosted by the organiser for participating leaders on November 17.

Mrs Lam will leave Papua New Guinea on November 19 and return to Hong Kong the next day. During her absence, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, will be Acting Chief Executive.