

# CE welcomes and supports white paper on “The Taiwan Question and China’s Reunification in the New Era”

â€‹The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, today (August 10) welcomed and expressed support for the white paper on "The Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era" published by the Central Government. The paper righteously reiterates to the world the fact that Taiwan is part of China and demonstrates the Central Authorities' firm stance and policy on materialising the reunification of the motherland.

Citing historical developments and jurisprudence, the white paper states that the one-China policy is a universal consensus of the international community and an indisputable and unalterable fact as reflected in the relevant resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly.

According to the white paper, "Peaceful reunification and 'One Country, Two Systems' are our basic principles for resolving the Taiwan question and the best approach to realizing national reunification. Embodying the Chinese wisdom – we thrive by embracing each other – they take full account of Taiwan's realities and are conducive to long-term stability in Taiwan after reunification."

Mr Lee said that the white paper rightly pointed out that some political forces in Taiwan have long been purposefully misinterpreting and smearing "One Country, Two Systems" and advocating "Taiwan independence". "One Country, Two Systems" is proven to be a successful national policy. The successful implementation of "One Country, Two Systems" in Hong Kong is widely recognised. Being the best institutional guarantee for Hong Kong, "One Country, Two Systems" is an important cornerstone for maintaining Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability, and a successful national policy that provides the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) with its unique edge of having close connections with the world and strong support from the motherland. The thorough and precise implementation of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle opens up broader prospects for the development of Hong Kong.

"With the institutional safeguard of the 'One Country, Two Systems' principle, the appropriate improvements made as well as the series of measures taken by the Central Government which addressed both the symptoms and root causes of the unrest while upholding the 'One Country, Two Systems' principle, Hong Kong rode out the destruction and threats brought by riots and 'Hong Kong independence' fueled by external forces some three years ago. Now that Hong Kong has moved from disarray to good governance, it is advancing to a new stage of becoming more prosperous. This not only demonstrates the importance of the 'One Country, Two Systems' principle in safeguarding the fundamental interests of Hong Kong, but also proves that the

more firmly the 'One Country' principle is upheld, the greater the strength of the 'Two Systems' that will be unleashed for the development of Hong Kong," he said.

Mr Lee reiterated that the HKSAR Government resolutely safeguards China's national sovereignty and territorial integrity, and safeguards the one-China principle. The HKSAR Government resolutely opposes any interference by external forces in the internal affairs of China, and fully supports and facilitates the necessary measures by the Central Government.