<u>CE welcomes appointment of Mr Dong</u> <u>Jingwei as Head of Office for</u> <u>Safeguarding National Security of CPG</u> in HKSAR

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, today (July 18) welcomed the State Council's appointment of Mr Dong Jingwei as Head of the Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government (CPG) in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

Mr Lee said that the HKSAR Government will continue to work and communicate closely with the Office for Safeguarding National Security of the CPG in the HKSAR and to do its utmost in implementing the Hong Kong National Security Law, fulfilling the duty and responsibility of the HKSAR in safeguarding national security.

In accordance with Article 49 of the Hong Kong National Security Law, the Office for Safeguarding National Security of the CPG in the HKSAR shall perform the following mandate: analysing and assessing developments in relation to safeguarding national security in the HKSAR, and providing opinions and making proposals on major strategies and important policies for safeguarding national security; overseeing, guiding, co-ordinating with, and providing support to the HKSAR in the performance of its duties for safeguarding national security; collecting and analysing intelligence and information concerning national security; and handling cases concerning offences endangering national security in accordance with the law.