<u>CE welcomes return of Hong Kong, China</u> <u>Delegation to 4th Asian Para Games</u> <u>Hangzhou (with photos)</u>

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the China Hong Kong Paralympic Committee hosted a welcome home reception at the Ma On Shan Sports Centre, Sha Tin, today (November 13) to greet the Hong Kong, China Delegation to the 4th Asian Para Games Hangzhou on their triumphant return from the Games.

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, officiated at the ceremony and presented certificates of commendation to the Hong Kong athletes in recognition of their efforts in the competitions.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Lee said that the Hong Kong team has achieved an outstanding performance at this Asian Para Games. This is a manifestation of the hard work of the athletes and their teams. It also reflects that the Government is on the right track in allocating resources for sports development and providing additional resources for the development of sports for persons with disabilities. The result is there for all to see.

The 4th Asian Para Games was held in Hangzhou between October 22 and 28. A total of 95 Hong Kong athletes were sent to take part in 11 competition events at the Games, including boccia, archery, athletics, badminton, lawn bowls, rowing, swimming, table tennis, shooting, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair fencing and wheelchair tennis.

After a fierce competition, the Hong Kong Delegation received a total of 47 medals at the Games, comprising eight gold, 15 sliver and 24 bronze, ranking 10th out of 33 medal-winning countries or regions. Details of the competition medalists are set out in the Annex.

Also greeting the athletes at today's ceremony were the President of the China Hong Kong Paralympic Committee, Mrs Jenny Fung; the Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung; the Under Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Raistlin Lau; the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Mr Vincent Liu; the Commissioner for Sports, Mr Sam Wong; and the Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services), Miss Winnie Chui.









