

Celebration of 10th anniversary of establishment of Chinese Association of Hong Kong and Macao Studies – Hong Kong session (with photos)

The celebration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese Association of Hong Kong and Macao Studies (CAHKMS) was held this morning (December 22) in Beijing. The Director of the Hong Kong and Macao work office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Xia Baolong, attended and addressed the celebration. The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee; Principal Officials of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government; the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Mr Zheng Yanxiong; the Head of the Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Mr Dong Jingwei; and the Acting Commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR, Mr Li Yongsheng, watched in the Central Government Offices the live broadcast of the event. All incoming chairmen and members of the seventh-term District Councils also joined in watching the live broadcast.

In his speech, Mr Xia gave an in-depth explanation about learning to implement the spirit of President Xi Jinping's important speech given after he listened to the reports by the Chief Executives of the HKSAR and the Macao SAR, and about how to pragmatically show one's love for Hong Kong and the country to compose a new chapter in the implementation of "one country, two systems".

Mr Xia said that President Xi's important speech once again demonstrated the Central Government's firm stance on the long-term adherence to "one country, two systems", and its deep care for Hong Kong and Hong Kong people. It greatly enhanced the confidence and determination of the HKSAR Government and Hong Kong people in advancing Hong Kong from stability to prosperity, and jointly creating a better future. It also pointed out the way forward for Hong Kong to fully implement "patriots administering Hong Kong" and to play a greater role in achieving national strength and national rejuvenation for better developments. The HKSAR Government and the governing team should demonstrate a new level of patriotism and love for Hong Kong through practical actions of safeguarding the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and improving people's livelihood; political and community groups should demonstrate that through fully supporting the Chief Executive and the HKSAR Government's governance in accordance with the law and through uniting all parties to build a better Hong Kong; District Councils should demonstrate that through establishing a presence among the grassroots and servicing the community; the trade and industrial sector should demonstrate that through promoting the high-quality development of Hong Kong and fulfilling social

responsibilities; individual citizens should demonstrate that through contributing to and shining for the development of Hong Kong; while youths should demonstrate that through engaging in building a better Hong Kong, chasing their dreams, and living their lives to the fullest. All strata, sectors and parties of the society should come together to build a better Hong Kong in solidarity.

“The CAHKMS was established in Beijing on December 6, 2013. It is under the administration of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and aims to organise and co-ordinate research on the theory and practice of "one country, two systems" and strengthen academic exchanges and co-operation among Hong Kong, Macao, and the Mainland in relevant fields.

