## <u>Central Military Dock handed over to</u> <u>Hong Kong Garrison today (with photos)</u>

Under the Hong Kong Basic Law, the Central People's Government shall be responsible for the defence of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). According to the arrangements for the use of military sites in Hong Kong, the Central Military Dock (the Military Dock) is a military site and military facility that should be reprovisioned by the HKSAR Government for the Chinese People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison (the Hong Kong Garrison).

According to Article 12 of the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Garrisoning of the HKSAR (the Garrison Law), the Hong Kong Garrison and the HKSAR Government shall jointly protect the military facilities within the HKSAR, the Hong Kong Garrison shall delimit military restricted zones in conjunction with the HKSAR Government, the locations and boundaries of the military restricted zones shall be declared by the HKSAR Government, and the HKSAR Government shall assist the Hong Kong Garrison in maintaining the security of the military restricted zones.

The HKSAR Government, in accordance with Article 12 of the Garrison Law, declared that the Military Dock has been delimited as a military restricted zone with effect from 7am on September 29, 2020, and will be managed and used by the Hong Kong Garrison thereafter. The location and area of the Military Dock are specified in the Protected Places Order (Cap. 260 sub. leg. A). Notices will also be posted on the external walls and fences of the Military Dock to indicate its boundary.

The Military Dock has become a "protected place" under the Protected Places (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 260). Under the Public Order Ordinance (Cap. 245), the four buildings on the Military Dock have been declared as "closed areas". The public should observe the law and should not enter the Military Dock area without authorisation.





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