<u>Ceremony to Commemorate Those Who Died</u> <u>in the Defence of Hong Kong</u>

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region today (October 17, Chung Yeung Festival) held an annual official ceremony at the Hong Kong City Hall Memorial Garden in commemoration of those who died in the defence of Hong Kong between 1941 and 1945.

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, attended the ceremony and laid a wreath.

Senior government officials, representatives from the Judiciary and members of the Legislative Council and the Executive Council were also present at the ceremony. They were joined by representatives of Central People's Government organisations in Hong Kong, members of the Consular Corps concerned, religious leaders, community dignitaries, former members of the Hong Kong Independent Battalion of the Dongjiang Column, war veterans' groups, uniformed groups and student groups.