

## CE's statement on appointment of Liaison Office Director

On the State Council's appointment of Mr Luo Huining as the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, issued the following statement today (January 4):

The HKSAR Government and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Luo Huining on his assumption of the new post. Mr Luo led a delegation to Hong Kong in his capacity as the Secretary of the CPC Shanxi Provincial Committee at the end of the year before last year. I had good exchanges with him on co-operation between Shanxi and Hong Kong and was impressed by his care for Hong Kong. I have no doubt that under the leadership of Mr Luo, the Liaison Office will continue to work together with the HKSAR Government to fully implement the Basic Law and "One Country, Two Systems" for Hong Kong's prosperity and stability, and promote the integration of Hong Kong into the overall development of the nation and the positive development of the relationship between the Mainland and Hong Kong.

The HKSAR Government and I are very grateful for the contribution by Mr Wang Zhimin for upholding "One Country, Two Systems" and supporting the work of the HKSAR Government in accordance with the law in the last two years or so. In particular during the unprecedented social unrest in Hong Kong in the past seven months, he led the Liaison Office in providing staunch support for the HKSAR Government to curb violence and uphold the rule of law, giving us a lot of confidence and encouragement. I had been collaborating with Mr Wang on affairs between the HKSAR and the Mainland in my various capacities in the Government since 2006 and was deeply impressed by his love of Hong Kong, in particular his commitment in and support for work on youth development. I would like to take this opportunity to express my respect and sincere gratitude to him.