<u>China Manned Space delegation attends</u> <u>variety show</u>

The China Manned Space delegation attended a variety show this afternoon (November 29) to mark Hong Kong's welcoming of the China Manned Space delegation, and shared with the public the joy of China's remarkable achievements of its aerospace endeavours.

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee; the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Zheng Yanxiong; the delegation leader Mr Lin Xiqiang; astronauts Mr Liu Boming, Ms Wang Yaping, Mr Chen Dong and Mr Zhang Lu; the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki; and the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, kicked off the variety show at the Hong Kong Coliseum.

Documentaries were screened during the show to recap the development and remarkable achievements of the China Manned Space Program over the past 30 years. During the chit-chat session, the delegation leader, Mr Lin, introduced the development of the China Manned Space Program, and the four astronauts shared their experiences and the feeling of living in space, while research and development personnel from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University shared information about the development of Hong Kong's aerospace industry.

Apart from spectacular performances staged by local artists and youngsters, the variety show also featured young pianist Zhang Shengliang demonstrating his marvellous piano skills. In addition, Hong Kong athletes provided a performance of breaking.

The delegation will attend the opening ceremony of the China Manned Space Exhibition and meet with representatives of Hong Kong's innovation and technology sector as well as teachers and students from tertiary schools tomorrow (November 30).