## Declarations of interests by CE, politically appointed officials and ExCo Members

A Government spokesman said today (August 11) that the first declarations of interests made by the Chief Executive (CE), Secretaries of Departments, Deputy Secretaries of Departments, Directors of Bureaux, the Director of the CE's Office and Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) after assuming office are available on government websites for public inspection.

The declarations of interests of the CE have been uploaded to the website of the CE's Office (www.ceo.gov.hk/en/links.html). The declarations of interests made by Secretaries of Departments, Deputy Secretaries of Departments, Directors of Bureaux and the Director of the CE's Office, as required by the "Code for Officials under the Political Appointment System" (the PAO Code), have also been uploaded to the websites of the respective offices or bureaux.

Information on the registrable interests of ExCo Members (including the President as well as Official and Non-official ExCo Members) has been uploaded to the ExCo website (<u>www.ceo.gov.hk/exco/eng/interests.html</u>).

The PAO Code stipulates that politically appointed officials shall declare their investments and interests on appointment and annually thereafter. These declarations are uploaded to the websites of the respective offices or bureaux. The CE voluntarily observes the above declaration arrangement. ExCo Members are likewise required to declare their registrable interests on appointment and annually thereafter. These declarations are uploaded to the ExCo website.