<u>Director of Chief Executive's Office</u> <u>to lead politically appointed</u> <u>officials to Mainland for study and</u> <u>duty visit</u>

The Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip, will lead a delegation of over 30 politically appointed officials to Beijing and Nanjing on Sunday (November 19) for a national studies programme and duty visit.

Under Secretaries and Political Assistants are key members of the governance team of the Government. This delegation is the first national studies programme for politically appointed officials organised by the current-term Government, as well as the largest of its kind over the years. The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met with the delegation members before their departure, and encouraged them to seize the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the latest national policies and developments, and to put it into practice in formulating and implementing relevant policies and when engaging different sectors of society.

Led by the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip, as the Head of Delegation, and the Under Secretary for Security, Mr Michael Cheuk, as the Deputy Head of Delegation, the delegation comprises 13 Under Secretaries and 19 Political Assistants. Upon arrival in Beijing, the delegation will study at the National Academy of Governance. They will proceed to Nanjing for a duty visit on November 23. During the study programme and duty visit, the delegation will study national history and the Constitution in depth, and gain insights into the latest developments of the country in such areas as innovation and technology, smart city, conservation and ecology, culture and the tourism industry and so on.

The delegation will return to Hong Kong from Nanjing on November 25.