<u>Government strongly condemns</u> protesters' storming of CPG's office in HK

In response to some radical protesters' deviation from the procession route, storming of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (CPGLO) and defacing the national emblem after the public procession today (July 21), a Government spokesperson said:

The CPGLO is one of the offices set up by the Central People's Government in Hong Kong and has constitutional functions.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government strongly condemns the protesters who blatantly challenged the national sovereignty by maliciously besieging and storming the CPGLO building as well as defacing the national emblem. The HKSAR Government will deal with these acts in a serious manner in accordance with the law.

The HKSAR Government has always respected the public's expression of their aspirations peacefully. However, a series of incidents occurred recently, including the recurrence of illegal protests after peaceful processions, charging police cordon lines, besieging the Police Headquarters and blocking roads. The police also found illegal storage of dangerous goods and a large number of offensive weapons. The HKSAR Government is concerned that a small number of radicals incited the masses in an organised manner, challenged the rule of law, and even stormed the CPG's office in Hong Kong. Such acts threaten the law and order in the SAR and "one country, two systems". It is totally unacceptable to the society.