

HKSAR Government launches Online Exhibition of the 30th Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Basic Law

The "Online Exhibition of the 30th Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China" is launched today (May 30). The Exhibition will present, in the form of a time tunnel, the historical background, drafting, promulgation and successful implementation of the Basic Law in Hong Kong.

The Chief Secretary for Administration and Chairman of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee (BLPSC), Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, said, "The Constitution of the People's Republic of China and the Basic Law form the constitutional basis of the HKSAR. In accordance with the Constitution, the National People's Congress decided to establish the HKSAR and enacted the Basic Law, prescribing the systems to be practised in the HKSAR.

"The Basic Law solidly and clearly provides the legal guarantee for the implementation of 'one country, two systems' in the HKSAR. The basic policies of the People's Republic of China regarding Hong Kong, namely 'one country, two systems', 'Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong' and a high degree of autonomy, are fully implemented through the Basic Law.

"The Preamble of the Basic Law states clearly that the HKSAR was established for upholding national unity and territorial integrity. It is the constitutional duty of the HKSAR as part of China to safeguard national security. The National People's Congress passed on May 28 the Decision on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the HKSAR to safeguard national security. The legislation to be enacted for the HKSAR to safeguard national security will not affect the legitimate rights and freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kong residents. The HKSAR Government will fully co-operate in completing the relevant work on legislation as soon as possible, ensuring the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong under 'one country, two systems'," he emphasised.

'I encourage members of the public to visit the Online Exhibition, look back at the important milestones during the 30 years since the promulgation of the Basic Law, deepen their understanding of the concept and implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle, and reflect on how critical the guarantee of the Basic Law is towards the long-term development of Hong Kong," he said.

"It is imperative to enable the public to have a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law through promotion and education. This year, the BLPSC will strengthen our work in promoting and educating the public on the Constitution and the Basic Law, including the local community, teachers and students, youths, civil servants,

the industrial, commercial and professional sectors and so on. This will enable people from different sectors to have a deeper understanding of the relationship between 'one country' and 'two systems', and consider how best to grasp the opportunities ahead and further promote the implementation of 'one country, two systems'," he said.

The Exhibition is jointly presented by the BLPSC and the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau. Members of the public can visit the Online Exhibition at bl30a-exhibition.org for information about the Constitution and the Basic Law, and take part in online interactive games. The HKSAR Government will launch other activities to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law in due course.