

HKSAR Government to hold webinar in commemoration of 30th anniversary of promulgation of Basic Law

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government will hold a webinar tomorrow afternoon (June 8) to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law. The webinar will review the historical background and successful implementation of the Basic Law so that the public would have a deeper understanding of the essence of the "one country, two systems" principle.

Article 1 of the Basic Law states that the HKSAR is an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China. 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 webinar will discuss the importance of the Decision in safeguarding our country's sovereignty, security and development interests, protecting the long-term prosperity of Hong Kong and ensuring the robustness of "one country, two systems".

The webinar comprises two parts, i.e. keynote addresses and a dialogue session. The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, will first address the webinar, followed by the Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Zhang Xiaoming, and the Vice-Chairperson of the HKSAR Basic Law Committee under the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (BLC), Mr Zhang Yong, who will deliver keynote speeches on the Basic Law, "one country, two systems" and national security.

There will also be a dialogue session at the webinar, to be moderated by the BLC Vice-Chairperson Ms Maria Tam. She will host a discussion on the historical background and implementation of the Basic Law with the first Secretary for Justice Ms Elsie Leung and Professor Albert Chen from the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong.

The webinar will be broadcast online from 3pm to 6pm tomorrow. Members of the public can watch it online at webcast.info.gov.hk or log on to the Facebook page of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) (www.facebook.com/cmab.gov.hk). To revisit the webinar, please visit CMAB's webpage (www.cmab.gov.hk/en/issues/basic.htm).