## <u>Politically appointed officials</u> <u>complete study programme in Beijing</u> <u>(with photos)</u>

 $\hat{a} \in A$  delegation of politically appointed officials on a national studies programme and duty visit led by the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip, completed its study programme at the National Academy of Governance (NAG) this morning (November 22).

The Executive Vice President of the NAG in charge of daily operations, Professor Xie Chuntao, gave the last lecture of the study programme on the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and presented Certificates of Completion of the NAG to the delegates.

At the closing ceremony, Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office (HKMAO) of the State Council Mr Wang Linggui congratulated the delegation for completing its study programme. He encouraged members of the delegation to learn more and to capitalise on Hong Kong's strengths to serve the country's needs.

Ms Yip expressed gratitude to the HKMAO of the State Council and the NAG for the meticulous programme arrangements. She pointed out that the scholars and experts have reiterated in their lectures the unique role and contributions of Hong Kong as a special administrative region in the process of achieving the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. In the face of unprecedented changes of the century, the country steadfastly adheres to the path of peace, development, co-operation, and win-win outcomes, upholding the diplomatic policy objective of safeguarding world peace and promoting common development, and advancing the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Hong Kong should take up a greater and more significant role in this process, she said.

Ms Yip said she believes that upon their return to Hong Kong, members of the delegation will apply what they have seen, heard, and learned during the programme in their respective positions to tell the good stories of Hong Kong and the country.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the Museum of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to learn about the centennial history of the CPC.

Led by Ms Yip, the delegation comprises 13 Under Secretaries and 19 Political Assistants. The delegation will depart for Nanjing tomorrow (November 23) to obtain a deeper understanding of the development of innovation and technology, smart city, environmental ecology and culture and tourism there.





