## <u>Public consultation on implementation</u> of UN Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) is inviting public views on the implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) starting from today (February 18).

The Central People's Government (CPG) will submit China's seventh report under the Convention. The HKSAR Government will submit its report to the CPG on the implementation of the Convention in the HKSAR for incorporation as part of the report of the People's Republic of China.

In accordance with established practice, the Government has prepared an outline of the topics for inclusion in the report to facilitate public comment on relevant issues. Copies of the outline of the report can be obtained from the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of District Offices. It is also available on the CMAB website at <a href="http://www.cmab.gov.hk">www.cmab.gov.hk</a>.

"Members of the public may submit their views to us by March 31 this year on the implementation of the Convention in respect of the topics in the outline, or suggest any additional topics that they consider we ought to include in the report of the HKSAR. We will consider carefully all the comments and suggestions received in drafting the report," a CMAB spokesman said.

Members of the public who would like to express their views can write to the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (Team 5), 12/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, or send their submissions by fax to 2840 0657 or by email to <u>cat\_consultation@cmab.gov.hk</u>.