

## Remarks by newly appointed SCST at media session (with photo)

â€‹Following are the remarks by the newly appointed Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Miss Rosanna Law, at a media session today (December 5):

Reporter: First of all, what are your job priorities in your tenure of two and a half years? And also, what are the most critical areas of work for which you want to see improvements in the Bureau? Given that you had no previous experience in the Bureau, how do you plan to use your strengths to serve the general public? Thank you.

Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism: There are several important areas in the portfolio of culture, sports and tourism. First of all, of course, in the National Fourteenth Five-Year Plan, it is clearly stated that Hong Kong is supported to develop into an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange. This will allow Hong Kong to fully leverage its strength in international creativity and experiences in external exchanges under the "one country, two systems". This is obviously an important priority. Hong Kong has distinctive advantages in enjoying the strong support of the Motherland while being closely connected to the world. With the strong support from the Central Government, we must leave no stones unturned in achieving this important goal.

On sports, obviously the most important thing is the opening of the Kai Tak Sports Park. And with this, the successful organisation of the 15th National Games. We will have to work very closely with Guangdong Province and Macao SAR (Special Administrative Region). This will allow athletes to shine, Hong Kong people to strengthen their national identity, and for visitors to have a great time in Hong Kong.

For tourism, I am most grateful to the Central Government for the recently announced supporting measures for Hong Kong, including the new pair of adorable new pandas, and the resumption of the multiple entry policy for Shenzhen residents. Opportunities are everywhere. And so my priority would be to learn the latest development of my Bureau's work, and then to meet old friends, make new friends. Have candid, useful, constructive discussions with all stakeholders, with a view of bringing culture, sports, and tourism to new heights.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the remarks.)

