<u>Secretary for Home Affairs to leave</u> <u>post</u>

â€<The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, today (April 22) made the following statement on his departure:

I assumed the post of Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs in December 2012 and have served as the Secretary for Home Affairs since July 2015. As a politically appointed official of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, I have served the Hong Kong citizens in various areas and it is now an appropriate time for me to say goodbye. My successor, Mr Caspar Tsui, is younger and possesses leadership skills. He is energetic and enthusiastic. I am confident that he will be competent for the post.

I would like to thank the Chief Executive, colleagues and government staff for working hand in hand with me over the years. I would also like to thank the stakeholders for their support and encouragement, which facilitated the development of various policies.

I hope that Hong Kong can swiftly triumph in the epidemic fight and that, after the battle, we can together make Hong Kong thrive.