

Speech by CS at Multicultural Carnival in Celebration of 27th Anniversary of Establishment of HKSAR cum Kick-off Ceremony for Ethnic Minority Care Teams (with photos/video)

Following is the speech by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, at the Multicultural Carnival in Celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region cum Kick-off Ceremony for Ethnic Minority Care Teams today (July 28):

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

A warm welcome to our multicultural carnival and kick-off ceremony for Ethnic Minority Care Teams.

Hong Kong has long been a vibrant multicultural metropolis, which more than 300 000 ethnic minority residents call home. Not only have they enriched our city's cultural diversity, but they have also contributed to its development in many ways.

The Hong Kong SAR (Special Administrative Region) Government spares no effort in building a caring and inclusive society. Our support for ethnic minorities is wide-ranging – from education and employment to welfare, healthcare and community integration.

The Chief Executive, in his Policy Address last year, announced a series of new support measures. They include setting up dedicated Care Teams, and additional support service centres, for ethnic minorities.

To that end, I am pleased to announce that eight Ethnic Minority Care Teams will be set up today. They will underpin the services provided by the eight existing government-funded support service centres for ethnic minorities.

The Care Teams will visit ethnic minority households and stay in touch with them. Besides keeping them posted on the latest government information, the Care Teams will proactively find out and fulfil their needs with relevant services. If necessary, the Care Teams can also refer them to relevant government departments or organisations for follow-up.

Meanwhile, our Government is setting up two additional support service centres for ethnic minorities – one in Kowloon Central, the other one in New Territories East – bringing the total to ten. We expect the two new centres, along with two more dedicated Care Teams, will come into service by year's

