

Government responds to July 1 procession

In response to the procession today (July 1), a government spokesman said that the current-term government has, since inauguration, been following the mottos of "we care", "we listen" and "we act" sincerely, and introduced and implemented in stages various measures in response to people's aspirations. It is also proactively playing the role of "facilitator" and "promoter" to inject new impetus into society and the economy with a view to creating more opportunities to the people of Hong Kong, especially youngsters.

The spokesman said, "In the past 21 years since our return to the Motherland, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has been implementing the 'one country, two systems' principle, 'Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong' and a high degree of autonomy in strict accordance with the Constitution and the Basic Law. The Basic Law provides solid support for maintaining the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. It also safeguards the fundamental rights and duties of Hong Kong residents, and protects our core values such as freedom, democracy, rule of law and clean governance."

"Under the arrangement of 'one country, two systems', we have to firmly uphold the 'one country' principle, have a correct understanding of the constitutional order as set out by the Constitution and the Basic Law, and safeguard the country's sovereignty, security and development interests. At the same time, we should also make the best use of the 'two systems' and ride on our unique advantages to develop our economy and improve people's livelihood."

Since the return to the Motherland, Hong Kong has continued to enjoy prosperity and stability, and maintained its status as international financial, transportation and trade centres, thanks to the strong support of the country and Hong Kong's inherent institutional strengths, the spokesman said.

"Hong Kong has been ranked the world's freest economy for 24 consecutive years and is one of the most competitive economies globally. The latest unemployment rate stands at a 20-year low of 2.8 per cent. We are also one of the safest cities in the world, with the global ranking for the rule of law continuously staying at the top," he said.

"The further deepening of economic reform and opening up of the Mainland, together with the two major national development strategies, i.e. the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, have provided unprecedented opportunities for Hong Kong. Looking ahead, we will further reinforce and enhance the development of our traditional industries and proactively engineer new drivers for economic growth. We will also strive to improve governance, better livelihood and nurture talents, and will join hands with the community at large with a view to building Hong Kong into a

place which is full of energy and hope, and a home where people live and work with contentment."

The spokesman reiterated that chanting slogans which disrespect 'one country' and disregard the constitutional order or which are sensational and misleading was not in line with Hong Kong's overall interests and would undermine its development.

[Hong Kong Customs smashes suspected dangerous drugs storage centre \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 30) seized about 79 kilograms of suspected cocaine and 1 kilogram of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$80 million in Tuen Mun. This is a record high suspected cocaine seizure by Hong Kong Customs in the past five years.

During an anti-narcotics operation in Tuen Mun yesterday morning, Customs officers intercepted a man and found the batch of suspected dangerous drugs inside his residence. The 52-year-old man was then arrested.

Investigation is ongoing. Customs has been taking vigorous enforcement action to prevent and combat drug trafficking activities. Customs appeals to members of the public, especially young people, not to defy the law.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182, or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



[CE and Principal Officials release short videos on work in past year](#)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam and the Principal Officials (POs) will release short videos on their work in the past year.

Mrs Lam's video will be broadcast this (July 1) afternoon while the rest will be released in the next few days.

The videos will be available from the newly-revamped website of the Information Services Department (isd.gov.hk) and its YouTube channel.

[Policy Address consultation launched](#)

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (July 1) launched the public consultation exercise for the 2018 Policy Address. The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam; the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung; and the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, will meet representatives from different sectors to listen to their views.

"Since I delivered my inaugural Policy Address last October, my team and I have been sparing no effort to implement more than 250 policy initiatives in it and making good progress. Most of the initiatives have been implemented or are being taken forward according to the plan. I know that people from various sectors in the community still have aspirations in connection with governance and different policies. My team and I, who will continue to avoid no difficult tasks, will respond further in the second Policy Address in October this year. I sincerely invite members of the public to give their

views on the Policy Address, so that we can harness the collective wisdom and insights to formulate policy initiatives to meet the needs of the people and Hong Kong,” Mrs Lam said.

To facilitate expression of opinions by the public, the Government introduced social media as an additional channel for collecting views this year. Members of the public are invited to give their views through the dedicated website (www.policyaddress.gov.hk), the Chief Executive’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/carrielam.hksar), and Instagram (www.instagram.com/carrielam.hksar), or by email (policyaddress@pico.gov.hk), phone (2432 1899) or fax (2537 9083).

[Missing man in Tuen Mun located](#)

A man who went missing in Tuen Mun has been located.

Luk Wai-ip, aged 58, went missing after he was last seen on Tsing Chung Koon Road on May 29 afternoon. Staff of the nursing home made a report to Police on the same day.

The man was located on Castle Peak Road – Tsuen Wan on June 29 afternoon.