

## TLB holds session on “Spirit of the President’s Important Speech” (with photos)

The Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) today (August 12) held a session on "Spirit of the President's Important Speech" at the Central Government Offices, enabling colleagues of the TLB and its departments to have a deeper understanding of the core essence of the important speech delivered by President Xi Jinping at the meeting celebrating the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland and the inaugural ceremony of the sixth-term Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, delivered a keynote speech to share with the participants how to apply what they learnt from President Xi's speech in their daily work by being pragmatic and living up to the people's expectations.

President Xi raised "four musts" for the HKSAR Government in his important speech: it must fully and faithfully implement the principle of "one country, two systems"; it must uphold the Central Government's overall jurisdiction while securing the HKSAR's high degree of autonomy; it must ensure that Hong Kong is administered by patriots; and it must maintain Hong Kong's distinctive status and advantages. President Xi also laid down "four proposals" for the newly inaugurated Government, i.e. further improving its governance, continuing to create strong impetus for growth, earnestly addressing people's concerns and difficulties in daily life, and working together to safeguard harmony and stability.

Mr Lam said that the "four musts" and "four proposals" set out a high-level visionary guidance for the future development and governance of Hong Kong.

"When President Xi shed light on the point that Hong Kong should maintain its distinctive status and advantages, he reiterated that the Central Government fully supported Hong Kong in the effort to maintain its distinctive status and edges, to improve its presence as an international financial, shipping and trading centre, to keep its business environment free, open and regulated and to maintain the common law, so as to expand and facilitate its exchanges with the world. We must leverage the staunch support of the country towards Hong Kong to expand our scope for further development by giving full play to our unique strengths. We must not let down our country as it has all along been showing care and support for Hong Kong," he said.

Mr Lam stressed that Hong Kong's international airport and port facilities are among the best in the world and have been renowned for their high efficiency, strong connectivity and extensive coverage. The Government will continue to put forward more policies and initiatives, and work closely with the industry, with a view to further raising Hong Kong's competitiveness

in sea, land and air transport and logistics as well as enhancing its international connectivity.

During the session, the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Ms Mable Chan; the Under Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Liu Chun-san; and other participating colleagues also shared their thoughts and feelings with the participants.

Around 110 colleagues of the TLB and its departments, including the Civil Aviation Department, the Highways Department, the Marine Department and the Transport Department, attended the session.

