<u>Transcript of remarks by CE at media</u> <u>session in Bangkok</u>

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, at a media session in Bangkok, Thailand this afternoon (February 28):

Good afternoon, friends of the media. Today is a very auspicious day for the Hong Kong-Thailand relationship, because I'm coming over to formally open our Bangkok Economic and Trade Office. This is our third office in the ASEAN region, and the first being opened during my term of government. There is a very interesting background to this and a lot of friendship involved between myself, the Prime Minister of Thailand and the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand leading to this very successful establishment of the Bangkok Economic and Trade Office. I'm sure the presence of this office will usher in a new era of closer collaboration between Hong Kong and Thailand, not only in terms of trade and investment and commerce, but also in other areas like culture, education, technology, creative industries and people-to-people exchange. I just wish to thank also the media for covering my visit and the opening of this office. Thank you very much.

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