

## WHETO hosts event in Zhengzhou (with photos)

The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan (WHETO), Mr Vincent Fung, officiated at the opening ceremony of the Henan Liaison Unit (HALU)'s new office and attended "Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of China's Reform and Opening Up cum Spring Reception for Hong Kong Residents in Henan Province 2019" held by the HALU this afternoon (March 13) in Zhengzhou, Henan Province. The reception was attended by more than 150 Hong Kong people working, operating businesses and studying in Henan, as well as other guests.

Speaking at the event, Mr Fung said that in 2018 the opening of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the introduction of the Regulations for Application of Residence Permit for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Residents greatly boosted the connections between the Mainland and Hong Kong. The year also marked the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening up, providing an opportunity to look back on the remarkable achievements. Looking forward, he said that there will be further good news for Hong Kong, such as the gradual development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the recent Budget initiatives which will benefit the public. The HALU will continue to act as the bridge for the connection between Hong Kong and Henan and promote the co-operation between the two places on various fronts.

During the reception in Zhengzhou, Mr Fung spoke with representatives of the provincial and municipal governments of Henan. He also talked with Hong Kong people who live, operate businesses and study in Henan to learn more about their experiences there and the latest developments in the province.

Tomorrow (March 14), Mr Fung will officiate in the opening ceremony of the "Exhibition on the 40th Anniversary of China's Reform and Opening Up cum Exhibition on Hong Kong Photos" and visit a Hong Kong enterprise in Zhengzhou before heading to Luoyang for an official visit.

