

Xi expresses confidence in HK new chief executive

President Xi Jinping on Saturday expressed confidence in new chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in leading the Asian financial hub to achieve new development.

In their meeting shortly after Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor was sworn in, Xi said he believed Lam could lead the new HKSAR government and all sectors of the Hong Kong society to score new achievements in various undertakings in Hong Kong.

As Hong Kong marks the 20th anniversary of its return to China, Xi said “great responsibilities and a glorious mission” had fallen on Lam’s shoulders.

“The Hong Kong society is placing great hopes in you, and the central government also has high expectations for you,” Xi told Lam.

He urged Lam to earnestly carry out her duty as the chief executive, implement the “one country, two systems” principle in a comprehensive and accurate manner, and safeguard the authority of the country’s Constitution and the HKSAR Basic Law.

Efforts should also be made to further develop Hong Kong’s economy, improve its people’s well-being, and maintain the region’s prosperity and stability, Xi said.

“The central government will render full support to you and the new HKSAR government to administer Hong Kong according to law and break new ground in the great cause of ‘one country, two systems,’” Xi said.