<u>Appointments to Advisory Committee on</u> <u>the Northern Metropolis and its four</u> sub-committees

The Government announced today (February 19) the appointment of non-official members to the Advisory Committee on the Northern Metropolis (ACNM) and its four sub-committees for a new term of two years, from February 10, 2025, to February 9, 2027.

The membership lists of the ACNM and its four sub-committees for the new term are at the Annex. The newly appointed members of the ACNM include Ms Cheng Jie, Mr Lee Shing-put, Mr Sunny Lee Wai-kwong, Mr Timothy Ma Kam-wah and Mr Simon Ng Ka-wing, who will also serve on the respective sub-committees under the ACNM. Additionally, Professor Karl Tsim Wah-keung is appointed as a new co-opted member of the Sub-committee on Development of Industries.

The ACNM is chaired by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan. The four sub-committees under the ACNM are the Sub‑committee on Planning, Land and Conservation; the Sub-committee on Development of Industries; the Sub-committee on Transport and Other Infrastructure; and the Sub-committee on Promotion and Public Engagement. The sub-committees aim to conduct in-depth discussions on relevant areas and provide recommendations.

Mr Chan said, "The Northern Metropolis is a crucial component of Hong Kong's social and economic development. It serves as the carrier of a new engine of economic growth, playing a pivotal role in advancing innovation and technology, deepening integration with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and dovetailing with the overall national development strategy. Also, the Northern Metropolis creates high-quality career opportunities and living environments for the public. The development of the Northern Metropolis has been advancing on all fronts at full speed. The valuable insights provided by the ACNM members are instrumental in our work." He expressed gratitude to members of the last term for their contributions. He also looks forward to working closely with members of the new term to continue promoting the development of the Northern Metropolis.