## CE commends seven serving and retired senior police officers (with photos)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, presented the Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service to seven serving and retired senior police officers at the presentation ceremony at the Ballroom of Government House today (February 10) in recognition of their significant contributions to safeguarding national security.

The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law) was enacted by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on June 30, 2020, and was promulgated for implementation in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) for establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms to safeguard national security. The HKSAR shoulders the important responsibility for safeguarding national security, and the Hong Kong Police Force has established a department for safeguarding national security with law enforcement capacity.

In preparation for the implementation of the National Security Law and setting up its National Security Department, the Hong Kong Police Force had, within a critical time span, urgently completed the preparation for the necessary manpower, equipment, facilities, and the formulation of managerial and operational strategies and procedural guidelines. In the past few months, the responsible officers presented outstanding leadership, professionalism and courage to shoulder responsibility and unwavering commitment to discharge their duties in safeguarding national security. Their work is commendable. Amongst them, seven relevant police officers made personal sacrifices to safeguard national security and ensure the full implementation of the "one country, two systems" policy, demonstrating steadfastness and fearlessness. The Chief Executive fully recognised and commended their work.

The Government also announced in the Gazette today the above awards.

The citations of the award recipients are provided in the Appendix.







