

CE expresses sorrow over passing of Mr Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (March 7) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Mr Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales.

"Mr Sales was committed to the development of sports in Hong Kong all his life, making tremendous contributions and leaving a lasting impact. Being one of the founding members of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, he had held different key positions in the organisation for years and had been the president for more than 30 years. During this time, in addition to promoting the participation of Hong Kong athletes in competitions outside the city, he also helped Hong Kong athletes continue to take part in international competitions as 'Hong Kong, China' after the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), greatly enhancing the opportunities of Hong Kong athletes. Apart from sports, Mr Sales was committed to serving the community. Held in high regard, he was the Chairman of the former Urban Council, and a member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Basic Law Consultation Committee. He was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 1998 in recognition of his efforts in the promotion of amateur sports and the Olympic games in Hong Kong.

"I am saddened by the passing of Mr Sales. On behalf of the HKSAR Government, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his family," Mrs Lam said.