<u>CE welcomes passage of funding</u> <u>application for Anti-epidemic Fund by</u> <u>LegCo</u>

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, welcomed the passage of the funding application for the Anti-epidemic Fund by the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee today (February 21).

"I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to LegCo Members for their support and approval of the funding application for the \$30 billion Antiepidemic Fund to achieve the objective of fighting the disease together to ride out these difficult times. All relevant bureaux will spare no efforts in implementing various measures as pledged and try to ease procedures so as to benefit enterprises and members of the public as soon as possible. The Government is pleased to submit a quarterly report to LegCo on the implementation of every measure.

"The Government will continue to assess the impact of the epidemic on society and listen to comments from all sectors, while introducing more support measures as necessary. The Financial Secretary will announce the 2020-2021 Budget next Wednesday (February 26) and will introduce measures as in the past to support the economy and relieve people's burden.

"In addition to the assistance provided by the Government, I appeal again to all sectors in society to stand united in this difficult time and support each other with the spirit of mutual care and assistance to prevail in this challenging period."