

Chief Executive-elect receives instrument of appointment in Beijing

The Chief Executive-elect, Mr John Lee, was received by President Xi Jinping and awarded the instrument of appointment as the sixth-term Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China by Premier Li Keqiang in Beijing today (May 30).

"I am deeply honoured by the appointment and fully aware of the great responsibility upon me. I will do my utmost to live up to the expectations of the country and the people of Hong Kong," Mr Lee said.

"I shall lead the sixth-term SAR Government with loyalty and perseverance to comprehensively and accurately implement the principle of 'one country, two systems', 'Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong' and a high degree of autonomy strictly in accordance with the Basic Law.

"This year marks the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland – a testimony of the historical moment of the successful implementation of 'one country, two systems' with significant meaning. I will unite all sectors and lead the SAR Government and the people of Hong Kong to work together and strive for the well-being of Hong Kong and its people.

"Together, we will build Hong Kong into a city with long-term prosperity and a caring and inclusive society," he added.

Tomorrow (May 31), Mr Lee will meet with the Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Xia Baolong, and return to Hong Kong.