

Response by CE's Office to media enquiries

In response to an online post today (January 26) saying that the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, engaged in private activities during her duty visit to Switzerland, the Chief Executive's Office states that the content of the post is far from the facts and has no basis.

The Chief Executive arrived in Zurich, Switzerland in the morning on January 21 and travelled to Davos by car, arriving at noon. In the morning on January 24, she left Davos by car, and departed from Zurich by flight at noon. During her visit, Mrs Lam attended over 30 bilateral meetings, interviews by international media organisations and other speaking occasions. In the last day of her visit (January 23), the Chief Executive met with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr Mark Rutte; Federal Councillor and Head of the Federal Department of Finance of Switzerland, Mr Ueli Maurer; the Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF), Professor Klaus Schwab; the Executive Chairman of Investcorp, Mr Mohammed Alardhi; the Group Chairman of Standard Chartered, Mr José Viñals; and the Chairman of the Asia Pacific Initiative, Mr Yoichi Funabashi, and attended the lunch of the WEF Informal Gathering of World Economic Leaders, a speaking session organised by the Young Presidents' Organization and "the Hong Kong Night" – a flagship event co-organised by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and various Hong Kong organisations and enterprises to promote Hong Kong in Davos. The Chief Executive had no time during her visit, and in fact did not engage in any private activity. Her itinerary was covered by press releases issued earlier. The Chief Executive's Office expresses regret over the false accusations deliberately made by some people against the Chief Executive.