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Foreword

A Strategic Vision for a Bright New Era Driving Reform and Boosting Development Unleashing Opportunities and Enhancing Livelihood

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has formulated its first Five-Year Plan. It sets out the blueprint for Hong Kong's economic and social development over the next five years, and is a forward-looking, strategic, and directional guiding document. The Policy Address serves as an annual report on the Chief Executive's implementation of the Five-Year Plan, and sets out the key policy priorities for the year in response to actual circumstances. The two are interconnected and inextricably related.

Specifically, the annual Policy Address will, taking into account the global environment, economic outlook and latest dynamics, formulate the policy initiatives, key policy priorities and major projects for the year, so as to sustain the efforts in realising the overarching objectives of the Five-Year Plan. In addition, I will continue to prepare the Policy Address Supplement (Supplement), aligning with the core policy directions and strategies set out in the Policy Address, to enable the public to better grasp policy details and specific measures.

This year's Supplement covers more than 800 policy measures across various major policy areas, from fully, faithfully and resolutely implementing the "One Country, Two Systems" principle, to consolidating and enhancing our international competitiveness, developing an international innovation and technology centre, and building an international hub for high-calibre talent. They range from expediting the development of the Northern Metropolis, to better integrating into and serving the overall national development. Advancing quality education, fostering the development of a harmonious society, deepening healthcare system reform, rendering continuous support to the elderly and disadvantaged, enhancing social well-being, upholding a reformist mindset and adopting a holistic approach to development and security, are also included. While consolidating and deepening the ongoing initiatives of the Government, these measures will open up new frontiers, respond to evolving circumstances and social demands, and guide Hong Kong to seize opportunities in a changing landscape with a view to advancing towards higher-quality development.

In formulating the Policy Address, my team and I held a number of consultation sessions and visited different districts to listen first-hand to the perspectives and voices of different sectors of the community. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for their enthusiastic response. Their suggestions and advice helped us better gauge the pulse and expectation of the community. The Government will press on with determined effort to drive economic development and improve people's livelihood.

We will translate our blueprint into policy measures along the directions and strategies set out in the Five-Year Plan. With a strategic vision for a bright new era, we will spare no effort in driving reform and boosting development, as well as unleashing opportunities and enhancing livelihood.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Lee".

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