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HKNE hosts online talk “The Truth about Climate Change”

Global warming is becoming more serious and extreme weather conditions such as scorching hot days and rainstorms are appearing frequently in recent years. During typhoons and storms, people receive a variety of information and they may find it difficult to tell whether the information circulating around is accurate or not.

The Hong Kong News-Expo (HKNE) today (25 July) held an online talk on “The Truth about Climate Change ” and invited an expert to share about global climate change and crisis, and the skills to analyse and select accurate weather-related information.

The online talk was joined by Professor Leung Wing-mo, Spokesman of Hong Kong Meteorological Society and former Assistant Director of Hong Kong Observatory, and Ms May Chan Suk-mei, Vice-Chairperson of HKNE.

Professor Leung introduced the seriousness of climate change and its solutions. He pointed out that the global temperature and carbon dioxide level have been rising continuously, and the glaciers have been melting at the same time, showing that climate change is an undeniable fact. “The recent rainfall in Zhengzhou recorded 201.9mm of rainfall in an hour which is record-breaking. On the contrary, heatwave in the western US and Canada can explain how humans are being affected by climate change. One of the cities in Vancouver reached the highest recorded temperature and killed hundreds of citizens”, he said. Besides, he further explained other impact of climate change including the extinction of species and the shortage of food supply.

Professor Leung said the precipitation in Hong Kong this year was extremely low. We would have had to impose water rationing if we do not have water supply from Dongjiang. He worries about the worsening climate changes and Hong Kong facing other super typhoons with greater damages in the future. He hoped that citizens can focus more on climate change and try to lead a low-carbon life. Professor Leung urged younger generation to devote themselves in science, research in sustainable development, including clean energy, ways to reduce greenhouse gases emission and improve farming methods.

Professor Leung also expressed that people would circulate the timeline of typhoon signals and the position of tropical cyclone in recent years which were

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often misleading to the public. Vice Chairman of News-Expo, Ms. Chan, reminded citizens to do fact-checking before spreading out the messages, pay attention to official information, and listen to the advice of experts in order to obtain accurate weather information. She reiterated that citizens should take a proactive approach, protect the nature and environment, such that our Hong Kong can develop sustainably.

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Captions:

Photo 1: Professor Leung introduces the seriousness of climate change and its solutions.

Photo 2: (From left) Ms May Chan Suk-mei and Professor Leung Wing-mo at the “The Truth about Climate Change” online talk.