<u>DoJ spokesman's response to media</u> <u>enquiries</u>

In response to media enquiries about the recent resignation of a prosecutor from the Department of Justice (DoJ), a spokesman for the DoJ said today (March 2):

The DoJ has noticed a piece of news circulating on social media about the recent resignation of a DoJ prosecutor, deliberately mentioning that the prosecutor had appeared on a so-called list of "sanctions" made by members of the United States Congress out of intimidation on November 1 last year. The DoJ usually does not comment on movement of individual officers, however, in order to set the record straight, the DoJ would like to point out that the officer concerned had submitted the resignation in September last year (that is, before the release of the above so-called list). The DoJ reiterates that all colleagues will continue to perform their duties without fear and uphold the rule of law in Hong Kong. Foreign politicians' threats of sanctions against DoJ colleagues, which are in violation of the international law, will only make colleagues all the more determined to discharge their obligations and responsibilities in safeguarding national security.