## <u>Government appeals to public not to</u> <u>participate in unauthorised public</u> <u>meetings and processions tomorrow</u>

The Government spokesman today (September 30) said that, following a hearing, the Appeal Board on Public Meetings and Processions had upheld the police decision regarding its objection to the application for holding public meetings and a public procession tomorrow. He called on the public to be mindful of the risk of participating in the activities concerned and the legal consequences.

"The dangerous acts of extremely violent protesters have become more severe recently to involve highly dangerous actions such as hurling petrol bombs, setting fires and posing an extreme threat to the personal safety of the public. According to online information, unauthorised public order events are very likely to take place in various districts in Hong Kong, which may cause severe disruptions. Members of the public are reminded to remain vigilant and mind their own safety," the spokesman said.

"Parents and teachers should also pay close attention and advise young children and students to remain in safe places tomorrow and not participate in unauthorised public meetings and processions.

"Anyone taking part in such public meetings and processions in spite of the Police's objection may violate the law," he said.

For their safety, the public should pay close attention to various announcements from the Government tomorrow, including those on special arrangements for traffic and transport, the spokesman added.