

# Government appeals to public to pay attention to personal safety

Given the rampages by masked rioters in various districts since nightfall today (October 7), a Government spokesman appeals to members of the public to pay attention to personal safety.

The masked rioters blocked roads, set fires, extensively vandalised selected shops and MTR stations in a number of districts, seriously breaching public peace and prompting the early closure of many shops and public facilities. While the MTR staff members have been trying their best to repair the facilities, the extensive damage by the masked rioters in the past days has inevitably affected the MTR services and members of the public are anxious about their commutes to school and work tomorrow. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government strongly condemns the rioters' acts which completely disregard law and order and deprive the rights of members of the public to live a normal life.