

Government spokesman clarifies news report on Honours List

A newspaper published today (December 30) a report on the award of contract for Kai Tak Sports Park by the Government in which it claimed that the Chairman of the New World Development Company Limited, Dr Henry Cheng, was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) in the first Honours List announced by the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, after she assumed office. A spokesman for the Government stated that such report is untrue, and expressed deep regret over the misrepresentation therein.

The spokesman said that the award of GBM to Dr Cheng was published on June 30, 2017 in the 2017 Honours List during the tenure of the last term Government. The Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee responsible for the shortlisting of nominations for honours and awards was at the time chaired by Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung in his capacity as the Chief Secretary for Administration. The nominations were then recommended by the Selection Committee to the then Chief Executive, Mr C Y Leung. Mrs Carrie Lam announced her first Honours List in her tenure as the Chief Executive on July 1, 2018.