

## Remarks by S for S at media session

Following are the remarks by the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, at a media session after attending a radio programme this morning (January 25):

Reporter: Could you please recap in English the rescue work that you have mentioned on the radio, that the 29 (year-old) teenager has been rescued, and when will he be back in Hong Kong? Secondly, can you also recap in English, the rapid test kit for the space oil? You mentioned there are two scenarios when checking, that the police officers may have to be attentive of. Can you say in English how do they have to be aware of during checking?

Secretary for Security: First of all, regarding the 29 years old Hong Kong victim, who was earlier being lured to a Southeast Asian country to work illegally, and had been rescued to Thailand. Actually, he had been moved to Bangkok yesterday, and our task force member was able to see him and talk with him. With the assistance from Thai authorities and the Chinese Embassy in Thailand, and also with the help of the Thai Consulate in Hong Kong, we are able to arrange him to be back to Hong Kong on coming Monday. We are delighted that he can see his family members before the Chinese New Year and have a family reunion.

Regarding the rapid test kits on space oil drug, since the promulgation last Saturday, we have two positive cases. In the course of doing the test, our officers are being trained to handle different situations. If someone is really innocent, our officers have to tactfully handle how to make a request. We understand that, if someone is really in possession of space oil drug, and they have certain reactions, our officers are being trained to handle different scenarios. Thank you.

Reporter: Will the Government also work with the Myanmar and Cambodian governments? And what kind of challenges are there?

Secretary for Security: In fact, I have been seeing the Myanmar Consulate and also the Cambodian Consulate in Hong Kong to discuss on how to have the safe return of our Hong Kong people. All of us, including the two Consulates-General that I mentioned, and also the Thai authorities, are all committed to paying our utmost efforts to have the safe return of our Hong Kong residents.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the remarks)