

## Response by CS's Office to media enquiries

In response to media enquiries, the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office gave the following reply:

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, met with the Commissioner of Police, Mr Lo Wai-chung, and representatives from four police officers' associations this morning (July 30).

During the one-hour candid and useful meeting, Mr Cheung listened carefully to views of the representatives of the police officers' associations on the difficulties and challenges faced by police officers when maintaining order for the spate of large-scale processions and protests held in recent weeks and taking enforcement actions against violence and damages subsequent to some of these events. Mr Cheung reiterated that he gave his full support and recognition to the enforcement actions taken by the police officers. Despite tremendous pressure faced by police officers in such difficult time, Mr Cheung paid warm tribute to the police force and expressed heartfelt appreciation for their dedication in fulfilling duties without fear, demonstration of professionalism in maintaining law and order in Hong Kong and protecting the lives and properties of Hong Kong people. The rule of law is the cornerstone of Hong Kong's success and the police force plays a vitally important role in this respect.