

SCED speaks on RTHK

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, on issues relating to the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) at a media session after attending special meetings of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council today (April 7):

Reporter: You said that it's not only the question itself, but the expression of the whole programme, so what's wrong with the show itself? Will you take any follow-up actions regarding the issue with RTHK? Will there be any punishments?

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development: I think I have made it crystal clear in my earlier public statement. And I also fully explained at the meeting with the LegCo Finance Committee (just now). We are focusing on RTHK, both as a government department and a public service broadcaster, that they have the obligation to uphold and abide by the Charter of RTHK. Also, as a government department, of course we all uphold the One-China Principle, which is a fundamental constitutional right. That's why I think we have a duty to remind RTHK, being part of the government departments and also the only public service broadcaster (in Hong Kong), to make sure that this principle is not being undermined.

Reporter: RTHK has said that it hasn't violated the "One Country, Two Systems" principle, so how do you want it to further deal with the matter, when it said it hasn't done anything wrong?

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development: I think I have made it very clear, both in public and also in my direct enquiry with RTHK, on this matter. I think it will be followed up accordingly.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)