

SED on Fugitive Offenders Ordinance (with photos)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, at a media session as he wound up his duty visit to Beijing today (May 28):

Reporter: There are a lot of secondary school students issuing statements that are against the current amendment of the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance. What is the stance of the Education Bureau? Do you think you need to explain more to the secondary school students?

Secretary for Education: As I said, in the past few weeks the Security Bureau and also the Secretary for Justice have already explained a lot on the background of the amendments of the ordinance on many occasions. So I think it is necessary for all of us in Hong Kong to listen to all the views and to understand why the Government has proposed such changes before they form a view on whether they support the amendment or not. In the recent movement of some past students of some schools, out of their own initiatives they have started some signature campaigns. Some of the schools have actually contacted us and told us that that did not represent the schools' position. But in any case, if the schools feel, for example, that they need our support in explaining in more detail about the proposed amendments, we are happy to do it.

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

