

SED on national security education and professional conduct of teachers

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, at a media session after attending the closing ceremony of the Glass Bottle Recycle Programme today (July 26):

Reporter: Should other universities also follow Hong Kong Baptist University's footsteps to include the new curriculum and if students criticise about the new curriculum, would they be considered violating the National Security Law? And the second question (about a teacher), Mr Muk's comment, how do you feel it? Is it a kind of misconduct of bringing politics into the schools?

Secretary for Education: For the universities, the Hong Kong Baptist University President has announced today that they will incorporate national security education in their curriculum. I think this is in accordance to the National Security Law because Article 10 requires all the schools including universities to promote national security education in their schools, so I think for the high education sector, all universities and education institutions are using their own different methods to incorporate national security education in their schools, so that students should have a chance to learn more about national security. Our requirement is for all these education institutions to follow the Hong Kong National Security Law, the requirements under the Article 10.

In respect of the recent dispute in the community about one of the Olympics participants. I think on that case, one very important thing is that they are now trying very hard to try to get the best result in this competition. And I think the whole Hong Kong, every one of us, should support them and provide them with all our good wishes to get the best result. So far I think the relevant persons have already made a clarification about what has happened. We have to make comments, based on what has actually happened and factual information. And for individual complaint cases against the teachers, of course when we receive them, we will handle them according to our usual practice.

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