

Suspect of Taiwan homicide case voluntarily surrenders himself to Taiwan

The Chief Executive received a letter from Chan Tong-kai today (October 18), expressing that he decided to surrender himself to Taiwan for his alleged involvement in the homicide case in Taiwan upon prison discharge, and requested the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government to assist him in making relevant arrangement. Chan is currently serving a prison sentence for the offences of money laundering.

On December 3, 2018, the Taiwan authority issued a warrant of arrest for Chan, and indicated at that time that the time bar for prosecution for the alleged offence of Chan was 30 years. Taiwan's Criminal Investigation Bureau has today received a letter issued by the Hong Kong Police Force, relaying Chan's decision to surrender himself to Taiwan. The letter also conveyed that the authority of Hong Kong would assist Chan in relevant arrangement, and provide the necessary and legally feasible assistance to Taiwan in this matter.

With regard to the criminal prosecution against Chan, the Department of Justice does not have sufficient evidence against Chan on the charge of homicide in Taiwan. The Department has thoroughly examined the Police's investigation and the evidence collected, and prosecuted Chan for money laundering committed in Hong Kong. Chan was subsequently convicted and sentenced to 29 months' imprisonment. He is currently serving the sentence.

Regarding Chan's alleged offence in Taiwan, the courts of Hong Kong have no jurisdiction over it. Neither do the local authorities have any ground to extend Chan's detention or pursue the offence that he was alleged to have committed in Taiwan.