

Transcript of remarks by CS at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr John Lee, at a media session after the Legislative Council meeting today (August 18):

Reporter: Where do people draw the line between whether they are actually encouraging, and kind of supporting terrorism? Like, how do people know when they are actually just expressing comments?

Chief Secretary for Administration: I think the law is very clear to delineate what acts will contravene the law. It is important that we, Hong Kong people, continue to develop a law-abiding culture, and that is the minimum attitude that a citizen should have in order to ensure that we have a lovely city to live in. It is a clear policy of the Government that whoever contravenes the law, then law enforcement departments must act and take action accordingly. It is important that we realise when we do what we want, it has to be within the confines of the law. If we comply with the law, then everybody can go about their duty as freely and as comfortably as they may wish. But it is important that we all build such a society. So it is important that we develop the law-abiding culture which, at some stage, has been destroyed by the violence since 2019. At this time, when we have to rectify the incorrectness, we must ensure that this principle of being a law-abiding citizen is a fundamental cornerstone for a city to be stable and prosper.

Thank you very much.

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