

Transcript of remarks by CS at media session (with video)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, at a media session today (May 16) before LegCo meeting:

Reporter: Could you tell us why was the journalist arrested and how will the Government follow up on this incident, and how would you comment on the police officers' handling of the incident?

Chief Secretary for Administration: We have immediately contacted the Hong Kong SAR Beijing Office this morning following this news report. Our colleague in Beijing has also been in touch with the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council. Our instruction to our Beijing colleagues is that we should do whatever we can to assist the reporters concerned and to look into the matter, and also solicit the help of the relevant departments concerned to sort out the matter as quickly as possible. I gather that the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council has already been involved in mediating the case and in trying to establish the facts. So, we need some time to establish the facts first, okay? But we are very concerned about the safety of our reporters actually carrying out their duties anytime, anywhere, okay? Thank you.

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