<u>Transcript of remarks by CS at media</u> <u>session (with video)</u>

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, at a media session today (June 14) after the kick-off ceremony of the Pilot Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas:

Reporter: Do you fear there will be more chaos in LegCo after last night's incident?

Chief Secretary for Administration: I think everybody should behave rationally, and certainly I really deplore the situation that a security guard was injured in the scuffle. It's entirely unnecessary, unwarranted. The Express Rail, the joint checkpoint arrangement, is very important to Hong Kong. The Express Rail in fact will be a very important locomotive, engine, for Hong Kong's long-term economic growth and social development, so there is an urgency to get the bill passed as quickly as possible and I'd really appeal to everybody to deal with the whole thing rationally and of course peacefully. OK?

Reporter: There are rumours that the Chief Executive forced Fanny Law out. Is that true or it's just rumours?

Chief Secretary for Administration: Mrs Fanny Law is an outstanding leader, outstanding Chairman. I've known Mrs Law for a very long time. We worked together in the Education Department. I was the Director of Education and she was the Secretary for Education and Manpower. I respected her and she is very capable, very dedicated, so no question of ability here. It is purely a question of the timing to keep abreast with the long-term development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong and also the future plans of the Science Park. So we mustn't read too much into this so-called arrangement. OK?

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