

Transcript of remarks by CS (with video)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, at a media session after attending the "Opportunities for Youth Development in the Greater Bay Area" Youth Forum today (December 28):

Reporter: So what do you want to say about criticisms of Ms Cheng not following Prosecution Code?

Chief Secretary for Administration: I think the Secretary for Justice had made it quite clear in her media stand-up on return from leave at the airport. I want to make three points. First of all the Basic Law itself, Article 63 stipulates clearly that it is the role of the Department of Justice to conduct prosecution independently in Hong Kong without any interference. This is very important. The second point is that I think we should respect the professional judgement of the Department of Justice. And finally, as stated by the Secretary for Justice in her media stand-up, she will consider seriously the possibility of attending the Legislative Council panel on judicial administration and legal services scheduled for January 28 next year, okay. I really want the community to respect the professional judgement of the Department of Justice on this particular case.

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