

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

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, at a media session after passage of the Appropriation Bill 2020 today (May 14):

Reporter: Secretary, do you have plans to roll out a third round of relief measures to help those who have been left out in this round of relief package? And when will people be able to get the \$10,000 subsidy – cash handout?

Financial Secretary: I think first and foremost, our task is to have the various measures in the Budget as well as in the two rounds of Anti-epidemic Fund, to be implemented as soon as possible. I believe when those measures are implemented, their effect will be better felt by the community. As to the timing for the distribution of the \$10,000 to qualified Hong Kong permanent residents, our plan is to start registration towards the end of June, start the payment in July, and we believe most of the eligible individuals will be able to get their payments by the end of August.

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