

Transcript of remarks by S for S on arrests relating to incident at Polytechnic University

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, at a media session at the Legislative Council Complex this afternoon (November 20):

Reporter: Secretary, as far as you know, after the minors that will let go after they left PolyU, have they been arrested?

Secretary for Security: Their position is very clear. As the Police have indicated which remain the position now is that anybody under 18 years old, if they leave the campus, then the Police will record their details and then they will be let go. The Police will of course conduct detail investigations. For people who are above 18 years of age, when they go to the Police, then the Police will arrest them for taking part in riot. It is important to emphasise that for every person who is dealt with by the Police, they (the Police) will conduct thorough investigation to see the evidence against each one of them. And of course, they will take into consideration the circumstances of the whole case and the relevant part relating to a particular individual before deciding what to do. Thank you.

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