<u>Transcript of remarks by SHYA at media</u> session

â€<Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, at a media session at Lam Tsuen, Tai Po, today (February 7) after attending year-end caring visits in 18 districts:

Reporter: Miss Mak, some English questions from the South China Morning Post. With the different Day and Night Vibes activities held by the Government, how confident are you able to boost the local economy especially when a lot of Hong Kongers are potentially going to Mainland China or travelling overseas during the holiday season? Thank you.

Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs: Thank you. The purpose of organising various activities during the Chinese New Year is to provide an opportunity for our residents to enjoy the festive experience in the community. We hope that with all these activities, our residents can experience the festive atmosphere. We can also enjoy the different kinds of special cuisine, Chinese traditional cuisine, or other activities. I think this is a good opportunity for Hong Kong people, our residents, to get together during this festive season to enjoy the joyful Chinese New Year.

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