

Transcript of SCMA's remarks on HK TV station cameraman being taken away by police in Beijing

Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, at a media session at the Legislative Council Complex today (May 16):

Reporter: What specific measures will you take to protect the safety of reporters in future?

Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs: I think we are very concerned about the safety of Hong Kong residents who are staying outside Hong Kong, including our reporters working outside Hong Kong, in the Mainland. We have immediately followed up with the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council. We understand that they have already taken action to understand and to deal with the matter. I note that progress has been made and our Beijing Office (the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China in Beijing) colleagues have contacted the reporter to offer all necessary assistance if required. We would continue to follow up with the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and see what further measures we could take to prevent the occurrence of similar incidents. So at this stage, it is better for us to understand what has happened and let the relevant authorities in the Mainland follow up the issue in accordance with the laws and regulations and the established mechanism in the Mainland.

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