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Transcript of SCMA's media session on Green Paper on Constitutional Development (with photo)

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Following is the English portion of the transcript of the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Stephen Lam, speaking to the media after attending the Sham Shui Po District Council meeting today (August 27):

Reporter: Mr Lam, you mentioned three issues that might be ambiguous as to whether they accord with Basic Law principles. How can you envisage that that might be resolved? Might there be a legal opinion by the Secretary for Justice, the Bar Association's submission or even an interpretation from the NPCSC?

Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs: What I did mention during the District Council meeting just now is that there are certain issues outlined in the Green Paper on Constitutional Development which we realise contain a certain degree of controversy in this community, and that includes the question of the nominating committee's democratic procedures, the future of functional constituencies, and the timing, the timetable for implementing universal suffrage. These are actually the key issues involved in the implementation of returning the Chief Executive and the Legislative Council by universal suffrage. I believe the most important aspect is we should all work hard and strive to attain two-thirds majority in the Legislative Council, and majority support among the public. Thereafter, the implementation of universal suffrage will be attainable.


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

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