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Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs

A Hong Kong resident detained in the Philippines

Introduction

At the meeting held on 21 June 2010, a Member enquired about the progress of a Hong Kong resident having been detained by the Philippines authority under criminal charges for over 10 years during which no trial had been arranged. This paper provides the relevant information.

Latest position

2. The Hong Kong SAR Government attaches great importance to the case. Since the receipt of the request for assistance in 2006 by the Immigration Department (ImmD), the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) has been working with the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR (OCMFA) and the Chinese Embassy (the Embassy) in the Philippines for providing assistance to the subject. The Embassy has been monitoring the case by approaching the local judicial authorities, and has deployed its staff to meet with the subject at prison. Besides, the Embassy and AHU have been in contact with the subject and his family in Hong Kong respectively to reflect their wishes to the Philippines authorities on matters such as ensuring the subject was provided with the basic necessities in prison and provision of translation service for his case. Furthermore, ImmD has expressed concern over the case to the Philippines authority via OCMFA. Owing to the protection of the privacy of the subject, we cannot disclose further case details.

3. AHU, OCMFA and the Embassy will continue to liaise with the subject and his family in Hong Kong for providing all practical assistance.

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