<u>Government severely condemn violent</u> <u>acts by protesters</u>

In response to the violent acts of protesters at the Hong Kong International Airport yesterday (August 13) night, a Government spokesman said the following:

A large number of protesters had assembled at the airport since yesterday afternoon, paralysing airport operation and causing serious disruption to both inbound and outbound travelers. At night, some violent protesters went even worse as they besieged and assaulted a traveler and a reporter, as well as obstructed an ambulance crew from taking the traveler to hospital. A number of violent protesters attacked a police officer when the Police attended to the incident, seriously jeopardising the officer's personal safety.

The Government severely condemns these violent acts, which are outrageous and have overstepped the bottom line of a civilised society. The Police will take relentless enforcement action to bring the persons involved to justice.