## <u>Response by Legal Aid Department to</u> <u>erroneous comments made online</u>

Regarding certain erroneous comments made online yesterday (July 27) about five lawyers having been assigned by the Legal Aid Department (LAD) to represent Mr Tong Ying-kit in the National Security Law case, the LAD today (July 28) responds as follows:

The LAD had only assigned one senior counsel and one junior counsel in the case. Another barrister who appeared in the court on a pro bono basis with the court's approval was not assigned by the LAD.