

# S for S fully supports draft Decision on establishing and improving legal system and enforcement mechanisms for HKSAR to safeguard national security

The National People's Congress (NPC) will deliberate a draft Decision on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to safeguard national security (the Decision).

The Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, fully supports the Decision by the NPC and will lead all disciplinary forces to discharge their duties for safeguarding national security.

In the past year, the violence in Hong Kong has been escalating, with many cases involving explosives and genuine firearms. Terrorism is growing in the city and activities which harm national security, such as "Hong Kong independence", become more rampant.

Society is filled with violence and has lost its peace. In just a few months, Hong Kong has changed from one of the safest cities in the world to a city shrouded in the shadow of violence. The radical and violent acts that occurred on Hong Kong Island yesterday (May 24) have severely blocked the traffic. The rioters had gone on a rampage. Many shops were vandalised and a number of innocent citizens and police officers were injured. Some protesters waving flags advocating "Hong Kong independence". The Secretary for Security strongly condemns the acts of the rioters' and advocates of "Hong Kong Independence", and expresses his full support to the Police to strictly enforce the law. Today's incident proves the need and urgency of the Decision to be deliberated by the NPC.

Mr Lee said, "I fully support the NPC's draft Decision on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the HKSAR to safeguard national security which allows Hong Kong to be back on track, ensuring its long-term prosperity and stability."