

Government clarifies reports on social credit system

In response to claims made by Taiwan media reports and on some online platforms that the Mainland's social credit system will be implemented in Hong Kong, a Government spokesman today (July 9) clarified that such claims are totally unfounded.

The spokesman said, "Guangdong Province published a three-year action plan (2018-2020) for the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area on July 5, which mentioned, amongst other things, speeding up the establishment of the social credit system in Guangdong Province. The action plan will only be applicable to Guangdong Province. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will not implement the social credit system concerned in Hong Kong."

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