

Transcript of remarks by SCST at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, at a media session after attending appointment ceremony of Xu Bing as Ambassador for Cultural Promotion this morning (March 28):

Reporter: Just a quick follow-up on the Snooker Challenge that the reporter has said, to any degree that indicated a need for the Government to kind of provide assistance more proactively in future on organising such a large-scale sporting event? The coming Easter and Ching Ming Festival, it is expected to have 11 million travelers throughout the whole festive period, what kind of specific arrangements are in place at different boundary points, especially cruise terminals?

Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism: It is a privately-run activity regarding the master game, we have been supporting the organisation in providing the venue. But as it is a privately-run activity or competition, we leave it to the organisers to make all the detailed arrangements. It is also up to them to negotiate with the NSA (national sports association) in Hong Kong as to whether they need their technical support or not.

Regarding the coming Easter holidays, we are aware that there will be more people crossing the boundary, likely we will be having more people going out for holidays than coming in, because it is not a public holiday in the Mainland. But our colleagues at the boundary points are well-prepared, I am sure that they will look after the people movement, requirements and all these things.

(Please also refer to the Chinese version of the transcript.)