

SHA speaks on district administration

Following is the transcript of remarks (English portion) of the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, at a media session after attending the Summit on District Administration today (May 10):

Reporter: How would District Officers be accountable as they are not elected by anyone. They are appointed by the government. So how would you make sure that they are actually accountable to the people in the district?

Secretary for Home Affairs: The point is in providing the best services and immediate solutions to district problems, the whole team of Principal Officials, who are accountable to the people of Hong Kong and to the Chief Executive, will be behind the district officers in supporting their work.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript)

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