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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-CMAB01**

**(Question Serial No. S011)**

Head: (144) GS: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs  
(Ms Gracie FOO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Mr Ma Ying-jeou's visit to the Mainland for ancestral worship and exchanges has aroused great concern on both sides of the Taiwan Strait, and the peaceful reunification of China is a general trend and people's common aspiration. Please advise if the Government will set aside resources to consider re-establishing a Hong Kong office in Taiwan upon the gradual normalisation of cross-Strait relations.

Asked by: Hon YIM Kong

Reply:

The Hong Kong Economic, Trade and Cultural Office in Taipei of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has temporarily suspended operation at the present stage. We will keep a close watch on the developments and holistically consider various relevant factors and conditions before determining pertinent arrangements in future.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**SV-CMAB01**

**(Question Serial No. SV015)**

Head: (144) GS: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs  
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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Will the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, through the Mainland Offices, provide support to Hong Kong people studying in the Mainland with respect to internship, employment and daily life matters, and actively guide these students to return to Hong Kong for employment after graduation so as to create strong impetus to the growth of Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Man-kong

Reply:

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has always attached great importance to the support arrangements for Hong Kong people, including young people, to live and develop in the Mainland, and has maintained close communication and liaison with the Mainland authorities to strive for more policies and measures to facilitate Hong Kong people living in the Mainland. At the government level, various policy bureaux and departments are also committed to adopting different support policies and measures.

2. The Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government have maintained close communication and liaison with Hong Kong people and their associations in the Mainland, including students, youth groups, etc., so as to understand the situations of Hong Kong people studying, working and living in the Mainland, and provide appropriate assistance to them as required. Apart from releasing information on further studies, employment and daily life matters, the Mainland Offices will also from time to time organise career talks, which brief students about seeking employment in Hong Kong or the Mainland upon graduation, and introduce to them the development opportunities of joining different grades of the HKSAR Government. Furthermore, the Mainland Offices will arrange visits to enterprises, and co-ordinate with Hong Kong enterprises and Mainland institutions and enterprises to provide internship positions to Hong Kong students and young people, with a view to facilitating them to accumulate work experience and plan their career development.

3. In addition to organising various activities with Hong Kong students and youth groups in the Mainland, the Mainland Offices will also offer support and sponsorship to the activities

organised by them, such as annual dinners, orientation activities for universities, etc., as appropriate. The Mainland Offices will also arrange different activities for Hong Kong students and young people to enhance their understanding on the country, develop a greater affection for the country, and allow them to better grasp the opportunities brought about by the country's development.

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