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## **IPCC TO RELEASE 2008 REPORT**

The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) releases its 2008 Report today.

In 2008, IPCC reviewed and endorsed the findings of 2,572 complaint cases investigated by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) of the Hong Kong Police Force, involving 4,523 allegations, an increase of 2.5% and 4.2% respectively over 2007.

The three most common allegations were “Neglect of Duty” (1,675 counts), “Misconduct/Improper Manner/Offensive Language” (1,520 counts) and “Assault” (538 counts), which constituted 82.5% of the total allegations.

Of the 4,523 allegations, 1,159 were fully investigated and the substantiation rate was 11%. Allegations which were not fully investigated were those classified as “Not Pursuable”, “Withdrawn”, or resolved by “Informal Resolution”.

Last year, IPCC raised 1,991 queries or suggestions on CAPO’s investigations. The results of 133 allegations were changed subsequently, including the re-classification of 14 investigation results from “Withdrawn”/ “No Fault”/ “Unsubstantiated”/ “Not Fully Substantiated” to “Substantiated”. Apart from this, 12 “Substantiated Other Than Reported” allegations were added and 88 “Outwith Matters” were registered as a result of IPCC’s queries.

During the year, IPCC has also continued efforts to strengthen our monitoring role. Under the IPCC Observers Scheme, IPCC Members and Observers attended interviews conducted by CAPO or observed the evidence collection process to ensure that investigation is conducted in a thorough and impartial manner. In 2008, a total of 548 observations were conducted, doubled that of the previous year (263 observations in 2007), including 51 surprise observations.

Please visit IPCC Website ([www.ipcc.gov.hk](http://www.ipcc.gov.hk)) to read the “Report of IPCC 2008” on-line for more details of our work last year.

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IPCC is an independent body to observe, monitor and review the handling and investigation of reportable complaints against the Police by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) of the Hong Kong Police Force. Following the coming into operation of the IPCC Ordinance (Cap 604) on 1 June 2009, IPCC has been operating as a statutory body with effect from the same date.

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