

Press release

The IPCC and RTHK proudly present the IPCC TV Series – *IPCC Files*

A TV series that aspires to enhance public understanding of the IPCC's work and strengthen public confidence in the two-tier police complaints system

(HONG KONG – 9 August 2012) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) held a media preview session to introduce a newly produced IPCC TV series, *IPCC Files*, which is jointly produced and proudly presented by the IPCC and Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK). During the preview, *Ir* Albert Cheng, Chairman of the IPCC's Publicity and Survey Committee, and Mr Ricky Chu, Secretary-General of the IPCC, introduced the highlights of the TV series, while cast members Miss Pinky Cheung Man-chi and Mr Steven Cheung Chi-hang, a vetting officer and a complainant in the series, shared their filming experience. *IPCC Files* is to be broadcast in ATV Home at 11am, and re-run in TVB Jade at 3:20pm, on every Sunday from 12 August 2012 onwards, while RTHK provides online archive at <http://ipcc.eTVonline.tv/>.

Ir Albert Cheng, Chairman of the IPCC's Publicity and Survey Committee, expressed, "To discharge our function under S.8 (1)(e) of the Independent Police Complaints Council Ordinance, we aspire to facilitate the public to better understand our work and our role as an independent oversight body in the two-tier police complaints system through this TV series. We are confident that this TV series will help enhance public trust in the IPCC, which in turn helps address the perception issue of the current two-tier police complaints system."

Ir Albert Cheng continued, "*IPCC Files* is a TV series, which comprises eight 5-minute, viewer-friendly themed episodes adopted from various real complaints cases against the Police. This TV series concisely presents various daily-life situations of how conflicts and common complaints may arise between citizens and the Police."

"In each episode, there are also short interviews with the IPCC Members and the Secretariat to further explain the role and work of the IPCC, enabling the public to have a better understanding of the Council."

Mr Ricky Chu said, "Considering the quick pace of life nowadays, the 5-minute long *IPCC Files* episodes and the online archive by the RTHK together provide the viewers with flexibility and options in watching any episodes with different themes that they find interesting or

of concern most. “

Mr Ricky Chu added, “We are pleased that Mr Jat Sew-tong, Chairman of the IPCC and other IPCC Members including *Ir* Albert Cheng, Dr Lawrence Lam Chi-kit, Ms Christine Fang Meng-seng, Mr Eric Cheung Tat-ming, and Ms Noeline Lau Yuk-kuen have participated in the filming of the series, while Miss Pinky Cheung Man-chi, Mr Shaun Tam Chun-yin, and Mr Steven Cheung Chi-hang played the roles as vetting officers and a complainant respectively in the series.”

The eight episodes comprise eight different themes as follows:

Episode 1	Two-tier police complaints system
Episode 2	IPCC’s procedures of reviewing complaint cases against the Police
Episode 3	Classifications of the investigation results
Episode 4	How to handle any improper conduct other than the reported allegations
Episode 5	Power and duty of the IPCC Members
Episode 6	An appeal mechanism against the investigation results
Episode 7	The IPCC’s functions to make recommendations for enhancing the Police’s service quality
Episode 8	The IPCC’s performance pledges.

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Notes to editor:

About the Independent Police Complaints Council

The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is an independent body established under the Independent Police Complaints Council Ordinance (IPCCO) (Cap. 604) to observe, monitor and review the handling and investigation of reportable complaints (RCs) against the Police by the Commissioner of Police (CP). The IPCC has become a statutory body since the commencement of IPCCO on 1 June 2009.