

Press release

IPCC's mini TV series, *IPCC Files*, marks a milestone for the Council's publicity work

Two traffic-related complaint cases are released in the seventh issue of the IPCC Newsletter

(HONG KONG – 6 September 2012) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) today released its seventh issue of the *IPCC Newsletter*. The cover story features highlights of the IPCC's mini TV series, *IPCC Files*, which is jointly produced by the IPCC and Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK). This issue includes an article contributed by *Ir Albert Cheng*, Chairman of the IPCC's Publicity and Survey Committee, and recent activities of the Council. Two traffic-related complaint cases are also disclosed.

Mr Jat Sew-Tong, Chairman of the IPCC, said, "We are very pleased to have collaborated with RTHK to produce the Council's inaugural mini TV series, *IPCC Files*, since it had become an independent statutory body in 2009. Over years, the IPCC has been committed to enhancing public understanding of the Council's functions through proactively engaging with the press and a range of publicity initiatives. Nevertheless, this mini TV series, *IPCC Files*, marks a milestone for the IPCC's publicity work as this is the first time for the Council to promote its role and work through a TV series."

Mr Jat Sew-Tong continued, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Publicity and Survey Committee for initiating this excellent project, Members who have taken part in the filming of the mini TV series, including *Ir Albert Cheng*, *Dr Lawrence Lam Chi-kit*, *Mr Eric Cheung Tat-ming*, *Ms Christine Fang Meng-sang*, and *Ms Noeline Lau Yuk-kuen*, and all the Secretariat staff members that have participated or otherwise assisted in the filming of the *IPCC Files*. We are confident that the *IPCC Files* will help enhance public understanding of and confidence in the IPCC."

Mr Ricky Chu, Secretary-General of the IPCC, shared two traffic-related complaint cases which reflected the Council's thorough and objective approach in reviewing complaint cases. In the first case, an allegation of "Neglect of Duty" against a police officer was classified "Unsubstantiated" by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO); the IPCC has examined the available evidence and concluded that there had been no misconduct on the part of the police

officer, and therefore recommended a “No Fault” classification for the allegation.

In the second case, it has been revealed that three police officers had erroneously compelled a complainant to give up a paid parking space in which he had rightfully parked his motor tricycle. The three police officers, whilst not sure if the complainant’s motor tricycle was eligible to park at the paid parking space, made the wrong decision that the motor tricycle could not park there, and instructed the complainant to drive his motor tricycle away. As a result of this complaint case, the Police immediately promulgated a ‘Point to Note Message Relating to Traffic Enforcement against Motor Tricycles’. The Police College has also included the related materials in its training for new police recruits and its ongoing training programmes for traffic officers and traffic wardens.

The seventh issue of the *IPCC Newsletter* is now available on the IPCC’s website at: http://www.ipcc.gov.hk/en/reports_newsletter.html

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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.