

Press release

The IPCC representatives will take part in the procession on 1 January 2013, aiming at understanding the Police's handling of public order events

(HONG KONG – 28 December 2012) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is aware that the public are concerned about the Police's handling of public order events (POEs). Therefore, since last year, the IPCC has met with various stakeholders for their views on this subject matter. The IPCC representatives had earlier on observed the Police's handling of POEs on 1 July 2012, so as to enrich the relevant knowledge and understanding of the IPCC from public safety and public order perspective.

Regarding the arrangements on the POEs on 1 January 2013, the IPCC is aware that there are various views on this issue, and that various stakeholders including the procession organiser, the Police, and some Legislative Councillors hope the IPCC can observe the procession. After internal discussion within the Council, it has been decided that the Council will arrange representatives to observe the procession, so as to better understand the relevant arrangements at the starting point of the procession, the Police's handling of pedestrian flow, traffics, and the street stations, as well as the gathering outside the Central Government Complex. The IPCC expects that this activity can facilitate the Council to scrutinize the work of the Complaints Against Police Office in investigation and handling of Reportable Complaints, and make recommendation for improvement where appropriate.

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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.