

Press Release

**IPCC's follow-up with the Police on recommendations in its Thematic Study Report
- Examination of the enhanced Temporary Holding Area at Hung Hom Police Station**

(HONG KONG – 4 February 2021) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) has been closely monitoring the implementation progress of improvements recommended in the IPCC Thematic Study Report on public order events in 2019 (the Report) by the Police. Further to the Police's progress update on temporary holding areas (THAs) at the recent Joint Meetings between IPCC and the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO), today the Council Chairman Dr Anthony Francis NEOH led a delegation comprising 16 Council Members, including Vice-Chairmen Hon Ronick CHAN Chun-ying and Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, Members Mr Barry CHIN Chi-yung, Mr Clement CHAN Kam-wing, Mr Wilson KWONG Wing-tsun, Ms Ann AU Chor-kwan, Miss Sylvia LEE Hiu-wah, Ms Melissa Kaye PANG, Mr Johnny YU Wah-yung, Dr Anissa CHAN WONG Lai-kuen, Mr Roland WONG Ka-yeung, Ms Jane Curzon LO, Mr Paul LAM Ting-kwok, SC, Mrs Helen YU LAI Ching-ping, Miss Mabel CHAN Mei-bo, Mr Randy YU Hon-kwan, Secretary-General Mr Richard YU and Secretariat representatives to visit to enhanced THA at Hung Hom Police Station. Accompanied by Ms Rebecca LAM Hiu-tong, Director of Management Services of Hong Kong Police Force, Ms Anna TSANG Yim-sheung, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Service Quality) and CAPO representatives, the IPCC delegation examined the enhanced facilities and gained more thorough understanding of enhancements made to resource deployment and systems for improving the service quality of the Force. Representatives of the Security Bureau were also invited by CAPO to review the implementation of improvement measures.

IPCC Council Chairman Dr Anthony Francis NEOH said after the visit, "The IPCC is very pleased that the Secretary for Security has taken the lead to set up and supervise the task force, and the Police have taken active measures to enable full implementation of improvements to THAs as recommended in the IPCC Report. These recommendations included a review of manpower requirement for managing large-scale riot; allocation of more manpower to ensure effective and efficient discharge of administrative work in handling large number of arrested persons at the same time; implementation of enhancements in all police stations, and a review of the consideration for selection of THA sites. The IPCC is thankful to CAPO for arranging today's

visit, which allowed Members to understand the enhancements made as well as relevant considerations.”

The IPCC has been monitoring the operation of police detention facilities. In April and October 2019, the IPCC examined detention facilities at the North Point Police Station and San Uk Ling Holding Centre respectively. The IPCC Report also put forward recommended improvements to the Police in relation to detention arrangement at San Uk Ling Holding Centre. During today’s visit, the Police presented improvement measures undertaken to better safeguard detainees’ rights and welfare and enhance the overall efficiency of the workflow, including 1) allocation of additional Duty Officers; 2) forming of escort team for detainees seeking medical treatment; 3) deployment of additional manpower to facilitate the arrangement of visits for detainees; 4) provision of standard and easily identifiable vests and wristbands for detainees; 5) installation of CCTV cameras and 6) enhancement of computer system with audit trail functions to enable timely and accurate record of information about detainees.

Dr NEOH further stated that, “The IPCC took note that improvement measures would be implemented by the Police in phases. The rights of detainees should be better safeguarded, and the efficiency and effectiveness of relevant administrative work should be enhanced. The IPCC will continue to follow up with the Police on the implementation progress of the 52 recommendations put forward in the Report and the latest development.”

With Photo:



The IPCC delegation led by Dr Anthony Fransis NEOH (Council Chairman), accompanied by Police representatives led by Ms Rebecca LAM Hiu-tong (Director of Management Services of Hong Kong Police, visited the enhanced Temporary Holding Area at Hung Hom Police Station

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