

Press Release

An Appeal from the Independent Police Complaints Council

(Hong Kong — 20 October 2021) A restricted folder of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) was left behind in a taxi on the evening of 18 October and cannot be recovered subsequently. The folder contained reports of six complaint cases with personal information of 20 persons, including the names, age, and occupation of six complainants whose ID card numbers, addresses, and telephone numbers were partially concealed. The folder also contained the names, police insignia, age, ranks, and length of service of 13 police officers who were complainees, and the name and occupation of one civilian witness.

The IPCC has reported the incident to the Police and the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data. The IPCC will also notify all individuals affected.

The IPCC hereby appeal to members of the public and the taxi driver concerned that if any person finds the folder, he/she should immediately hand it over to a nearby police station, or contact the IPCC at 2524 3841/2862 8399.

The IPCC has put in place a Secure Email System by which restricted documents are transmitted with encryption to replace paper-based circulation.

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