

Press Release

**IPCC holds Special In-house Meeting
To commence the Study of POEs and appeal for information from all**

(Hong Kong – July 5, 2019) With regard to the Public Order Events in between 9 June to 2 July 2019 (the “POEs”), and the subsequent actions taken by the Police, the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) today held a Special In-house Meeting, during which all attending Members unanimously passed the motion to proactively conduct a fact-finding study of the POEs (the “Study”) and to submit the report of the Study (the “Report”) to the Chief Executive. To perform the Council’s statutory functions, this Report will also be made public.

A Special Task Force has been set up to study the series of events early this month and is now soliciting relevant information from the public through a dedicated e-mail portal and a special hotline*. The latest number of complaints received and the work progress will also be available on the Council’s official website (www.ipcc.gov.hk).

“The provision of data, including personal data, is voluntary. All information received is strictly confidential and not for complaint filing or crime reporting purposes. IPCC will not transfer or disclose any information to any other party without consent of the information provider,” stated the IPCC spokesperson.

The Special Task Force has conducted working meetings earlier with the Police, contacted media organisations for information support, as well as collecting and sorting information submitted by all parties in an effort to restore the full picture of the POEs. Going forward, meetings with stakeholders, if needed, will be arranged.

As at 5 July 2019, 53 Reportable Complaints and 68 Notifiable Complaints related to the POEs have been received.

* Members of the public may provide information related to the POEs through the following channels:

Hotline: 2862 8200

E-mail: taskforce@ipcc.gov.hk

Form: https://www.ipcc.gov.hk/doc/en/download/IPCC_Form.pdf

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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.