

Press Release

**IPCC forms International Expert Panel
to facilitate its Study on recent Public Order Events**

(Hong Kong – August 23, 2019) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC), at its special in-house meeting held earlier (16 August), has decided to extend the scope of its fact-finding study (the “Study”) on the large-scale Public Order Events (POEs) beyond 2 July and publish its findings in phases.

Dr Anthony Francis Neoh, QC, SC, JP, Chairman of the IPCC stated that, “The Study will be in three steps: 1) Fact Finding; 2) Assessment; and 3) Recommendations. The IPCC is now inviting overseas experts to form an International Expert Panel (the “Panel”) and has contacted scholars and specialists from oversight bodies in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. The invitees have extensive experiences in researching crowd behaviour and public order, studying public order events and police actions. To ensure the objectivity of the Study, the Panel will participate in the Assessment and the subsequent Recommendations work for IPCC’s consideration. The list of Panel Members will be announced in due course.”

As of 22 August, the IPCC has received over 1,300 submissions containing more than 25,000 texts, photos, video clips and hyperlinks. A total of 183 Reportable Complaints and 273 Notifiable Complaints stemming from the POEs (refer to Annex for latest complaint figures) were received. 95 observations have been completed by Observers to ensure all interviews and collection of evidence related to the Reportable Complaints conducted by CAPO have been carried out on a fair and impartial basis, achieving 100% attendance rate. Since early July, the Council has also published and regularly updated the latest figures of complaints and related classifications of allegations on its website for public and media viewing.

The Steering Group, comprising Chairmen of Serious Complaints Committee (SCC), Operations Advisory Committee (OAC), Publicity and Survey Committee (PSC) and Legal Committee (LC) and the Special Task Force also visited the Police Tactical Unit Headquarters last week and observed a demonstration of the equipment and weapons used by Anti-riot Police officers when they are in operation. The IPCC will continue to follow up and request the Police to provide the principles and guidelines

for using these weapons.

The IPCC appeals to all to continue provide information via the following channels to assist the Council in reconstructing and clarifying facts as soon as practicable:

Hotline: 2862 8200

E-mail: taskforce@ipcc.gov.hk

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

WhatsApp: 9871 9840

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**有關《逃犯條例》及相關法例擬議修訂的
大型公眾活動衍生的投訴警方個案 (截至 2019 年 8 月 22 日)**

**No. of complaint cases against the Police stemmed from Public Order Events related to the proposed amendments to the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance and related legislation
(As at 22 August 2019)**

概覽 Overview

	個案總數 Number of cases	投訴人數目 Number of Complainants
須匯報投訴 Reportable Complaints (RCs)	183	193
須知會投訴 Notifiable Complaints (NCs)	273	2142
總數 Total	456	2335

指控分項 Breakdown of allegations

指控 Allegations	須匯報投訴 Reportable Complaints	須知會投訴 Notifiable Complaints
毆打 Assault	25	11
捏造證據 Fabrication of Evidence	0	1
濫用職權 Unnecessary Use of Authority	24	49
恐嚇 Threat	4	0
行為不當 Misconduct	67	128
疏忽職守 Neglect of Duty	87	126
不禮貌 Impoliteness	32	10
粗言穢語 Offensive Language	10	4
粗魯無禮 Rudeness	7	16
總數 Total	256	345

接獲公眾人士提交的資料 Information from the public

接收資料總數 (包括電郵、電話、信件和其他電子平台): **逾 1,300 份**, 包含圖片、文字檔、錄影片段及超連結等, 累積**超過 25,000 份**。

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