

Press Release

Press Statement from the Independent Police Complaints Council

(Hong Kong – October 11, 2019) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) noticed at the Dialogue between the President and students of the Chinese University of Hong Kong last night (10 October), a female student stated that after being arrested, she was sexually abused by Police officers in a detention centre.

The IPCC expresses earnest concern over this serious allegation. The Council appeals to this student and other persons who may have similar experience to lodge complaints to Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) and provide further information. All complaints connected to the Public Order Events since 9 June 2019 will be overseen by the Serious Complaints Committee headed by IPCC's Vice-Chairman, the Hon Tony Tse Wai-chuen. All such complaints will be carefully supervised by the Secretariat and the Serious Complaints Committee with all CAPO's interviews and onsite collection of evidence monitored by IPCC's Observers to ensure the process has been conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

The IPCC visited San Uk Ling Holding Centre (San Uk Ling) on 8 October and subsequently announced its review of the handling procedures of detainees at San Uk Ling and other detention centres. IPCC has sought relevant information from the Police for review, including the detention records and the Police's deployment. The Council will make recommendation to the Police if any areas of improvement has been identified.

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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.