

**Improvement Measures Adopted by the Police during President Mr. HU Jintao's Visit Between 29 June and 1 July 2012 After the Review of Security Arrangements for Vice Premier Mr. LI Keqiang's Visit**

Tightening the wording of Operational Orders

- In order to minimise any misinterpretation of the instruction, the Operational Orders for President Mr. HU Jintao's visit between 29 June and 1 July 2012 were carefully prepared, in particular the wording. The Police will continue this practice.

Enhanced Liaison with Stakeholders

- A force-wide experience sharing session for officers of inspectorate rank and above was held on 23 May 2012 on the review with areas covering lessons learnt, media management and complaints prevention.
- Effective liaison channels with the lead departments such as Home Affairs Department and Information Services Department were maintained with a view to strengthening communication and arriving at clear delineation of responsibilities.
- Strengthening liaison with other external stakeholders concerned such as venue operators and protocols in handling incidents.
- Strengthening communications of the Police Public Relations Branch ("**PPRB**") with all frontline units involved in particular in the setting up of DPAs and associated press arrangements during the planning and execution phases.
- Early engagement of media by closed-door briefing to the media, informing them about the media arrangements, and press conference outlining the police arrangements such as temporary traffic and pedestrian access diversion respectively.
- No DPA is to be set outside the security zones for the security operation and the media are free to move outside the security zones.

- Experience sharing sessions for frontline officers with the media were organised by PPRB. This helped both parties to appreciate the difficulties and duties of each other and improve mutual understanding.
- Engagement of local and neighbourhood groups as well as the building management offices to advise the possible impact of the police arrangements for the security operation.

#### Establishment of Media Liaison Team (“MLT”)

- Establishment of MLT with officers from PPRB and other Regions who had worked in the media field. MLTs were paired up with Designated Checking Teams (“DCT”) formed by officers from Force Search Unit who were responsible for bag and equipment search of media prior to their access to DPAs inside the security zones. This is to maintain the consistent level and standard of search to be conducted.
- A total of 8 MLTs were deployed for the President HU’s visit. Both MLT and DCT were headed by one team leader with 2 members, making a total of 6 officers in one group.
- Two half-day training sessions were arranged for the MLTs and a detailed briefing was given to the MLTs and DCTs prior to the operation. Representatives from the affected Districts were also invited to attend the briefing.

#### Force-level Briefing

- A Force-level briefing to officers of inspectorate rank and above was held prior to the security operation for the President HU’s visit.
- This served as a forum for officers to raise their concerns, offer ideas or suggestions and to clarify any parts of the briefing.

#### Enhanced Footbridge Closure Management

- In order to achieve the Police’s commitment to minimise inconvenience to the public without compromising the security of the motorcade movements, footbridges with at least 3 metres in width

above motorcade route could remain open during the security operation and buffer areas were set up on both sides of the footbridges.

- Newly designed notices were placed to advise members of public on the closure and the duration.

#### Establishment of Forward Petition Areas

- Forward Petition Areas were arranged within security zones to facilitate members of public and it also helps minimise potential conflicts between protesters and frontline duties.