

**Independent Committee in relation to the
Fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
LAU YUET-CHUN**

I, LAU Yuet-chun, Senior Inspector of Police, Hong Kong Police Force, of the New Territories North Regional Headquarters, No.6 On Po Lane, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong do say as follows:-

1. I am the Senior Inspector of Police (Special Duty) of Operations New Territories North Region, Hong Kong Police Force (“**Force**”) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. I have joined the Force for 6 years and 3 months since 2019 and was promoted to the present rank on 14 October 2024. My main responsibilities include assistance in the planning of policing changes and models of Northern Metropolis development and performance of other duties as directed by the senior management of the New Territories North Region.
2. I make this Witness Statement pursuant to the request of the Independent Committee (“**Committee**”) in relation to the fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po as set out in a letter from Messrs. Lo & Lo, Solicitors for the Committee, to the Commissioner of Police dated 29 December 2025 (“**29 December Letter**”) in which 10 categories (“**Category/Categories**”) of documents were requested. Save where otherwise appears, the facts deposed hereto are within my personal knowledge or are derived from office files and records and sources to which I have access and which are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
3. In this Witness Statement, I shall address Category 9 of the 29 December Letter and the found locations of injured persons and the deceased.

4. On 10 December 2025, I was instructed by the Regional Commander of New Territories North Region, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ms LAM Man-han to design a graphical illustration for presenting the locations of injuries and deaths identified in the Tai Po Wang Fuk Court fire incident (“**Fire Case**”).
5. Therefore, I devised a Microsoft Excel file (of 9 pages) to show the locations of injuries and deaths in the Fire Case. The first page summarised the demography and occupations of the deceased and injured persons. The following eight pages illustrated (1) the exact locations of dead bodies found and (2) the residences of injured persons in each of the eight blocks in Wang Fuk Court, namely Wang Yan House, Wang Tao House, Wang Sun House, Wang Kin House, Wang Tai House, Wang Cheong House, Wang Shing House and Wang Chi House. Information on the status of identification of corpses as well as the personal details of the injured persons and deceased, including their Chinese and English surnames, gender, age and residential addresses were recorded. I attach hereto as **Annex 1** print-out of the said Microsoft Excel file showing the locations of injuries and deaths identified in the Fire Case (as at 13 January 2026).
6. The information of injured persons was obtained from Chief Inspector of Police of Regional Technology and Financial Crime Unit of Crime New Territories North Region, Ms LEUNG Yee-mei, April on a daily basis and further input in my graphical illustration.
7. The details of the deceased and dead bodies found were obtained from Chief Inspector of Police of Regional Crime Prevention Officer New Territories North Region, Mr WONG Cheung-hing. I updated the graphical illustration accordingly after receiving the update of dead bodies found from Mr. WONG Cheung-hing at 1700 hours every day.
8. As at 13 January 2026, there were 79 injured persons, including 45 males and 34 females, aged from 3 months to 87 years old. Also as at 13 January 2026, there were 168 identified corpses, including 58 males and 110 females, aged from 6 months to 98 years old.

9. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 16th day of January 2026.



LAU Yuet-chun