

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

2ND WITNESS STATEMENT OF

CHAI NGA-MAN

I, CHAI Nga-man, Chief Inspector of Police, Hong Kong Police Force, of the Police Headquarters, No. 1 Arsenal Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong do say as follows:-

1. I am the same CHAI Nga-man who made my Witness Statement dated 30 January 2026 (“**1st Witness Statement**”) pursuant to the request of the Committee. Save where otherwise appears, I shall adopt the abbreviations and nomenclature used in my 1st Witness Statement.
2. I make this Witness Statement pursuant to the request of the Committee as set out in a letter from Messrs. Lo & Lo, Solicitors for the Committee, to the Department of Justice dated 16 February 2026 (“**16 February Letter**”) in which specific questions were raised in paragraphs 1 to 16 (“**Questions**”). 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 Questions 13 to 15 of the 16 February Letter. Other Questions which are within the Force’s purview will be addressed in the witness statements of other relevant officers of the Force to the Committee.
4. Question 13 of the 16 February Letter concerns the gaps in the sequence of missing persons in the table annexed as Annex 1 to my 1st Witness Statement (“**List of Missing Persons**”). During the early stage of the CEU’s operation in relation to the Incident, in the course of examining the missing person reports, it was noted that

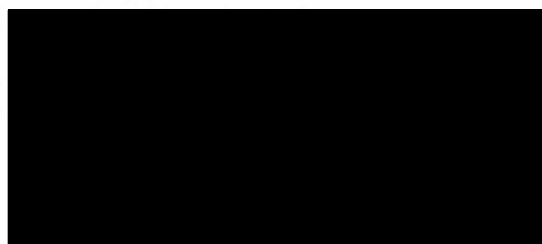
for some cases the CEU had received multiple reports involving the same missing persons at different date or time of the operation (such as multiple reports made by friends and/or relatives of the same missing persons to the Force through the CEU hotline). Consequently, with a view to maintaining a clearer record to facilitate any necessary follow up actions, the duplicated reports relating to the same missing persons were consolidated such that the entry of the missing person with less information would be merged into the other entry of the corresponding missing person containing more comprehensive details. As a result, there were gaps in the sequence of missing persons in the List of Missing Persons.

5. Despite paragraph 4 above, some entries were marked “Duplicated” under the column titled “Outcome of Enquiry” in the List of Missing Persons. This is because, at a very late stage of the operation and subsequent to a series of enquiries, a number of further missing person reports were discovered to be duplicated as well. Having considered and assessed that further consolidation of such duplicated reports at that late stage would serve no purpose and would not assist the investigation since the status of the missing persons had by then been ascertained as either “Dead” or “Injured”, such duplicated reports were therefore retained in the List of Missing Persons and marked “Duplicated” as mentioned.
6. In response to Question 14 of the 16 February Letter, the following details regarding missing person reports have been added to the List of Missing Persons, and attached hereto as **Annex 1:-**
 - (1) **the block and flat of each missing person to the extent known or applicable** is recorded under the column of “Address”; and
 - (2) **a concise explanation as to why certain enquiries were classified as “Non-pursuable and No Further Action”** is recorded under the column of “Justification for Non-pursuable Outcome”.
7. In response to Question 15 of the 16 February Letter, during the fire

at Wang Fuk Court, information concerning the suspected locations of missing persons and those families where all family members of the relevant flat were confirmed to be safe obtained from the CEU's enquiries was passed, through the Force's Headquarters Command and Control Centre, to the Security Bureau (Emergency Monitoring and Support Centre) for relaying to the Fire Services Department.

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

Dated this 9 day of March 2026.



CNAI Nga-man