

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

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**2<sup>ND</sup> WITNESS STATEMENT OF  
CHENG KA-CHUN**

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I, CHENG Ka-chun, Superintendent of Police, Hong Kong Police Force, of Detective Training Centre, No. 302 Wo Yi Hop Road, Kwai Chung, Hong Kong do say as follows:-

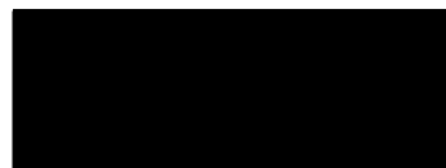
1. I am the same CHENG Ka-chun who made my Witness Statement dated 29 January 2026 (“**1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement**”) pursuant to the request of the Committee. Save where otherwise appears, I shall adopt the abbreviations and nomenclature used in my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement.
2. I make this Witness Statement pursuant to the request of the Committee as set out in a letter from Messrs. Lo and Lo, Solicitors for the Committee, to the Department of Justice dated 10 April 2026 (“**10 April Letter**”) in which the Force was requested to confirm whether the understanding set out at paragraphs a. to d. are correct. 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 paragraphs a. to d. of the 10 April Letter. References will be made to the S/N in the Composite List of Fatalities (“**Composite List**”) attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Witness Statement of Wong Cheung-hing dated 16 March 2026.

4. In respect of paragraph a., it was mentioned at paragraph 24 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement that a total of 74 bodies and/or body parts were found in the search operation conducted by the DVIU's Recovery Teams. Such 74 bodies and/or body parts did not include S/N 166, as the body part of S/N 166 was in fact recovered by the forensic pathologist (who was not part of the DVIU) in the absence of the DVIU at Room [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on 19 December 2025. Hence, S/N 166 was not included in the breakdown of the said 74 bodies and/or body parts mentioned at paragraph 27 and Annex 1 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement. In this regard, I understand that it was stated in the Pol.75 Findings of S/N 166 (which was submitted to the Committee under the 8<sup>th</sup> Lists of Contents – Part VI-H1-142c) and the Composite List that S/N 166 was discovered on 1 December 2025. 1 December 2025 was the date on which possible remains were found but, upon examination, S/N 166 could not be identified from those possible remains, which were only of S/N 131.
5. In the light of paragraph 4 above, it is confirmed that a total of 10 fatalities (S/N 131, 148, 149, 151, 153, 159, 160, 161, 163 & 165) were identified from 5 bags of body parts (Part VI-E1-39, 50, 55, 59 & 65). S/N 166 was not identified from any one of the said 5 bags. Therefore, it resulted in +5 additional body parts.
6. In response to paragraph b., it is confirmed that a total of 4 samples (Part VI-E1-19, 29, 31 & 63) were duplicated with 3 existing fatalities (S/N 73, 112 & 119).
7. It follows that, in response to paragraph c., the DVIU had handled the bodies and/or body parts belonging to a total number of 62 fatalities (S/N 73, 103-153, 158-165, 167 & 168).
8. In response to paragraph d., of the 62 fatalities, the body of 1

fatality (S/N 73) was first recovered by the Fire Services Department (“FSD”). To avoid statistical duplication, S/N 73 was counted in the fatality figure of the FSD, but not of the DVIU. In the circumstances, only 61 fatalities were counted as handled by the DVIU (S/N 103-153, 158-165, 167 & 168) as referred to at paragraph 28 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement.

9. On top of the 106 fatalities (including S/N 73) recovered by the FSD, plus 61 fatalities handled by the DVIU and 1 fatality handled by the forensic pathologist as mentioned above, the ultimate number of fatalities was **168**.
10. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 13 day of April 2026.



CHENG Ka-chun