

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Witness Statement of KEUNG Sai-ming**

I, KEUNG Sai-ming, of Licensing and Certification Command, Fire Services Department, 5th Floor, South Wing, Fire Services Headquarters Building, 1 Hong Chong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon, do say as follows:-

1. I am the same KEUNG Sai-ming who gave a witness statement dated 16 January 2026 (“**my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement**”) to the Independent Committee (“**Committee**”) in relation to the fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po.
2. I make this 2<sup>nd</sup> Witness Statement pursuant to Request 4 of the Committee as set out in a letter from Messrs. Lo & Lo, Solicitors for the Committee, to the FSD dated 4 February 2026 in which specific questions were raised in paragraphs 1 to 10 and 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 are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Save as otherwise specified, this Witness Statement adopts the same abbreviations and nomenclature as in the 4 February Letter.
3. This Witness Statement addresses Questions 4 and 5 of the 4 February Letter. Other Questions which are within FSD’s purview will be addressed in the witness statements of other relevant officers of FSD to the Committee. I understand that FSD has indexed all relevant documents in its possession in Lists of Documents produced on various dates (collectively

“LoD”) and a 4<sup>th</sup> List of Documents (“4<sup>th</sup> LoD”) to be produced, a draft of which I have read. In this Witness Statement, I shall refer to these documents by their designation in the LoD (for example, [FSD/A(I)/1] means Item 1 in Part A(I) of the LoD, [FSD(2)/A(I)/1] means Item 1 in Part A(I) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> LoD, and so on) without annexing them hereto for the avoidance of duplication.

4. ***Question 4: Copies of the entry logbooks for the FS pump rooms in Wang Fuk Court referred to in paragraph 10.2 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement***

4.1 The information pertaining to the entry logbooks for the FS pump rooms in Wang Fuk Court as mentioned in paragraph 10.2 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement is derived from the details provided by the Police at the time I rendered my statement. According to information from Police, each of the 8 blocks maintained a logbook and the management office of Wang Fuk Court maintained a master logbook for 8 blocks. The master logbook kept at the management office and the logbooks kept at 4 of the 8 blocks<sup>1</sup> are now in the Police’s custody, while logbooks of the remaining 4 blocks<sup>2</sup> could not be located during the Police’s investigation. Copies of the said logbooks obtained by the Police are now produced. Two observations can be made. [FSD(4)/D(III)/1]

4.2 Firstly, not all of the logbooks kept individually by each block could be found according to the Police. I am not aware of the

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<sup>1</sup> Wang Yan House (Block A), Wang Tao House (Block B), Wang Kin House (Block D), and Wang Shing House (Block G)

<sup>2</sup> Wang Sun House (Block C), Wang Tai House (Block E), Wang Cheong House (Block F), Wang Chi House (Block H)

reason why. However, it is noted that the four missing logbooks include those individually kept by the very three buildings that suffered severe damage: Wang Cheong House (Block H), Wang Tai House (Block E), and Wang Sun House (Block C).

4.3 Secondly, no meaningful information can be derived from two of the four available logbooks namely those individually kept by Wang Yan House (Block A) and Wang Tao House (Block B) why the FS pump rooms of those blocks were found unlocked during inspection on the day of the fire.<sup>3</sup> By illustration:-

4.3.1 Wang Yan House (Block A): As stated in paragraph 10.4 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement, the FS pump room there was found unlocked during the inspection on 26.11.2025. However, as shown in the logbook kept at the same block, the key to the FS pump room was last borrowed on 24.11.2025 and had been returned for safekeeping at 13:18 on the same day. Presumably, the FS pump room should have been locked on the day of the fire, but the reason why it was found unlocked cannot be deduced from the relevant logbook.

4.3.2 Wang Tao House (Block B): As stated in paragraph 10.5 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement, the FS pump room there was found unlocked during the inspection on

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<sup>3</sup> For information, the FS pump rooms of the other two blocks, Wang Kin House (Block D) and Wang Shing House (Block G), were found locked and this seems to tally with the logbooks individually kept by these blocks, which show that the keys to the FS pump rooms were last returned on 4.11.2025 at 10:08 for Wang Kin House and 25.11.2025 at 13:40 for Wang Shing House.

26.11.2025. However, as shown in the logbook kept at the same block, none of the entries entered therein pertained to the borrowing of the key to the FS pump room. Presumably, the FS pump room should have been locked on the day of the fire, but the reason why it was found unlocked cannot be deduced from the documentations.

4.4 Given the above circumstances, I had mentioned in paragraph 10.2 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement that the entry logbooks of the FS pump rooms were “found empty” because despite the entries made in these individual and master logbooks as found by the Police, there was no corresponding entry that could explain why the FS pump rooms of some of the blocks were found to be unlocked during the post-fire investigation.

5. ***Question 5: Whether the "preliminary test[s]" referred to in paragraphs 10.4 to 10.11 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement were tests of the FAS after power had been restored***

5.1 In paragraphs 10.4 to 10.11 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement, I had discussed the post-fire investigation carried out by FSD in all eight blocks of Wang Fuk Court on 26-27 November 2025, during which occasion, preliminary tests were performed on the Fire Alarm Systems (“FAS”) in all of those blocks except for two, viz. Wang Tai House (Block E) and Wang Cheong House (Block F) (see paragraphs 10.8 to 10.9 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement). By the term “preliminary test[s]”, I was referring to the tests that were performed on the FAS – in all cases after having to flip the main power switch from the “OFF” position (as found) to the “ON” position except in the case of Wang Sun House (Block C) where the main power switch was already at the “ON” position (see paragraph 10.6 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness [FSD/D(III)/4]

Statement). The findings of the investigation for all eight blocks previously discussed in the said paragraphs 10.4 to 10.11 are presented below again with more procedural details.

#### 5.2.1 Wang Yan House (Block A)

The investigation at Wang Yan House (Block A) was firstly conducted by StnO SHEK Ngai-chun on 26.11.2025. During the inspection, the main power switch was firstly found at the “OFF” position and the indicator lamp not illuminated. When the main power switch was turned to the “ON” position by StnO SHEK, the indicator lamp of the FS pump panel illuminated. The FAS was preliminarily tested by triggering the test switch but failed to work.

#### 5.2.2 Wang Tao House (Block B)

The investigation at Wang Tao House (Block B) was firstly conducted by StnO SHEK Ngai-chun on 26.11.2025. During the inspection, the main power switch was firstly found at the “OFF” position and the indicator lamp not illuminated. When the main power switch was turned to the “ON” position by StnO SHEK, the indicator lamp of the FS pump panel illuminated. The FAS was preliminarily tested by triggering the test switch but failed to work.

#### 5.2.3 Wang Sun House (Block C)

The investigation at Wang Sun House (Block C) was firstly conducted by StnO SHEK Ngai-chun on 27.11.2025. During the inspection, the main power switch was firstly found at the “ON” position but the indicator lamp of the FS pump panel not illuminated. The FAS was preliminarily tested by triggering the test

switch but still failed to work even though the fire alarm was reported by first attending fire crews to have momentarily actuated at the incipient phase of the fire.

#### 5.2.4 Wang Kin House (Block D)

The investigation at Wang Kin House (Block D) was firstly conducted by SStnO CHAN Kin-lok on 27.11.2025. During the inspection, the main power switch was firstly found at the “OFF” position and the indicator lamp not illuminated. When the main power switch was turned to the “ON” position by SStnO CHAN, the indicator lamp of the FS pump panel illuminated. The FAS was preliminarily tested by triggering the test switch but failed to work.

#### 5.2.5 Wang Tai House (Block E)

The investigation at Wang Tai House (Block E) was firstly conducted by SStnO CHAN Kin-lok on 27.11.2025. During the inspection, the main power switch was found at the “OFF” position and the indicator lamp not illuminated. Due to waterlogging in the fire pump room and potential risk of electrical leakage, SStnO CHAN refrained from operating any button or switch in the pump room. Consequently, the FAS could not be tested.

#### 5.2.6 Wang Cheong House (Block F)

The investigation at Wang Cheong House (Block F) was firstly conducted by SFn [REDACTED] WONG Kin-chi on 27.11.2025. During the inspection, the main power switch was found at the “OFF” position and the indicator lamp not illuminated. Due to waterlogging in the fire pump room and potential risk of electrical leakage, SFn

WONG refrained from operating any button or switch in the pump room. Consequently, the FAS could not be tested.

#### 5.2.7 Wang Shing House (Block G)

The investigation at Wang Shing House (Block G) was firstly conducted by SFn [REDACTED] WONG Kin-chi on 27.11.2025. During the inspection, the main power switch was firstly found at the “OFF” position and the indicator lamp not illuminated. When the main power switch was turned to the “ON” position by SFn WONG, the indicator lamp of the FS pump panel illuminated. The FAS was preliminarily tested by triggering the test switch but failed to work.

#### 5.2.8 Wang Chi House (Block H)

The investigation at Wang Chi House (Block H) was firstly conducted by StnO SHEK Ngai-chun on 26.11.2025. During the inspection, the main power switch was firstly found at the “OFF” position and the indicator lamp not illuminated. When the main power switch was turned to the “ON” position by StnO SHEK, the indicator lamp of the FS pump panel illuminated. The FAS was preliminarily tested by triggering the test switch but failed to work.

6. The reason why I used the term “preliminary test[s]” is because following the post-fire investigation mentioned above, a follow-up test was conducted by FSD at Wang Yan House (Block A), Wang Kin House (Block D) and Wang Chi House (Block H) on 28.11.2025. The purpose of the follow-up test was to verify the system design of the fire hydrant/hose reel (“**FH/HR**”) and the manual fire alarm (“**MFA**”). The finding

has been stated in paragraph 10.3 of my 1<sup>st</sup> Witness Statement. To recap, the result revealed that the FH/HR system and MFA shared the same power supply and that flipping the main power switch to the “OFF” position would cut off the power supply to the fire pump of the FH/HR system and deactivate the fire alarm system i.e. the MFA and the Alarm Bell.

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

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.



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