

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

**2ND WITNESS STATEMENT OF
LEUNG YEE-MEI APRIL**

I, LEUNG Yee-mei April, Chief 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 same LEUNG Yee-mei April who made my Witness Statement dated 9 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 19 January 2026 ("**19 January Letter**") in which specific questions were raised in paragraphs 1 to 19 ("**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 12 to 14 of the 19 January 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. As mentioned in my 1st Witness Statement, my Unit conducted enquiries with the injured persons. By way of update, as of 28 January 2026, out of the 79 injured persons, **70** of them were reached with statements or questionnaires

obtained, including all firemen and one ambulanceman. Interviews with **two** of the 79 persons were not conducted – one is an infant of three months old at the time of the incident and the other is a news reporter who felt sick outside Wang Fuk Court. The remaining seven injured persons are all residents of Wang Fuk Court or in the vicinity. **Four** of them strongly refused police enquiries. For **three** injured persons, two are still admitted in hospital as of the last update on 13 January 2026 and one was discharged from hospital but felt unwell for enquiries.

5. I understand that the Force has produced to the Committee a schedule (named “Schedule B”) for a summary of injured persons (as at 3 January 2026), as attached to the letter from the Department of Justice to Messrs. Lo & Lo dated 12 January 2026. Since then, updates have been obtained from injured persons and/or their family members and, pursuant to the IC’s request by the 19 January Letter, I devised an Excel worksheet titled “Updated List of Injured Persons” and attach hereto as **Annex 1** the Updated List of Injured Persons (as of 28 January 2026) (“**Updated List of Injured Persons**”).
6. In the Updated List of Injured Persons, all updates are underlined in black. The Updated List of Injured Persons recorded the following information for each injured person insofar as known to Police:-
 - (1) personal particulars (surname and full name (in English), gender and age);
 - (2) the capacity in which the injured person was at Wang Fuk Court and the sources by which Police obtained or verified the information;
 - (3) the address of the injured person;
 - (4) the precise location where the injured person was found (respectively based on information from the injured person (unless otherwise specified) and the Fire Services Department (“**FSD**”)’s records which are pending);
 - (5) time of rescue (which is pending input from the FSD);
 - (6) date/time of admission to hospital;
 - (7) condition at the time of admission to hospital (requests having been made to the Hospital Authority (“**HA**”) on 20 and 26 January 2026 with HA’s reply pending);

- (8) the date of discharge from hospital (as of the latest update by HA on 13 January 2026); and
- (9) summary of injuries (based on information from the injured person (unless otherwise specified)).

- 7. As indicated in the Updated List of Injured Persons, information regarding the time of rescue and the precise location where the injured person was found (based on FSD's records) is pending input from FSD; whereas the condition of the injured persons at the time of admission to hospital is pending input from HA. The Updated List of Injured Persons will be further updated when the relevant information becomes available in due course.
- 8. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 29 day of January 2026.



LEUNG Yee-mei April