

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

2nd Witness Statement of YIU Men-yeung

I, YIU Men-yeung, of New Territories South Command, Fire Services Department, Lai King Fire Station, 6 Wa Tai Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories, do say as follows:-

1. I am the same YIU Men-yeung who gave a witness statement dated 16 January 2026 (“**my 1st Witness Statement**”) to the Independent Committee (“**Committee**”) in relation to the fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po.
2. I make this 2nd Witness Statement pursuant to Request 5 of the Committee as set out in a letter from Messrs. Lo & Lo, Solicitors for the Committee, to the FSD and Police 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 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 16 February Letter.
3. This Witness Statement addresses Questions 2 and 3 of the 16 February Letter which are within the FSD’s purview. 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 4th List of Documents (“**4th LoD**”) to be produced, a draft of which I have read. In this

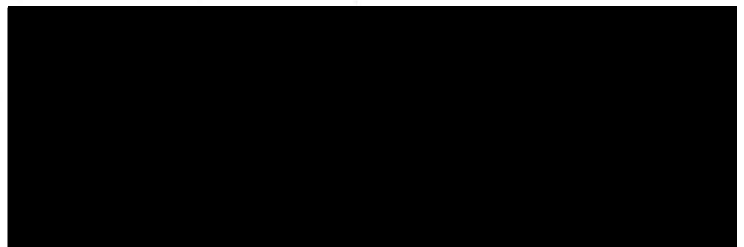
Witness Statement, I shall refer to these documents by their designation in the LoD (for example, [FSD/A(I)/1] means Item 1 in Part A(I) of the LoD, [FSD(2)/A(I)/1] means Item 1 in Part A(I) of the 2nd LoD, and so on) without annexing them hereto for the avoidance of duplication.

4. The following paragraphs address Questions 2 and 3 which concern the interim report and fire tests mentioned in paragraphs 9 and 8, respectively, of my 1st Witness Statement.
5. Since the making of my 1st Witness Statement, the IFITF has continued its work in collaboration with representatives from the FSD, Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”), Buildings Department (“BD”), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (“EMSD”), Independent Checking Unit under the Housing Bureau (“ICU”), Labour Department (“LD”) and Government Laboratory (“GL”) as well as Fire Engineering Professionals. With the combined efforts of these departments and experts, the Interim “Investigation Report of the No. 5 Alarm Fire at Wang Fuk Court [FSD(4)/G(III)/3] as at 6 February 2026” has been prepared and is now produced together with its appendices (including the supporting reports and papers) at [FSD(4)/G(III)/3].
6. The analysis in the report is based on professional evaluations provided by experts from their respective fields, rigorous scientific validation, objective data, significant videos and images, as well as various witness statements.
7. The report focuses on two primary objectives: (i) investigating the cause of the fire and how it spread; and (ii) determining the factors that led to such heavy casualties. It also sets out the investigation methodologies, the background information of Wang Fuk Court, the fire development and responses by the FSD, the cause and

spread of fire, and the circumstances leading to the current heavy casualties (including the circumstances leading to the fatality of Senior Fireman 18469 HO Wai-ho), before drawing interim conclusions. Please refer to the report for the detailed findings and conclusions.

8. The fire at Wang Fuk Court serves as a stark reminder of the critical importance of stringent fire safety measures, especially during building renovations. The IFITF will continue to investigate the details of the incident, including conducting fire tests and simulations, updating information on fatalities and injuries, and further examining the circumstances leading to heavy casualties. These findings, alongside detailed recommendations, will be provided in the final report to guide future fire safety practices and prevent similar tragedies. The final report is tentatively scheduled for finalisation in May 2026 and will be submitted to the IC once it becomes available.
9. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 20th day of February 2026.



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